

MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

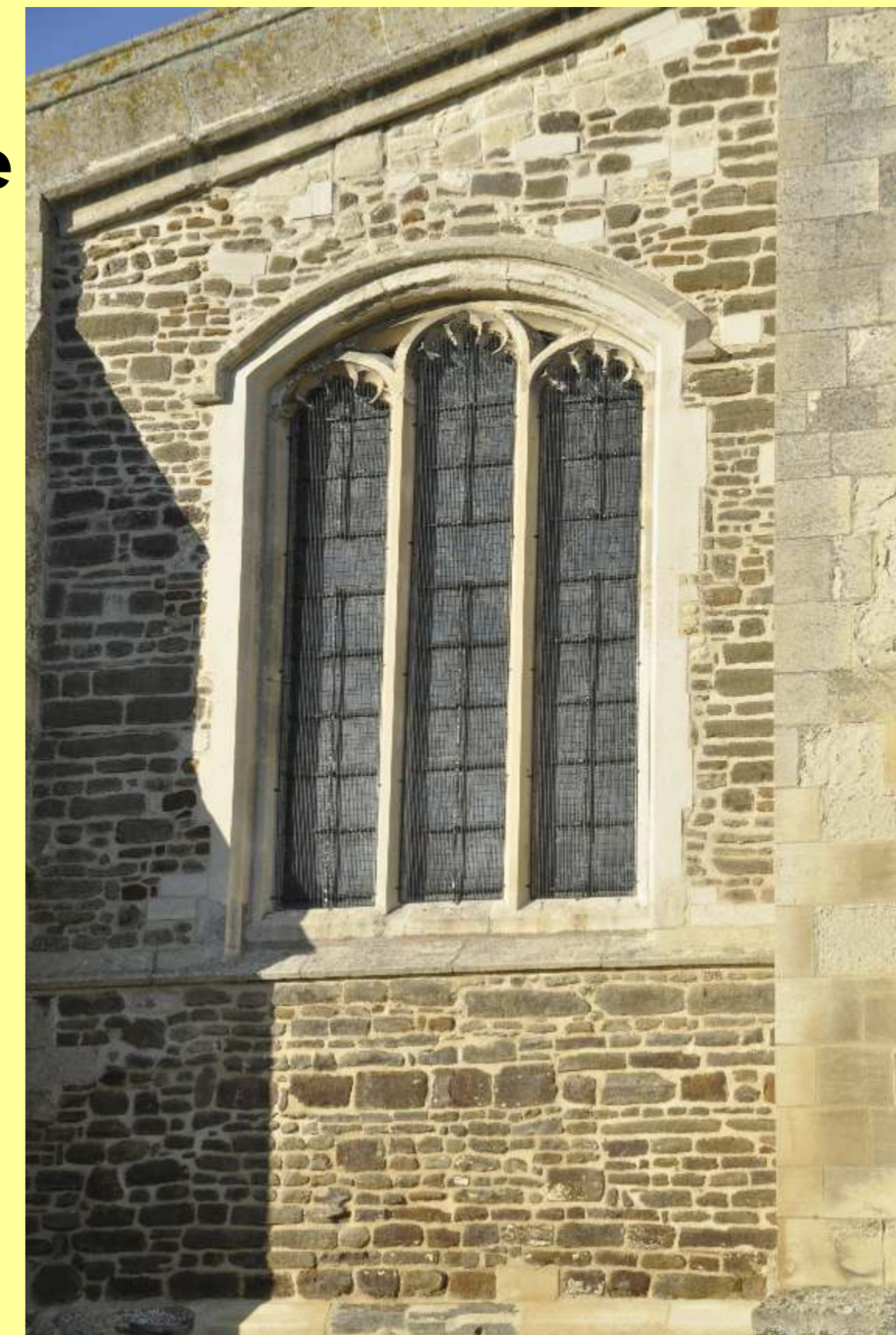
The building requires constant monitoring and while some expenditures can be planned others just happen!



In 2015 the lead on the roof was 'SmartWatered' as a precaution against theft. In 2017 this was upgraded to an audible alarm and 24 hour guard response system activated by any intruders venturing on to the roof.



A wheelchair is available for anyone with mobility difficulties but as the church steps are difficult to negotiate a ramp was added in 2013.



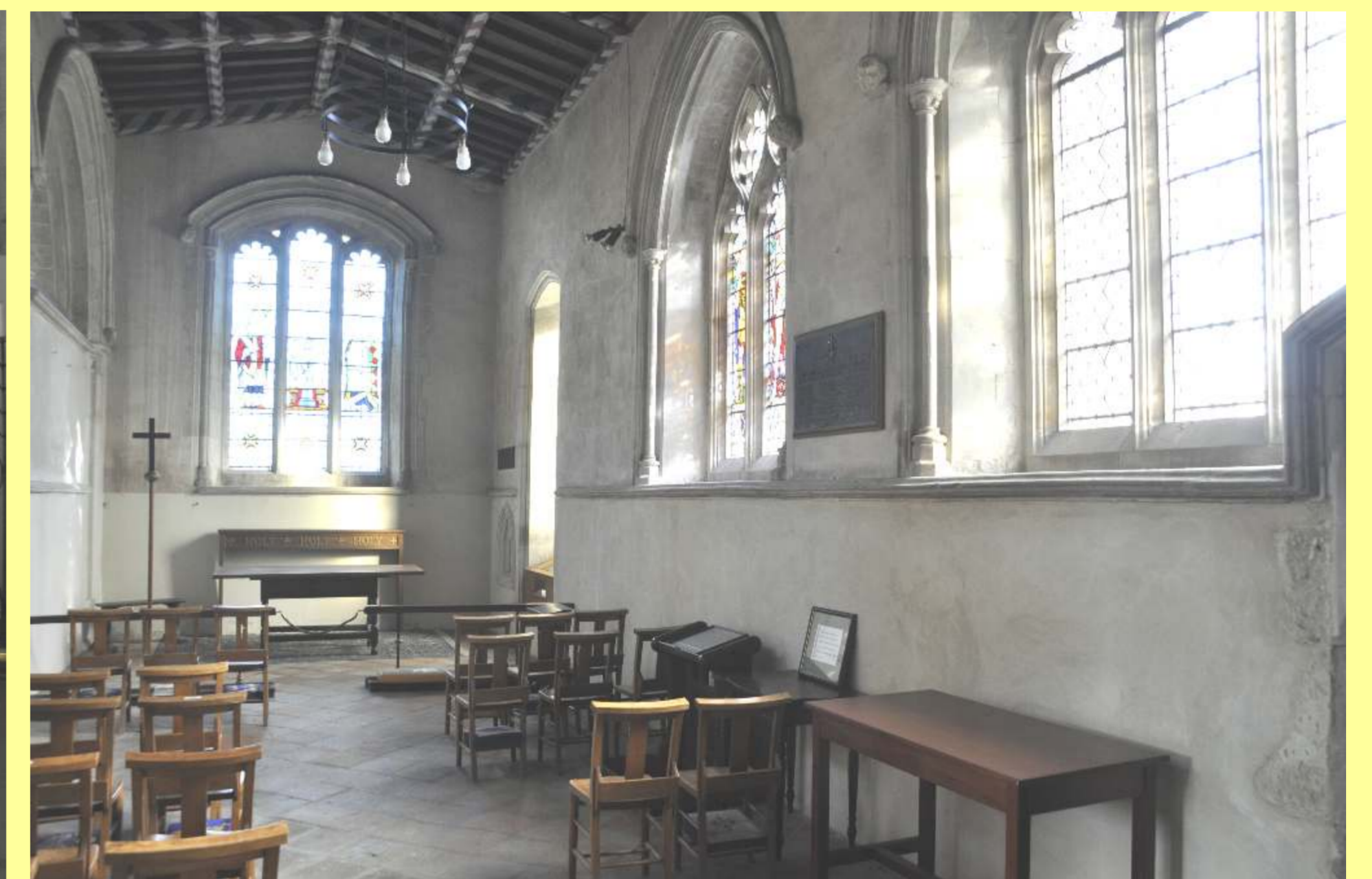
In 2013 the masonry in the Lady Chapel window was in need of repair and new stonework was completed.

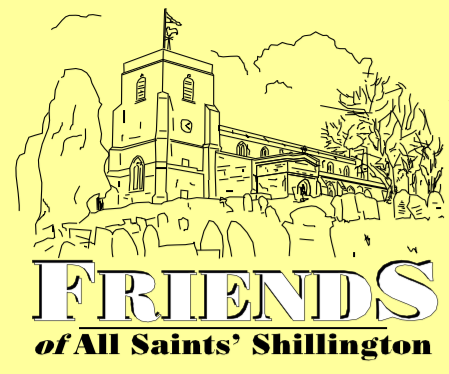


Part of the boundary wall required repairs in 2014 and another section (lower picture) collapsed in 2016 and had to be rebuilt.



In 2013 the walls in the Lady Chapel were peeling, damp was beginning to show and was attacking the stonework. New lime plaster was applied and, after an extended drying period, was finally painted in 2016



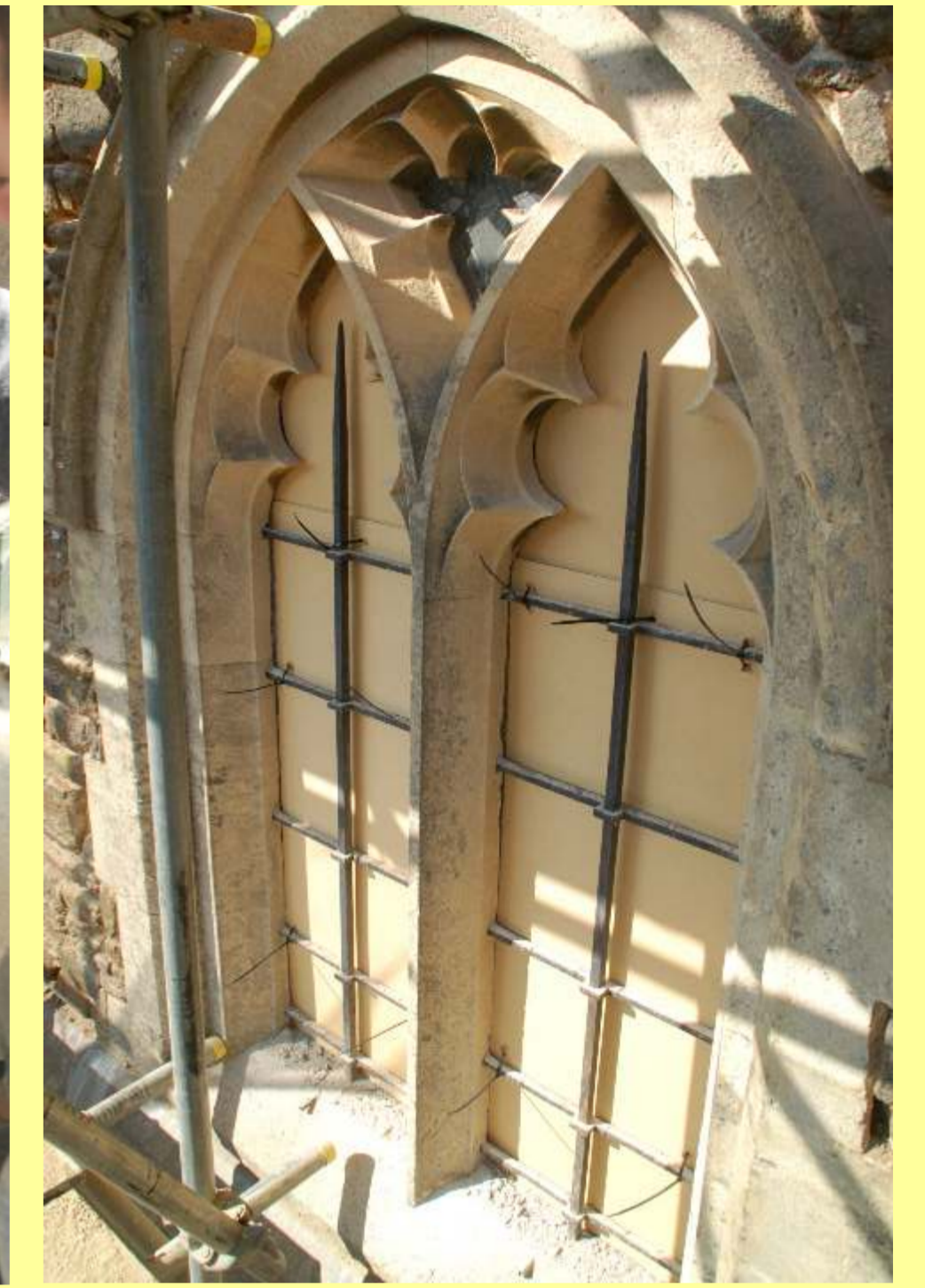


2008 - REPAIRS TO THE CLERESTORY WINDOWS

The Clerestory windows on the south side were leaking and the leading was deteriorating.



Scaffolding was erected to give access to the windows



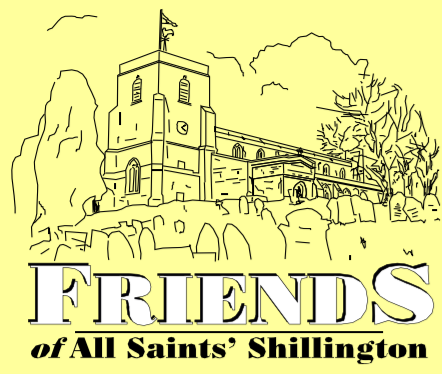
Each pane was removed from its frame and the ironwork removed for repair. The window openings were blocked off.



Each pane was taken apart and rebuilt using new leading. The new assembly was waterproofed and finished ready for re-installation.



The stonework frames were repaired with new carving on much of the detail.



2006 - THE TOWER PROJECT - INSTALLING THE KITCHEN AND TOILET DRAINAGE

The new facilities in the tower required a water supply and drainage system to be installed. A six inch drain pipe was laid from the kitchen and toilet to discharge into a large tank buried in the south side of the churchyard. It is emptied twice a year



A channel is cut from the tower stepping down to the south.

A large hole is dug out, some 4 meters square and deep to accommodate the tank. The hole goes down through the clay and well into the base chalk bedrock.

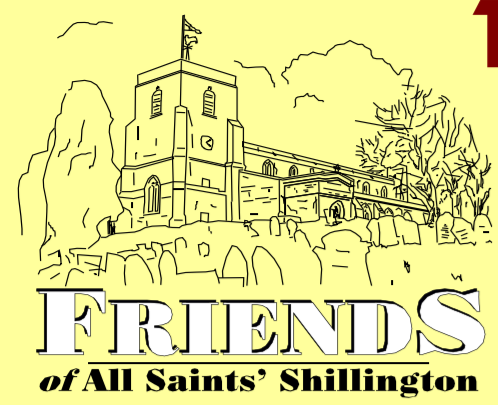


The tank was lifted off the lorry ready to be lowered into place. It was a very tight fit coming up the road to the church.



It was centred and gradually lowered into the hole. Concrete was poured round it to add strength and to provide a seal against the surrounding clay. It was finally topped off, an access cover fitted and grass re-set.





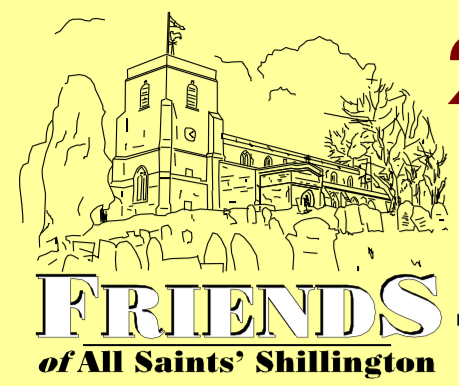
1999 - FLOODLIGHTING THE CHURCH FOR THE MILLENNIUM

The church is a beacon seen from all approaches to the village. Floodlighting was installed in 1999 so that it could be seen into the night as well. The lights are sponsored every night by parishioners wishing to commemorate their friends and relations.



A grant towards the cost of the lights came from the Millennium Fund and much of the balance from people in the village who took part in a special Floodlight Raffle.





2008/9 - REPAIRING THE UPPER SOUTH WALL

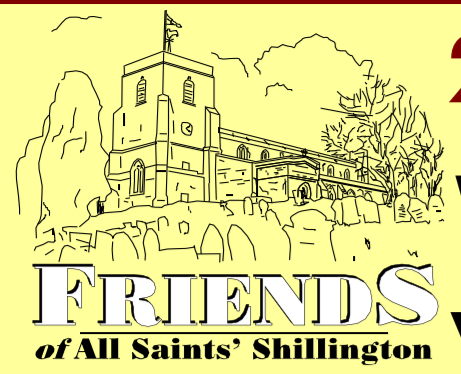
The Greensand stone used on the walls is subject to damage over time from the elements. Considerable deterioration was apparent and some replacement, repair and general maintenance was needed. The whole area was re-pointed



Much of the stonework was in very poor condition. Large areas had to be replaced with new stones and clunch



All stonework had to be done by specialist builders licensed to work on old and valuable listed buildings. The stonework here was cleaned up and any damage repaired. A special lime mortar was applied which is compatible with the stone and which does not react with it. The repairs should last for a very long time!



2006 - THE TOWER PROJECT - ARCHAEOLOGY

When the tank was installed archaeologists were called in to oversee the removal of any remains found in the area.

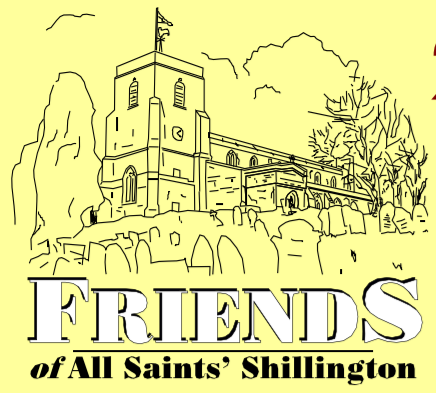


The area being dug out for the tank contained remains. The deeper burial plots can be seen carved out of the bedrock (top) but there seems to be a variation in the east/west alignment.

No identifying material was found but some personal history was apparent. Some badly corroded tin letters were found but none were complete enough to indicate a name (left). One child's grave was dug out which cut into an earlier grave. The skull shows evidence of a bad ulcer in the upper jaw. It would have been painful. The hair bun (right) was found in a deep grave still in place beneath another skull.



The remains were kept securely in the church for the duration of the project and a special service of re-interment was held when it was completed.



2006 - THE TOWER PROJECT

THE BELL RINGING CHAMBER

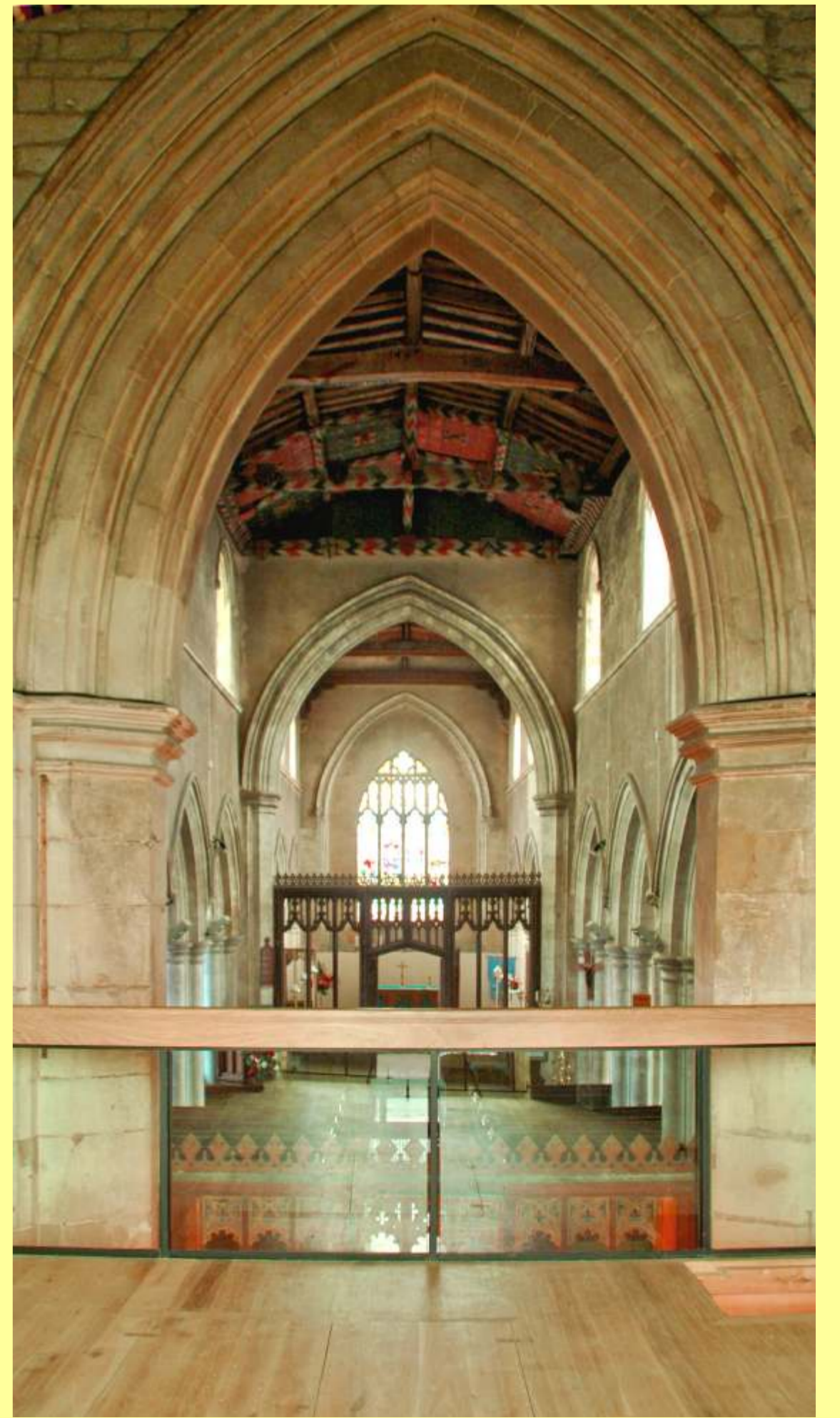
The Bell ringing chamber was the last phase of the tower project, the final work being the repair of the east window.



An access trapdoor was built in to the floor to allow the bells to be lowered from the belfry which is another two stories up in the tower.



Above and right, the wrought iron detail work in the ringing chamber, the new, shorter, ladder to the clock chamber and a new view of the nave.

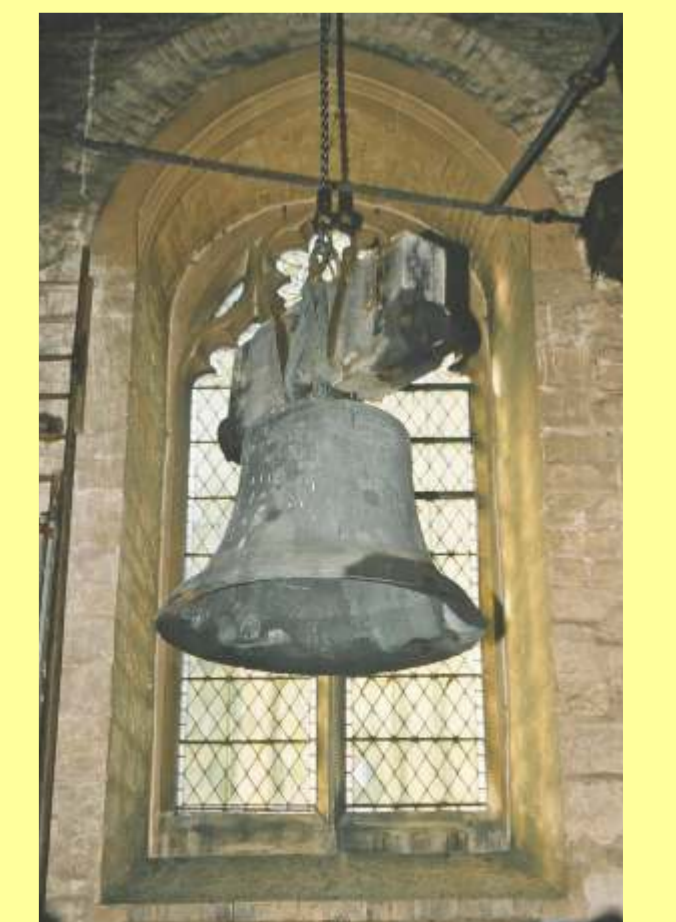


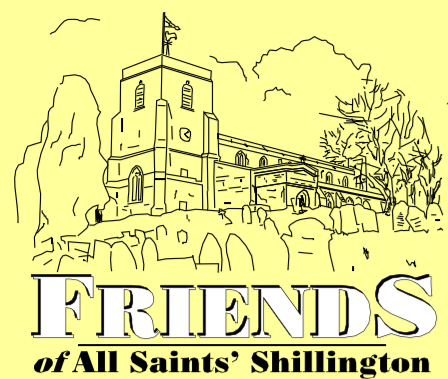
2004 - REFURBISHMENT AND RETUNING THE BELLS
THIS WORK WAS FUNDED BY THE HILLYARD TRUST



2004 The bells were taken down and driven to the Loughborough Bell Foundry where they were refurbished and retuned. A coach party was organised to the foundry to see the work as it progressed.

The wood 'furniture' was also repaired or replaced and the bells re-hung.





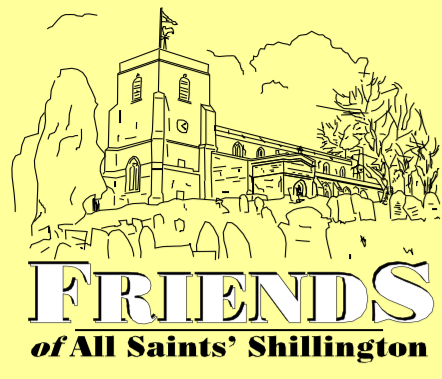
2006 - THE TOWER PROJECT - TOILET AND KITCHEN

The toilet and kitchen make the church a more friendly centre for the congregation and visitors.



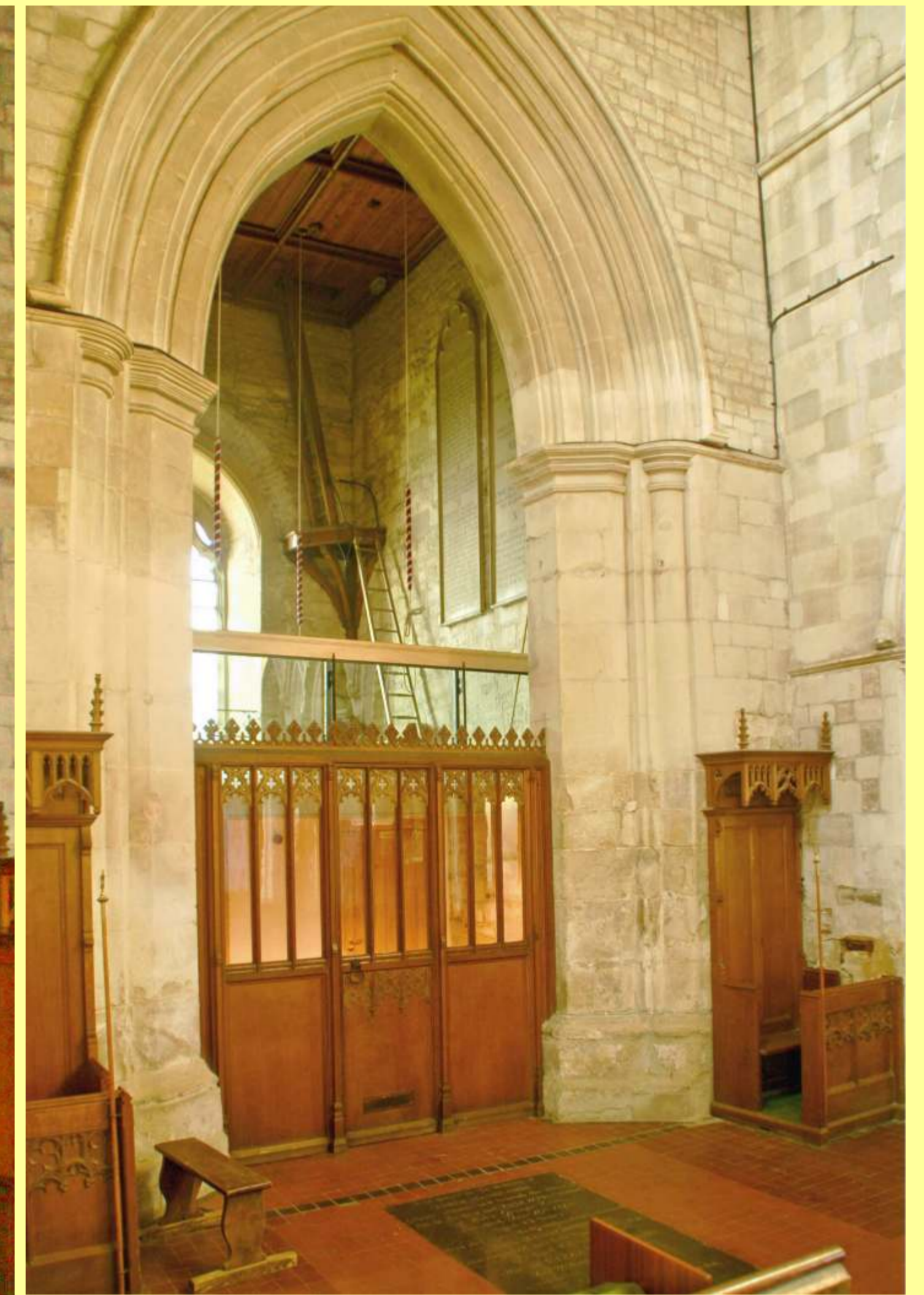
Natural English Oak was used for all the doors, the steps and the flooring in the ringing chamber above. The fittings are solid brass.



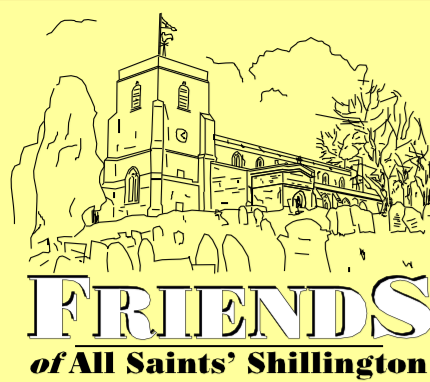


2006 - THE TOWER PROJECT

The tower space was modified to accommodate a toilet and kitchen and a new bell ringing floor installed above with access from ground level.



The old ladder (top left) was preserved and is now by the north door. The tower screen was temporarily stored in the north aisle while the work was being done. The Decalogs and Lord's Prayer panels were moved to their new position in the ringing chamber.



REGULAR EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS.

Some of the fund raising events organised by the Friends over the years. Many more will follow!

Flying Teddies

Sunday 15 September
3 - 5 pm
at All Saints' Church
Shillington

Only £1 per flight including your official certificate

Come and join us at All Saints' Church for

Sunday Tea and cakes

Every Sunday 3.00 until 5.00pm

May to 24th Septer

SKITTLES EVENING

VILLAGE HALL
6 FEBRUARY AT 7.30

RAFFLE THE BAR WILL BE OPEN

TICKETS £10.00 INCLUDING SAUSAGE IN A ROLL

PHONE PETER 01462 712576 OR DENISE 01462 711775

PIG ROAST And BARN DANCE

Come and eat then dance with

JUMP THE VORTEX

Saturday 10 June
7.00pm for 7.30 supper

College Farm Lower Gravenhurst

TICKETS £17.50
PHONE PETER 01462 712576 OR DENISE 01462 711775

Shillington Gold Cup Race Night

11 November at 7.00pm
Shillington Village Hall

Baked Potato Bar
Choice of toppings
Delicious Dessert Bar and Pimms corner

Tickets £15.00 from Peter Farmer 01462 712576
Denise Randall 01462 711775

Free Pimms on arrival

THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS'

SHILLINGTON SPEAKEASY

14TH MARCH 2015 AT 7.30PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
LIGHT SUPPER

1920S PROHIBITION DANCE WITH THE CAMBRIDGE JAZZ COMPANY

TICKETS £12.00
FROM DENISE 01462 711775 OR PETER 01462 711306

PASSWORD NEEDED

All Saints Church Shillington
Sunday 12th June at 7.00pm

String & Brass Concert

by The Royal College of Music Junior Department

Ticket: £8.00
Includes an interval glass of wine or soft drink

Friends of All Saints' Shillington
Registered Charity No. 106820

Sunday 14th May 2006 at 7.30pm

In All Saints Church Shillington

RETURN OF THE VINE STREET SIX TRAP JAZZ

Grand Dinner and Auction of Promises

Four course dinner
Dine to live music

Shillington Village Hall
Saturday 13 October at 7.30pm
Tickets £20.00

Smart dress
Tickets available from Denise 01462 711775 Peter 01462 711306

SHILLINGTON KITE FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

2.00 - 5.00PM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

ENTRANCE AND FLYING £1.00

2.30-3.30 KITE WORKSHOP
MAKE YOUR OWN KITE (DIY KITE KIT £3.00)

REFRESHMENTS RAFFLE

BRING MAKE FLY

Friends of All Saints' Shillington present a concert

VIVACE CHOIR

Led by talented young conductor John Andrews
Accompanied by Pianist - Kate Elmitt

with All Saints Church Choir
Shillington Lower School

Singing Mozart, Rossini, Spirituals and much more...

7.00pm Sunday 8th October
All Saints Church Shillington

Tickets available from Peter: 711306 or Denise: 711775
£8.50 Including Wine & Nibbles

Music on the Lawn

Bring your own picnic and enjoy an evening of music with

The Kempston Concert Band

The Old Vicarage, Shillington 22 June at 7.00pm
Doors open at 6.00pm

Tickets £15.00 at Shillington Post Office or Denise 01462 711775

JOY TO THE WORLD III

All Saints' Church presents

For two performances only at All Saints' Church Shillington
Friday 11th November
Saturday 12th November
Starting at 7.30pm

Shillington's artists
Choir
Groups
Soloists

Tickets £7.50 (£6.50 OAPs & under 16s)

Available from Shillington Post Office or Denise on 01462 711775

Refreshments will be on sale during the interval

PASQUE HARMONY

In concert at All Saints' Church Shillington

Saturday 21st April
At 7.30pm
Refreshments available during the interval

Tickets are £8.00 from Denise 01462 711775 Peter 01462 711306

Friends of All Saints' Shillington

CONCERT

MUSIC FOR A SUMMERS EVENING

SUNDAY 2nd July
7.00 pm
All Saints Church Shillington

the ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC JUNIOR DEPARTMENT STRING TRIO

Play music by Mozart & Beethoven

Tickets £7.00 (Includes glass of wine & nibbles)

Tickets from "Friends" Committee members & Local Businesses

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
Tel: Tim Theaker 01462 711306 or Margaret Rees 01462 711306

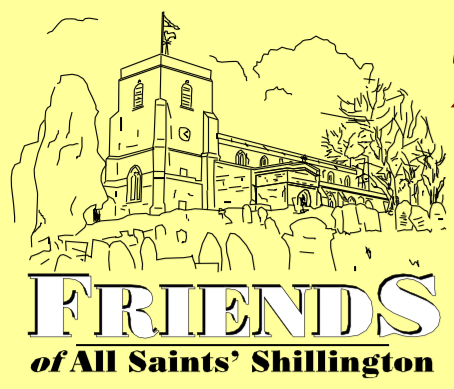
All Saints' Church
A Fantastic Folk Music Concert by

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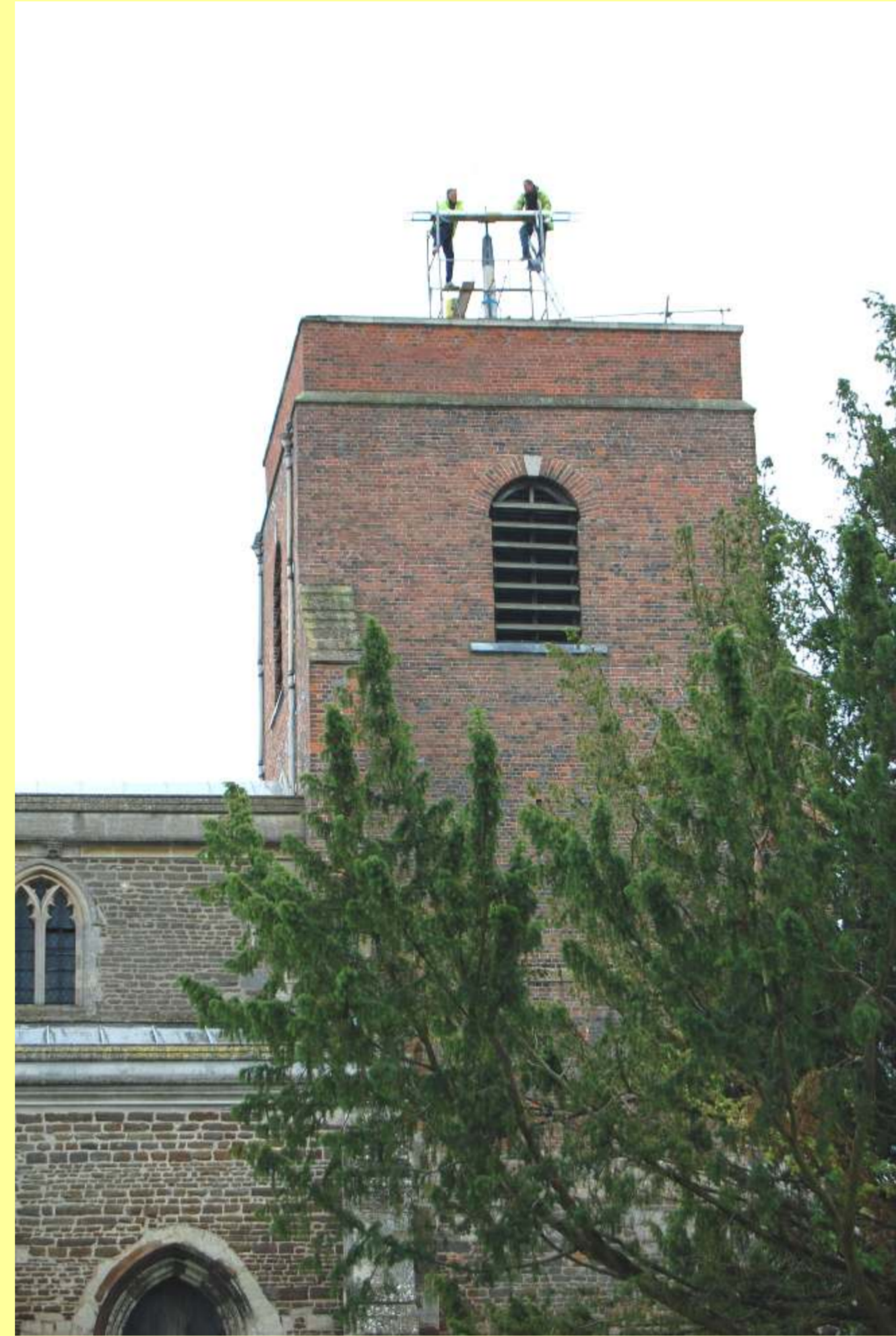
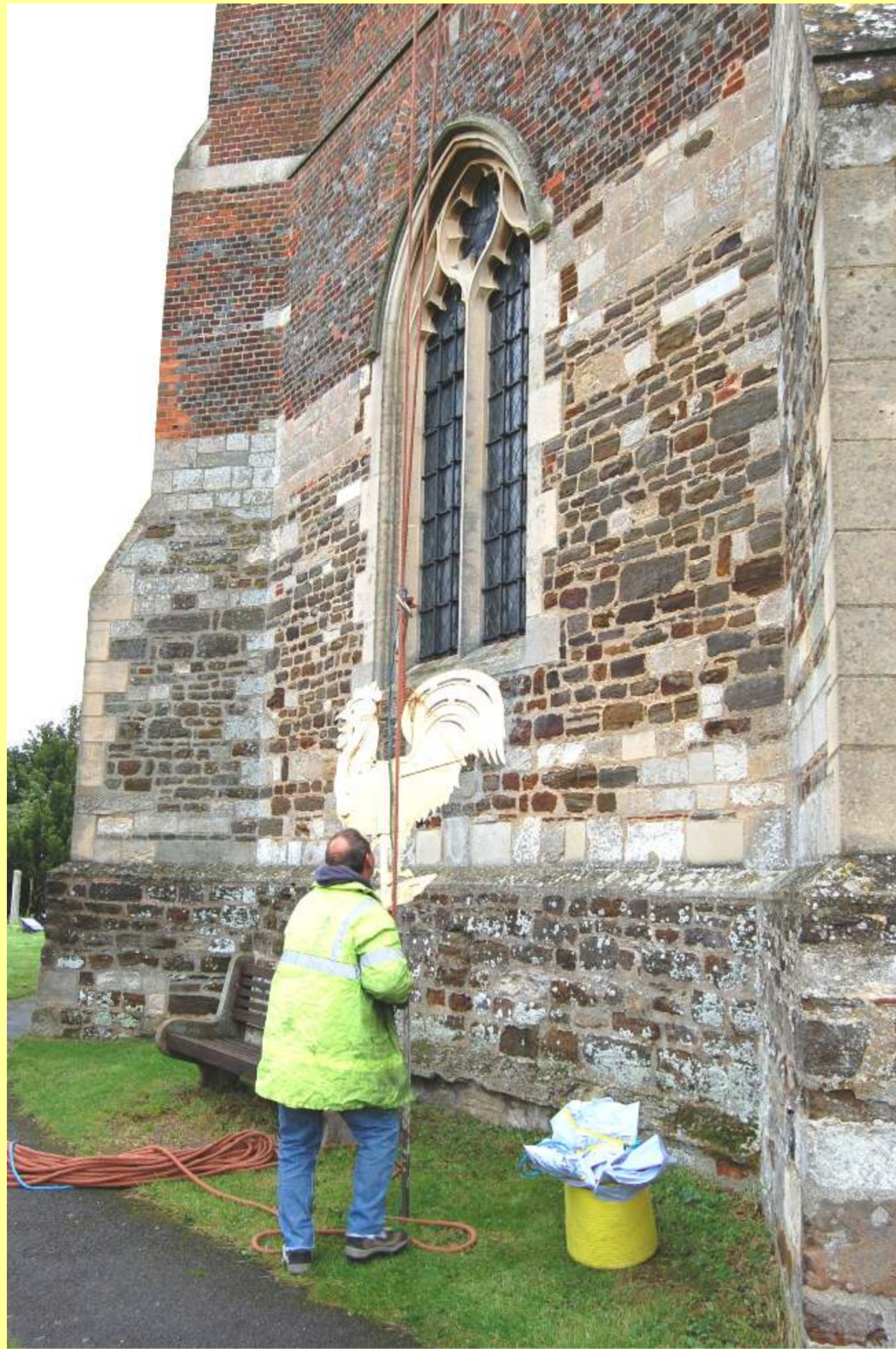
International Folk Band

Saturday 11. October
7.30pm With wine and snacks

Tickets £10.00
From Peter 01462 711306 or Denise 01462 711775



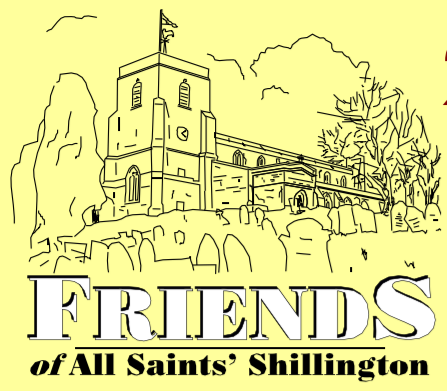
2009 - REFURBISHMENT OF THE WEATHERVANE AND FLAGPOLE



Scaffolding was required to give access to the flagpole and the weathervane.

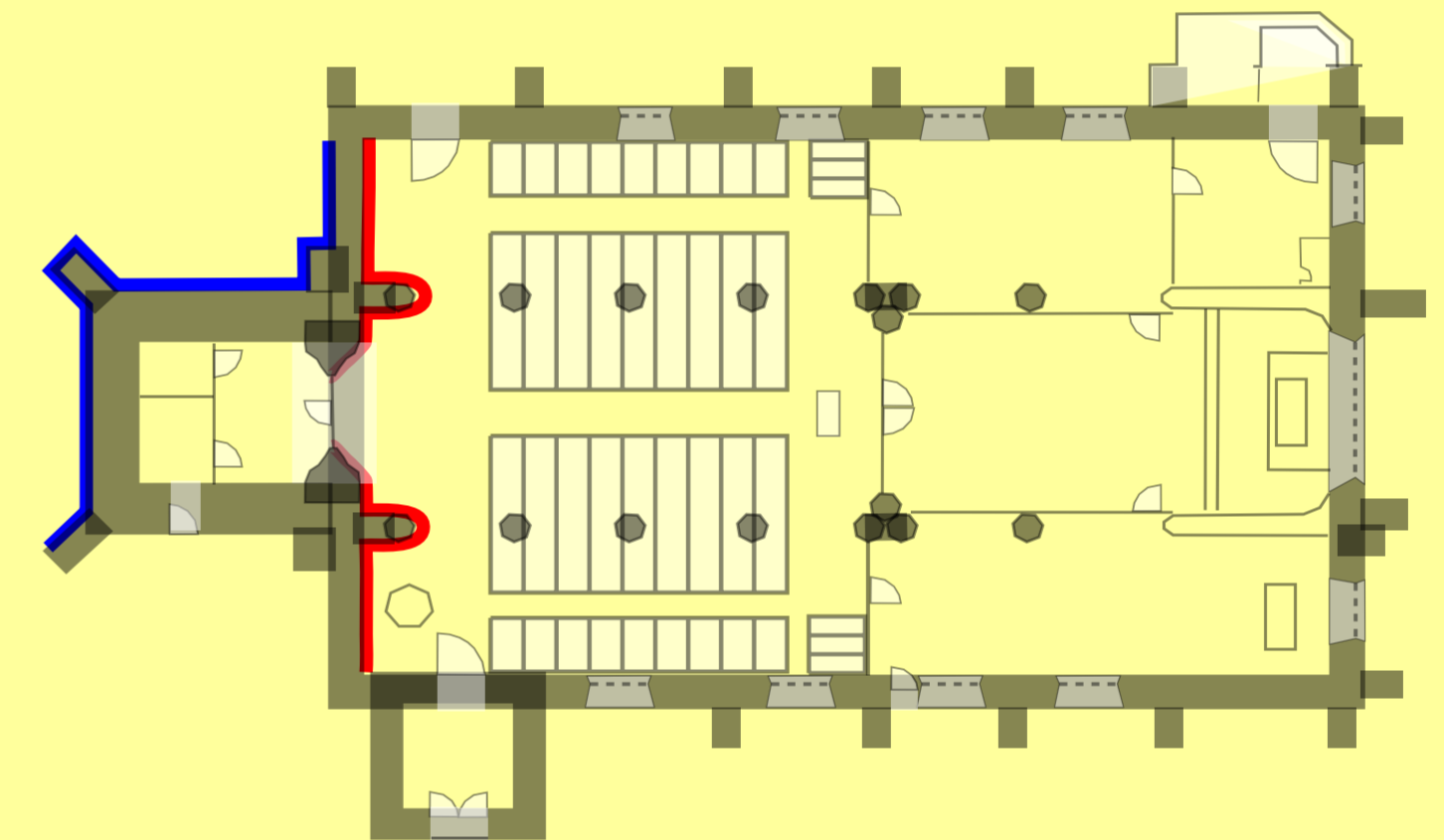
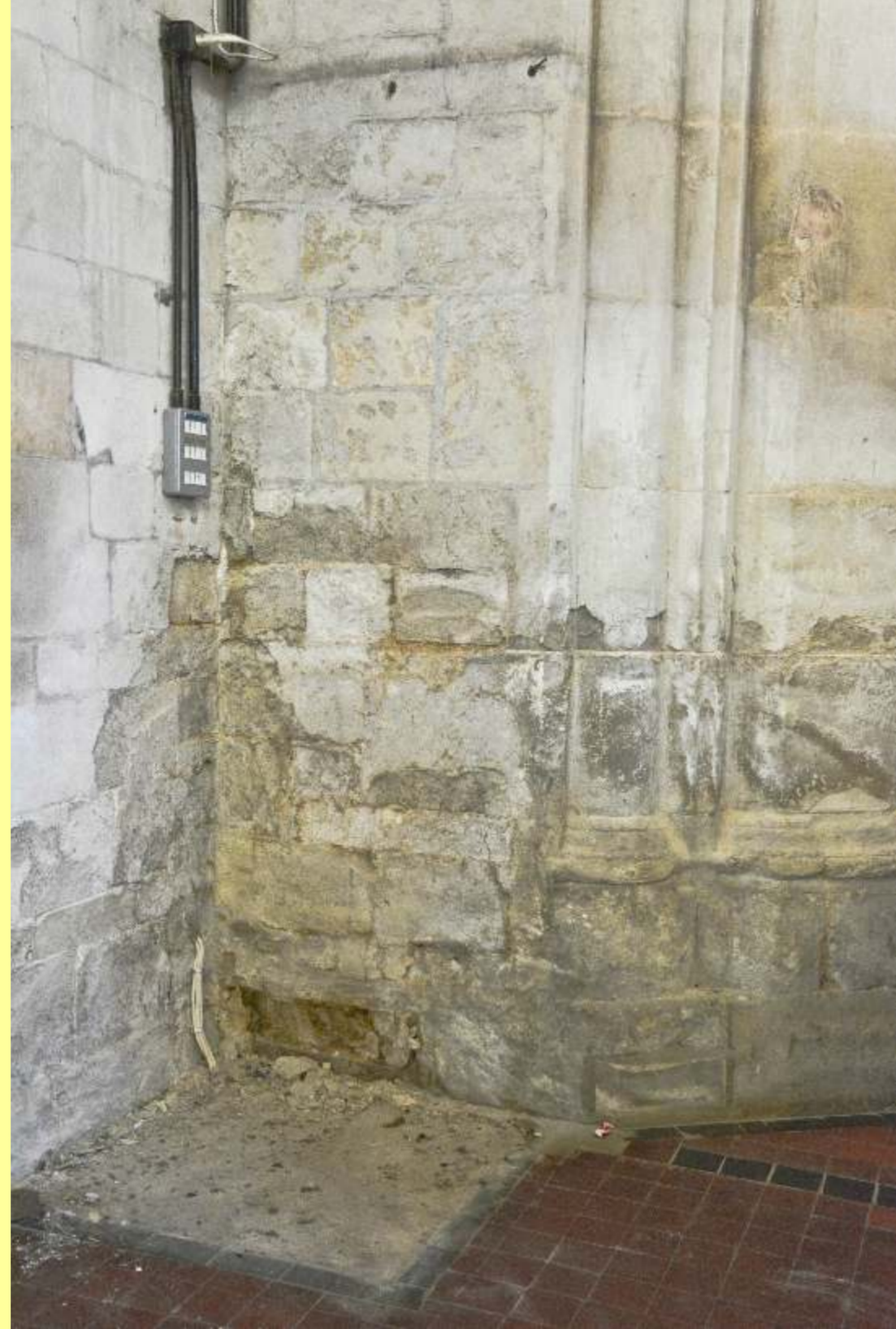
The workmen were plagued by flies from the surrounding fields attracted by the warm lead roof.





2018 - THE WEST WALL PROJECT

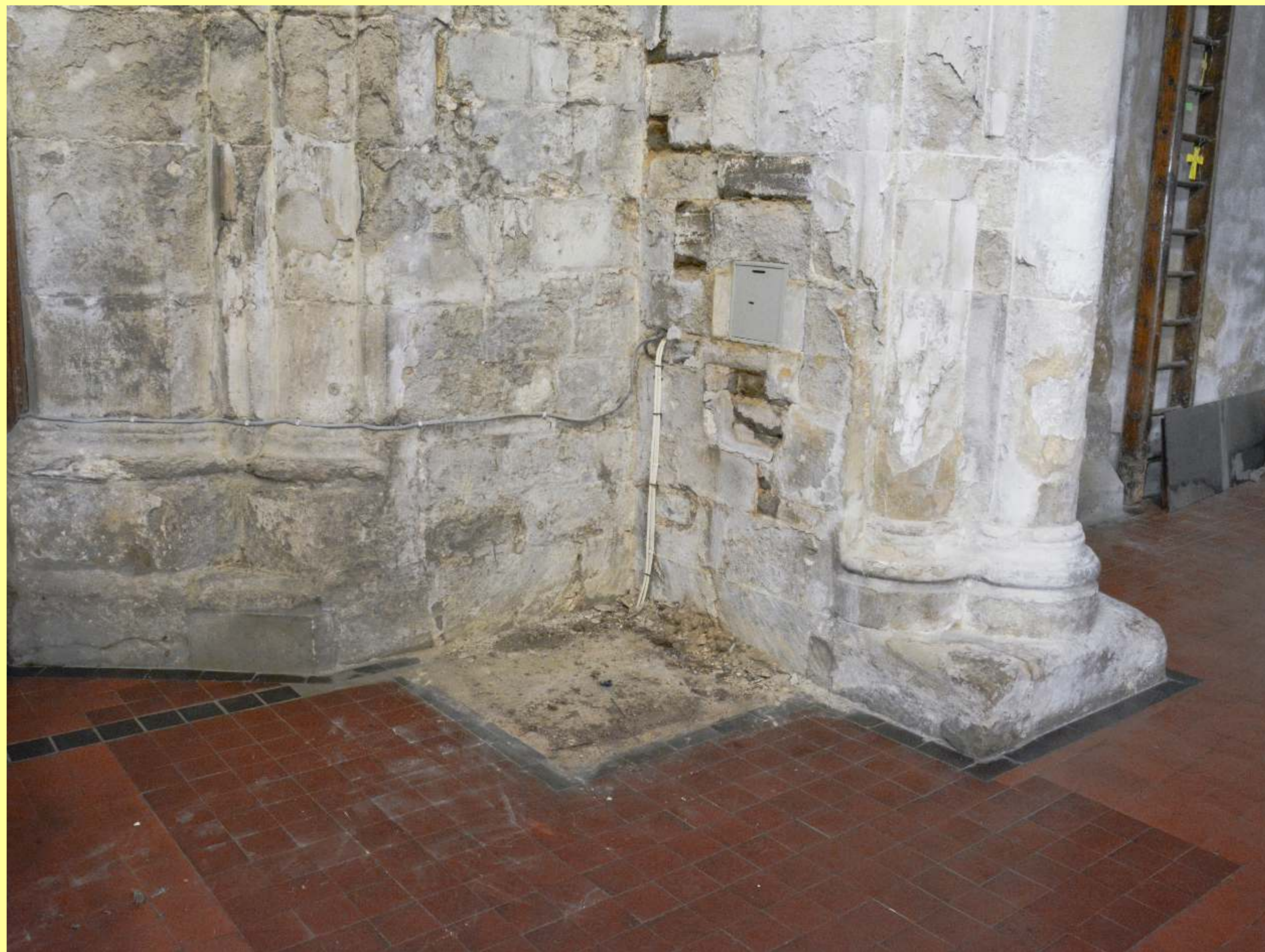
The stonework at the west end of the church is in urgent need of maintenance

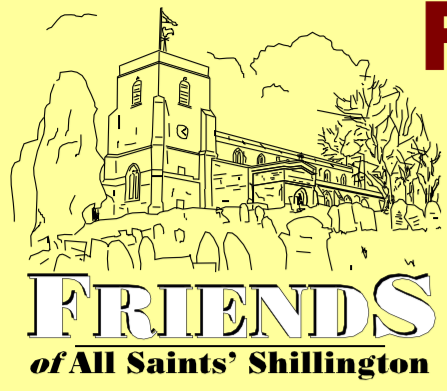


Over the years, water has seeped up into the stonework and natural salts have eaten away at the surfaces.

A drainage channel will be dug around the base of the walls (in red) to allow the moisture to evaporate. This will take up to 2 years. Another channel will be dug round the outside (in blue) to act as a soakaway to minimise the influx of water.

When it has dried out, the stonework will be restored with its original surface texture and the carved columns will be restored.





FUTURE PROJECTS

There are many areas of the church that need maintenance and repair. Priorities are established and the work will be undertaken over the next few years.



Plaster tends to break off and has to be replaced. Examples are high up by the east window and at the back of the font.



Both windows in the Crypt need re-glazing. The panels are broken and wind and water can get in. They will need new glass panels with ventilation.



The area by the tower and north door is used as a public area, particularly in summer. Ideas are being discussed to make it a more friendly and welcoming space.



The walls and roof have to be monitored to find and deal with water leakage.



Some of the pew decking is breaking up and can cause a safety hazard.



Plans are in hand to renew the information displays around the church and to install an information board in the churchyard.

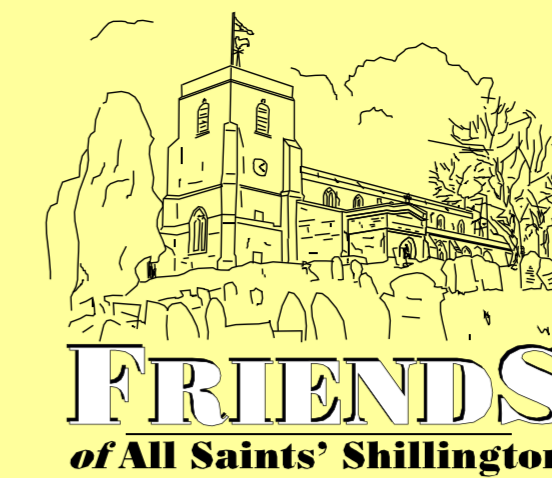


The lighting in all areas of the church is being upgraded



The North door is in need of repair to the stone work outside and the door frame inside.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER 25 YEARS

Funds are raised by the Friends of All Saints to meet the costs of maintaining the fabric of this wonderful building. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has contributed over the years.

The Friends of All Saints Church and everyone in Shillington who contribute so much to our events

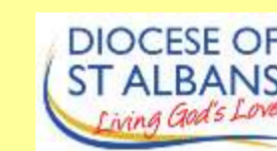


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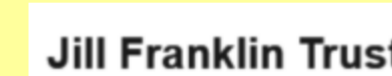
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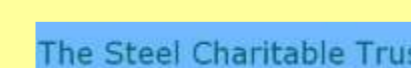
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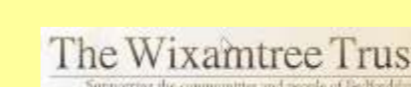
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