

Maintenance Team Report – Yearbook 2024

This year John Carter and Tony Humpage moved on, John because of move to Telford and Tony because he moved to St Thomas's and wanted to use his skills there. Both made outstanding contributions to APC's fabric.



We also marked the death of Mike Finnemore who played an important role in helping maintain APC, especially if it involved wood. For a few months in 2023 we had the assistance of APC's intern Dan Clayton. It was great to have him in the team.



Current team members are, John Pote (team lead), Glyn Barrett, Steve Marklew (ably supported by guide dog *Dibble*), Andy Rennie, Pete Ford.

Projects completed this past year,

Replacement of the bell tower roof access hatch. Old one was sufficiently decayed that Tony and Mike had to make a new one.



Lych gate. Significant rot in the support pillars required replacement of the lower sections. This was a whole team effort especially as new oak sections and steel supports needed 3 or 4 of us to lift.



Removal of smiley face graffiti.

Preparation of ground for garden of remembrance, a project championed by Pete & Jen Ford. Oh the paperwork!

Keeping paths swept & weeded.

Restoration of Finnemores cross. Mike had made the replacement cross some years ago but stuck on top of the lych weathers needed some TLC. High level work by Andy & Steve.



gate in all

Upcoming projects

Restoration of notice board by lych gate over path to main entrance. Investigate problem with worn/damaged south isle roof, may be in.

entrance.
letting water

Investigate damp in south isle wall, redecorate inside.

Our next Quinquennial Survey is booked for October this year – then we'll really know what we have to do!

Every year out maintenance work saves £1000s. It's a real help in keeping the parish church and grounds in good condition and fit to welcome everyone who comes. A useful part of APC's work to introduce newcomers to the love and call of Christ.

If you'd like to join in do let one of us know.

John Pote

