

# The FROST Report

The Friends of St Thomas of Canterbury, East Clandon, Surrey



## Welcome to Issue 6

*The Frost Report is a twice-yearly update on the activities of The Friends of St Thomas of Canterbury in East Clandon.*

**F.R.O.S.T.'s aims are to help maintain, protect and enhance the fabric of the 1,000 year old church of St. Thomas of Canterbury in East Clandon for villagers and visitors alike.** F.R.O.S.T. is not a religious organisation, rather a community group, and its fund raising activities not only generate community spirit but also raise vital funds for this important cause.

## *FROST says farewell to Barry Preece*

**To the soaring voices of the choir at a special Evensong, Barry Preece held his last service in St Thomas of Canterbury on Sunday 20th January.**

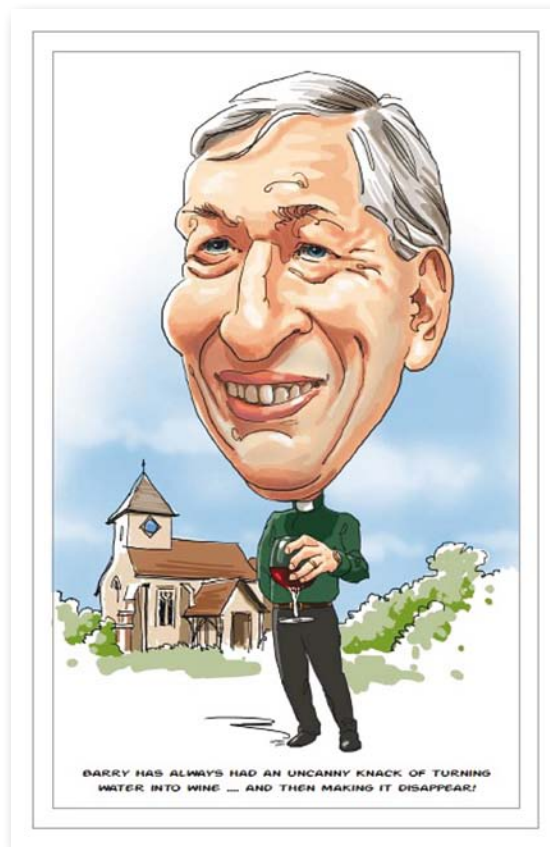
After nearly 10 years as Rector, Barry will be hugely missed and fondly remembered by all villagers.

The choir, in fine form, performed many of Barry's favourite hymns under the direction of Sebastian Forbes, our organist and choir master. The Church looked a picture – filled with flowers and candlelight, surrounded by fresh snow – and the magic enhanced by stalwarts ringing the ancient church bells.

Afterwards, the wine flowed in the Village hall as speeches of thanks and appreciation were made. To much hilarity, the Chairman of FROST, Skip McMullan presented Barry with a caricature of him against the background of St Thomas of Canterbury Church. This was produced by an East Clandon villager, on behalf of FROST and by an amazing coincidence, it reflected Barry's final sermon which featured the parable of 'water into wine'. The caption reads:

**"BARRY HAS ALWAYS HAD AN UNCANNY KNACK OF TURNING WATER INTO WINE – AND THEN MAKING IT DISAPPEAR!"**

In his response, Barry expressed his and the Church's thanks for everything FROST had done to help preserve the fabric of St Thomas. He said that in his view the Church would not now be going without that support. Sobering words which emphasise how important it is for us to continue to raise funds for our 1000 year old Church.



# Financial report 2012

During 2012 F.R.O.S.T. made grants of just under £10,000 towards a number of projects which helped to keep this Grade I listed building in a condition that allows it to continue to be of benefit both to the village and to those who visit the village.

The full accounts can be accessed at [www.frost.org.uk](http://www.frost.org.uk)



## Upcoming events

We are again planning to have a weekend summer festival, **East Clandon in Bloom**, on the 20th and 21st July 2013.



This will provide the opportunity to visit and marvel at many beautiful gardens in our lovely village, plus there will be floral displays in the

Church, local arts and crafts, tea, coffee and home made cakes in the village hall, and on Saturday the 20th, an evening concert in the Church.

More details at [www.frost.org.uk](http://www.frost.org.uk)

**East Clandon**  
**IN BLOOM**  
An English Village Festival



## Recent and Current Projects funded by FROST

**During 2012 we replaced the existing boiler at a total cost of over £5,000 funded entirely by F.R.O.S.T.**

Late in 2012 the PCC completed a tender process for the internal redecoration of the Church which is being undertaken early in 2013. F.R.O.S.T also contributed to the cost of essential electrical work, further repairs to the Church clock and some repair work to the guttering.

## Become a Friend today

We have invested a considerable amount in the Church's fabric in recent years, and anticipate having to make such substantial investments on a continuous basis .

So if you would like to help us maintain our magnificent Church for ourselves and future generations, go to [www.frost.org.uk](http://www.frost.org.uk) or contact John Herbert [johnherbert123@btinternet.com](mailto:johnherbert123@btinternet.com)