

Friends of Chaldon Church

The *Friends of Chaldon Church* (FCC) committee has now completed a fourth year since the inaugural meeting on December 5th 2015. In common with other organisations throughout the UK our public activities were curtailed from the end of March by the coronavirus pandemic. However, we were very active during the previous 9 months.

The Trustees have worked hard during the year to produce a wide ranging programme of events. These have included two more very successful quiz evenings one of which was fund-matched by Barclays Bank. We held a third successful poetry afternoon and a second enjoyable bat watch in the churchyard.

As in previous years a number of history talks, both formal and informal, were given to a wide range of visitors. Topics included a history of the Henry Smith charity which has given annual donations to Chaldon for 400 years, and a history of the Roane family who first came to Chaldon in 1662 and one of whom founded the Roan school in Greenwich. These talks were given in association with the Chaldon History Group.

Another very successful event was the second organ recital given by Jeffery Gray in response to requests from people who had attended his first recital in the church in 2019.

We hope to reschedule the events that have been cancelled during the last 4 months in the autumn. These will include a talk entitled *Chaldon Church Bells – a seven century history* and a second talk on *Chaldon Church and the American Connection* which is an eighteenth century history of the Beresford family memorialised on a plaque on the north wall of the church.

Thank you for your support of this ancient church which is now embarking on major fund raising for urgently needed refurbishment of the fabric and for repair of damp-induced damage to our great medieval mural on the west wall.

Ted Howard - Chairman of the Trustees

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 or in writing to Alison Pannett, Hon. Treasurer, 26 Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe Surrey CR3 0AB.



New Website Launched

The Friends website has now been launched and can be found at the website address

www.friendsofchaldonchurch.org

Church Open

After 3 months of the church being closed it is now open daily from 10am – 4pm

Currently it is only open for Private Prayer but over the next few weeks we are hoping it will be open for more activities.

For more information please see the church website.

www.chaldonchurch.co.uk