

## Friends of Chaldon Church

The 'Friends of Chaldon Church' has now completed more than three years of fund raising since its launch on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and it is now well recognised for its financial support of the fabric of the church of St Peter and St Paul. During the last year we have gained registration with the Charity Commission, (no. 1182430).

With regard to the maintenance of the fabric of the church we were pleased to donate £4,310.78 to the church grants committee in March 2019. This has been used to pay the architect's invoice for the initial survey and options study undertaken for a proposed major refurbishment of the fabric of the church.

As in previous years our fund raising has included a wide range of events. The quiz evenings organized by Janet and Richard Payne have been remarkably successful both financially and as very enjoyable evenings. The most recent quiz on the 29<sup>th</sup> March was sold out before the beginning of February. Thank you also Richard for arranging walks for our fund raising.

Our contribution to the Caterham Festival last summer, a talk entitled *A Thousand Years of History* attracted a good sized audience and a similar talk has been accepted for this year's programme. An additional event during the Festival this year will also be held in the church and presented by Debbie Chamberlayne's quartet of a cappella singers, The FourEffect Quartet.

Pre-arranged guided tours have included visits from school groups, church organisations and historical societies. Other events included a very successful '*Bat Watch*' in the church yard with frequent sightings of these little mammals emerging from the church roof. We are grateful to Adele Brand for leading this new event.

I thank Madeline and Sean for their generous hospitality in hosting the FCC summer barbecue in the beautiful garden of Chaldon Court and Jeffery Gray who gave such an excellent organ recital in support of the FCC.

The Chaldon History Group, led by Madeline and Liz must be thanked for the generous donations to the FCC raised from the entrance fees to their excellent series of talks on Chaldon parish history.

Finally I should like to thank all of the Trustees for the work and commitment you give to this organization.

*Ted Howard – Chairman of the Trustees*



## Upcoming Events

**CATERHAM FESTIVAL**



**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Beating The Bounds Walk

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 3pm**

Chaldon Church a Thousand Year History Talk

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 2.30pm**

"An Afternoon of Tea and Entertainment"

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## Church Opening & Sunday Teas

The church is open daily 10am - 3pm during the winter and 10am – 4pm during the summer.

The Hazell rooms are also open every Sunday from 3pm to 4.30pm for teas and homemade cakes from April through to October.

# FRIENDS SUMMER EVENTS FOR 2019



## Caterham Festival 2019

### **Beating the Bounds Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Departing at 10.30am from Chaldon Church**

With Chaldon History Group & Friends of Chaldon Church supported by Chaldon Village Council and Caterham Festival.

Once again we have arranged to establish our territory with Caterham Hill Parishioners as we meet with them on our boundary at Green Lane.

Meet in the car park at Chaldon Church. We will start at 10.30am, rest at the Harrow at around 1pm for lunch and finish at the church for tea between 3-4pm. Approximately a five hour walk but join or leave as you wish. Booking with [lizbonsall@aol.com](mailto:lizbonsall@aol.com) or 01883 340508.

**Beating the Bounds** is an ancient tradition and probably originated when maps were rare and there was a need to identify the boundaries of ecclesiastical parishes. The event traditionally took place on Ascension Day or during Rogation Week. The bounds of the parish were beaten with sticks or “wands” and it is said that choir boys were turned upside down so that their heads tapped on the boundary markers. The purpose was to pass knowledge of the land onto the next generation (with the notion that pain aided memory). *An interesting article is available in the Bourne Society LHR Vol. IV 1965.*

Over the years “Beating the Bounds” in Chaldon has become the Bounds Walk, taking place in June. It certainly took place in 1920-1923 while the footpaths of Chaldon were being negotiated and officially registered with the Commons & Footpaths Preservation Society.

A successful attempt to continue this tradition appears to have been undertaken in 2006 and in 2012 the Chaldon Footpaths Committee held a successful event following the ancient boundaries. In 2014 the modern boundaries were followed and a meeting took place with Caterham-on-the-Hill along Green Lane where our boundaries meet.

### **“Chaldon church – a thousand year history” Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June Starting at 3pm at Chaldon Church**

A talk on the history of Chaldon church will be given in the church by Ted Howard as part of the of the Caterham Festival programme. The Grade 1 listed medieval church has undergone very little modification since Anglo-Saxon times, with the glory of the church being the unique 12th century mural on the west wall which illustrates the journey of the soul after death and the ladder of salvation. The origin of the images will be explained in detail along with many of the features of the church building.

### **“An afternoon of tea and cake with Entertainment” Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm at Chaldon Church Tickets £5 on the door, teas and cakes for sale.**



FourEffect are female a cappella quartet who sing in the Barbershop style and are part of an award winning Barbershop chorus, Vocal Dimension.

Their music spans many decades, from the 1920's to naughties, with songs from musicals, films, well known popular singers and groups.

If you feel in fine voice and would like the chance to sing, there will an opportunity for audience participation!

So come and join FourEffect Quartet a for an afternoon of tea, cakes, singing and entertainment as part of the Caterham Festival programme.

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## Friends of Chaldon Church BBQ Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 12.30pm – 4pm

Following last year's successful BBQ another is to be held in the garden of Chaldon Court in June. Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of June please email the Friends if you wish to come. £5 per ticket.



## Walk the Team churches Saturday 27 July Departing 10am from Chaldon Church

Join us for a walk through lovely countryside from Chaldon Church to the other Team churches in Whyteleafe, Woldingham and Caterham. £5 per adult; children free. Dogs are welcome with a lead. All money will go to the maintenance of Chaldon Church.

The whole walk is 11.5 miles but you do not need to walk the full distance. You can join and leave the walk at any point. We will be leaving each of the churches at or after the times shown below. We will be walking on footpaths, bridleways and tracks so please have suitable footwear as it may be muddy in places.

Leaving (at or after)	Miles
St Peter and St Paul's, Chaldon <b>10.00</b>	
St Luke's, Whyteleafe <b>11.30</b>	2.7
St Paul's, Woldingham (lunch break here) <b>14.00</b>	2.9
St Agatha's, Woldingham <b>14.45</b>	0.8
St John's, Caterham Valley <b>16.30</b>	2.3
St Mary's & St Lawrence's, Caterham Hill <b>17.15</b>	0.8
Arrive at St Peter and St Paul's, Chaldon <b>18.00</b>	2.0

For further information contact Richard and Janet Payne

Tel: 01883 330785 or 07967 343329;

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## September and Beyond in 2019

Later in the year we hope to be holding another Quiz Night, Organ Recital and Poetry Event. Please keep an eye out for emails about events

## SPREAD THE WORD

If you know of any friends, family or colleagues who would be interested in joining the Friends please do not hesitate to contact us either by email: [friendsofchaldonchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofchaldonchurch@gmail.com) or in writing to Alison Pannett, Hon. Treasurer, 26 Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe Surrey CR3 0AB.