

The FROST Report

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



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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.

East Clandon IN BLOOM a great success

F.R.O.S.T. held its second weekend summer festival, on the 20th and 21st July 2013.

This provided the opportunity to visit and marvel at many beautiful gardens in our lovely village; there were also floral displays in the Church, local arts and crafts, tea, coffee and home made cakes in the village hall, and on Saturday 20th, the evening concert in the Church was a fantastic occasion enjoyed by all who attended.

We were blessed with lovely warm weather, in stark contrast to our first such event, and this no doubt helped in attracting over 450 visitors. Our total income for the event was over £6,000 which delivered a good profit all of which goes towards maintaining our lovely Church.

The weather and the opportunity to welcome so many visitors to our village resulted in a wonderfully festive atmosphere over the whole week-end.



The beautiful garden at Wildrose Cottage (left) and below, Arthur Hunking proudly shows off his giant delphiniums which many felt must have been genetically modified!



The ladies of the village again produced a wonderful flower display in the Church.

The picture shows the work of art produced by Kim Shaw at the entrance to the Church. Kim bought all of the flowers from Covent Garden.

FROST welcomes our new Rector

We are delighted to welcome our new Rector Barnaby Perkins, who we hope will formally assume his new duties in early December.

Barnaby is very much a local, having gone to school in Epsom; he is currently Assistant Curate at St Nicolas' in Guildford. He recently married Caroline, who shares his great interest in music.

We very much look forward to giving Barnaby a warm East Clandon and F.R.O.S.T.welcome.



Upcoming events for your diary

Quiz Night: this ever popular event will be on **8th November 2013** with our new Rector Barnaby facing a baptism of fire as quiz master.

Trio of Talks: we are just finalising our second trio of talks for **February, March and April of next year**. Whilst dates have still to be confirmed, we hope that our three speakers will be Helen Whittaker, the creator of the new stain glass window in the Church, Lucia Scalisi, who cleaned and restored the painting of St John the Baptist, and Fenella Harrison, on Beatrix Potter, who spent many summers in her formative years in the house and area in which Fenella now lives

Safari supper: following the success of our first safari supper, the next one will be on the **3rd May next year**

Golf Day: our next golf day will be on **August 8th 2014**, again at Clandon Regis Golf Club

Recent and Current Projects

One of our most exciting recent projects has been to fund the restoration of an oil painting in the church; the painting(shown on the right) is of St John the Baptist and dates from the first half of the 18th Century. A full description can be found with the painting in the Church.



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** or contact John Herbert **johnherbert123@btinternet.com**.

A very easy way of giving is to place any loose change in one of our Frostpots, which are available from Gill Beaton **gillbeaton@btinternet.com**