



UPPER SAPEY

CHURCH RESCUE and

FRIENDSHIP ROOM

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PROGRESS

We have made a lot of progress since the last newsletter. We heard just before Easter that we have been awarded the Stage 1 Grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and also a smaller amount from the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust. While the latter was certainly encouraging, it was the HLF grant which really made us think we were getting somewhere. That pays (more or less) for the architect's fees for the investigations (to see what the problems really are now, as opposed to 2012 when the Quinquennial report was done). We had to have an asbestos survey and a bat survey, and there was a cherry picker there so that the spire could be closely examined. They also went down into the boiler room. We are still waiting for the report, so can't give any details.

The Tea Party (see below) was enjoyed by everybody who came, and although it was not primarily to raise funds, it did result in around £350 being added to the coffers.



INVESTIGATIONS

They looked at the lowest point – the boiler room – and the highest, and everything in between. We are still awaiting a bat survey.



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<http://whitbourne.org.uk/files/USRescue.shtml>

TEA PARTY

THE tea party on 6th June, was a great success. We were tempted by a superb array of cakes, enough books to stock a bookshop, and Wendy and Trudie's raffle and tombola (below right) – and, of course, all the other attractions available. David, our Rector, made a speech asking for money to fall into his hands (below left) – and a few days later we had news of a sizeable grant from the National Churches Trust. Such is the power of prayer!



It was a pity that not more people came, but weekends in June are notoriously busy. At least we had good weather. Many thanks to all who helped and lent chairs, cups, tables, the marquee etc.

COFFEE MORNINGS: OUR regular coffee mornings are still a great success, and proving a good meeting point for discussions, not only about developments in our church. Do come and join us, Saturdays 11 am to noon. The money raised is useful as well.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE, 7th June

At a service at Whitbourne Church on 7th June, our new Bishop, Rt. Rev. Richard Frith, was present to confirm six youngsters, including our churchwardens' son Nicholas. Congratulations to him and his parents.

LAY TEAM.

The new Lay Team was also commissioned at the same service. The Upper Sapey representatives are John and Sylvia Bland, so please make any comments to them (or of course to the Rector or to me) about what you think the church should be doing. For example, we are wondering if a second service each month would be welcome, and if so, what sort of service and at what time. Other members of the Lay Team are Susan Wyatt from Edvin Loach, Chris Evans and myself from Whitbourne, and William North from Tedstone.

WEBSITE: Do look at the website – www.whitbourne.org.uk and click on Upper Sapey.

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