

# The Friends of Clapham & Patching Churches

## Newsletter Summer 2021



### Recent Events

#### Spring work party:

On behalf of Friends & Maggie & Sian, we are delighted with the amount of work achieved by the 20 volunteers at the Church yard clear up on April 10th. It was especially exciting to see some long lost gravestones uncovered and tidied.



Thanks to all our volunteers, especially Haydn, Peter KP, Chris Buque and Sue & Paul Isaacs for their help with cutting the grass and weeding the graves. We still need more volunteers to strim. Sian and Angela have sown Wild flower seeds in 3 areas.

### Not a Member?

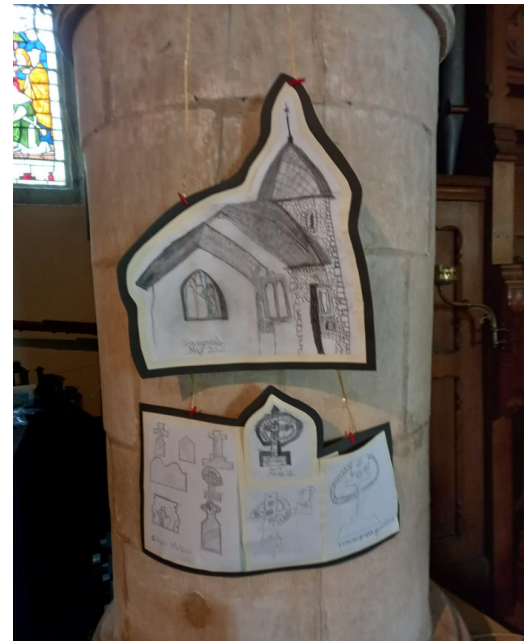
If you are interested in joining the **Friends**, please click the web link below to download a membership application form, print it out, fill it in - and send it in to Gail!

Or call: 01903 871669

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**These fantastic pictures drawn by children from Clapham and Patching school were and still are, exhibited in the church.**



**Compare the church with other images – old and new!**



### ***Clapham Church Open afternoon & fundraising:***

*We had a lovely afternoon showing off the church and its treasures and highlighting the necessary stonework repairs. Paul Hunter played the organ and Dan Banting gave two talks about the Shelley history. Just over £400 was taken on the day. Total raised to date from local donations, open afternoons, Sian's walking group etc = £4,300.*

*So far we have received one grant from All Churches Trust of £1,800.*

*Including The Friends' pledge of £8,000, this brings the total to £14,100. The total needed is **approx** £17,000. Well done Maggie and Sian.*



If you would like to make your own donation then you may do so in the following ways:

**BACS transfer details: Barclays bank. PCC of Findon Clapham and Patching.**

**Sort code: 20-98-74**

**Account number: 90691585.**

**Please put your name and "stonework" as a reference.**

**Cheques should be made payable to "PCC of Findon Clapham and Patching" and can be posted to The Rectory, School Hill, Findon, BN14 0TR.**

Setting Off

Through our Just

Giving page.

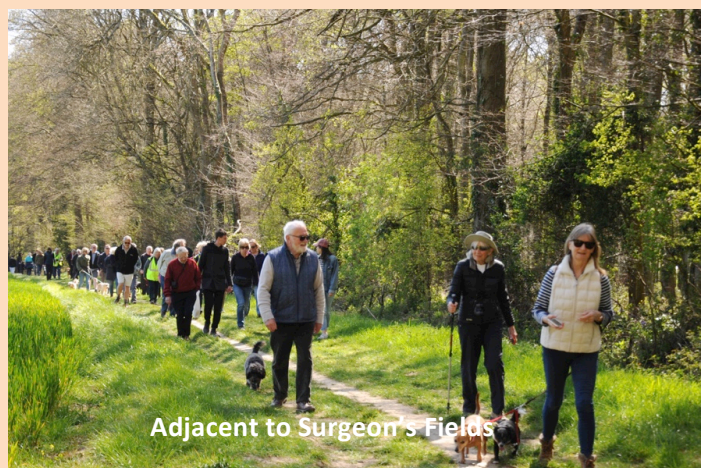
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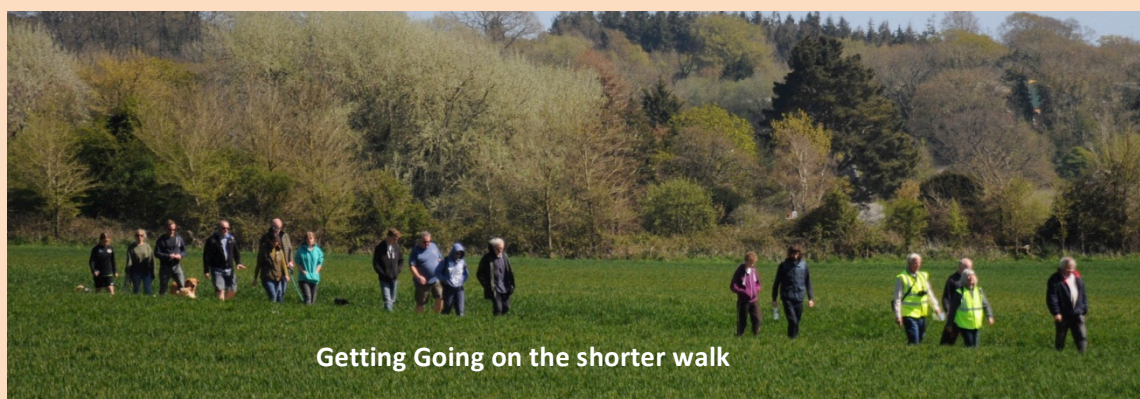
## Friends "Walk in the Woods" 25th April 2021



Setting Off



Adjacent to Surgeon's Fields



Getting Going on the shorter walk

**Guided walk through Angmering Park Estate, followed by tea and cake in Patching churchyard.**



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## **Clapham Pew Frontals.**

Thanks are due to Cliff Tomkins and Dick Broadbridge whose restorative work on the frontals is amazing. The frontals will be put back in to the church.



## **William Morris Angel Cards for Sale:**

These cards of a photo taken by Yvette Fisher are available individually for £1 or in packs of 5 for £4. They are in Clapham church.





## Commonwealth War Graves.

We have requested a Commonwealth grave plaque to be put on the Clapham lych gate. There are two war graves in the churchyard: Wren Anita Pulley and Pte Charles Arthur Hide. Also remembered on a headstone is Pte Albert Gent



### Dates for your diary



Concert	Patching	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Afternoon
Afternoon Tea	Clare House, Patching	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Afternoon
Church Open Day	Clapham	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day
Harvest Supper	The Fox	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	7pm
AGM	Village Hall	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	2-30pm



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