

FRIENDS OF CLAPHAM ANND PATCHING CHURCHES

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Recent Events

Spring work parties



Much was achieved at both churches, leaving inside the buildings sparkling clean and the church yards beautifully tidy. Thank you to everyone who took part and those that contribute to keep up the work throughout the year. A very big thank you to those that provided refreshments.



Bluebell Walk *After a washout of a spring the weather was perfect for the 60 walkers. The bluebells and wild flowers we saw en-route in land that is not usually open to the public were beautiful, the scenery was fabulous and it was interesting to see the livestock on a working farm.*



The tea and cake at the end of the walk were most welcome. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the refreshments. £334.50 was raised at the event.

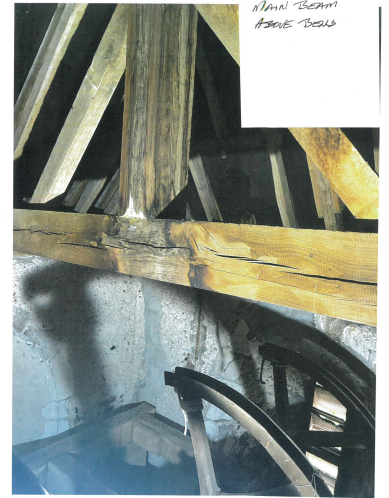




Clapham Tower and Roof

Due to the recent very wet winter and further water ingress, repair of the tower has become urgent. The builders, Tarrant's who were asked to re-inspect the tower are of the opinion that it will not

withstand another winter. The cost of repair is likely to be high. Additionally, an expensive bat survey is required and the north roof is also in need of repair.



Apex - recent



Apex - Feb. 2014

*Applications for funding will be made to organisations, online and media campaigns will be arranged and there will be specific fund-raising activities including the **Raise the Roof Concert** that will be held at Clapham church on 6th September.*



Roof looking east



Finial crack allowing water ingress behind lead flashing



Spot the changes from then to now



Patching Gates

If you are wondering where the dilapidated old gates have gone, I am pleased to tell you that Richard Prior has them. He is making new ones to match the old ones.



He is using seasoned oak and the existing ironmongery has had to be extensively altered, that work being carried out by The Iron Lady - a local blacksmith and welder.



It isn't clear when the old gates were installed, either at the rebuild of the church in 1830's or the refurbishment in the 1880's. The existing wrought iron hinges, surprisingly, were made in America!



Dates for your diary *(more information nearer the dates)*

Afternoon tea	Patching, Dulaney House Saturday 13 th July
'Raise the Roof'	Concert, Clapham Church Friday 6 th September
Harvest supper	Village Hall Friday 18 th October
AGM	Village hall Sunday 24 th November (Date to be confirmed)

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