

The Friends of Clapham & Patching Churches

Newsletter November 2021



It has been good to start meeting again after such a long period of restraint. Much has happened this summer and early autumn with Friends' events funding contributions to the works on our ancient buildings. Thank you for your on-going support.

Recent Events

Afternoon tea: In August the afternoon tea in Jackie and Eric's beautiful garden was a lovely occasion. The rain held off just long enough for us to enjoy a super tea, purchase Sue Groombridge's hand-made cards, purchase raffle tickets and tax our brains guessing the weight of Ed's giant onions. Altogether £789 was raised.



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Major Works at Clapham

Stonework Clapham church: Thanks to the substantial contribution from the Friends and external sources, the stonework repairs at Clapham are well on the way. The work is being conducted meticulously and much is being learnt about historic markings in the stones. More about this on a future occasion.



Concert in Patching church



The group **Harvest Home** came to entertain us with an excellent selection of folk songs In July

The concert, with refreshments provided by the Friends, raised £254.70 for the PCC.

The same musicians will be at St John the Divine, Patching again on the 16th of December. Known this time as "Canticle" they will feature in a concert. of Christmas carols and songs.

Harvest auction



Once again, the auction conducted by auctioneer extraordinaire Richard Prior, raised £248.20 for Cancer Research UK Thank you to all supported us.

Harvest Supper

It was good to be together for the supper in October, held once again at The Fox where Paul and his staff have looked after us for so many years.

Thank you to Beverley and Ed for doing the raffle and to Richard for the testing quiz.



The meeting was well attended and business was conducted with usual efficiency. This left plenty of time for us to enjoy lovely cake and tea and for Neville to keep us all amused with his highly original bingo calls , and ,what's more almost everyone won a prize!

Dates for your diary

Carols round the Coals Clapham church 15th December 6pm to sing at Clapham Lodge if you bring proof of a negative lateral flow test.6.30 Carols in the church yard

Christmas Music featuring "Canticle" 16th December 7.30 at Patching church

Carols round the Coals Patching church, 20th December 6.30 in the churchyard.