

Update number 4 - the fourth in our series keeping you informed about your C21st Project Phase 2 and where we are with it now.

What has happened since our last Nuts & Bolts?

We have been busy and have concluded negotiations with the successful contractor; have received approval of materials from Gravesham B.C.; have had a refurbishment and asbestos survey undertaken and signed a contract between the church and B W May & Son Ltd . We have also been in contact with some of our grant aid funders to bank their grants.

You have been busy stripping out the church of items needed during the next few months and have wrapped the remaining areas in cling film to protect them from dust; also having a clear up and disposing of unwanted items.

Subsequent to this, Authentic Reclamations have purchased and removed a number of unwanted fixtures and fittings including the porch glazed screens and rear pews with an income to the church of £3270.

Our builders - B W May - (who also undertook phase 1) started their contract on 19 August which is due for completion in mid April 2020. Their first week was setting up their site, getting the organ protected from dust, constructing a dust barrier between their works and the unaffected part of the church and removing the tower stairs. They will be using the disabled toilet in the Wilf corridor, so we ask that you keep the Wesley Hall door into that corridor locked please.

It is imperative that all leaders sign in/out so that the builder does not lock/alarm us in and vice-versa. **PTO PTO PTO**

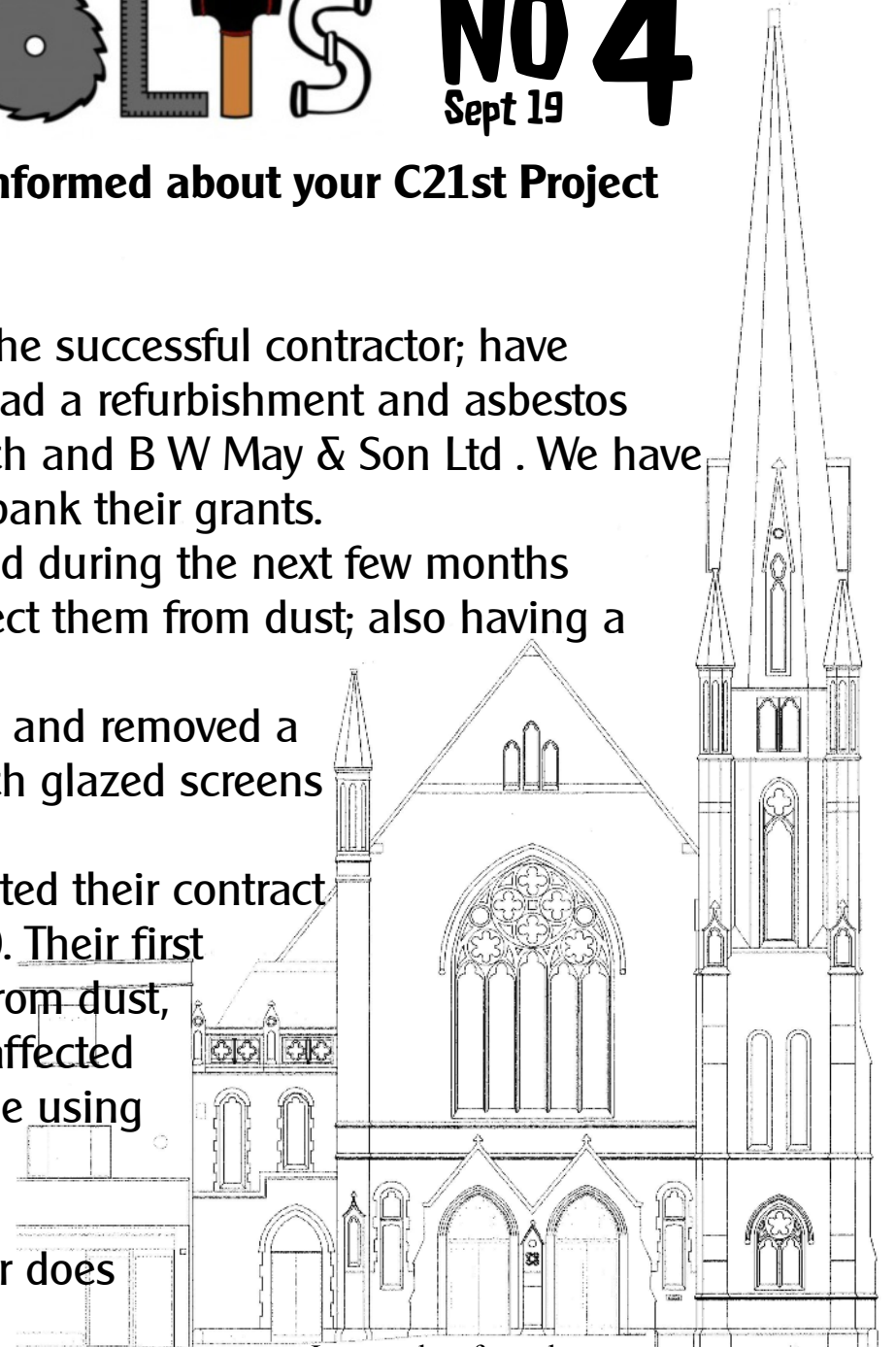


Image taken from the survey

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Sunday services during the building works.

You should now be getting used to services being held in the Wesley Hall - "Church in the Hall". However the hard work will soon start as the "church" will need to be set up on Saturday afternoons and taken down after services to make way for the weekday activities. Please see a Sunday Steward if you can help set up or take down.

Project finances

Although we have let the contract within our available finances, extras will come along (the asbestos survey and removal has already taken a good proportion of our contingency budget) and the funds raised to date do not include money for furniture, kitchen crockery etc.

Please will you continue to raise funds either by arranging or supporting events or through personal donations; please keep the home donation boxes coming it to Robert Hardy.

Photographic records are being kept and you can see these on the church web site or the photo album which can be seen at Sunday services. Nobody is allowed access to the church during the build period (other than the builder) so please do not be tempted to take a peep. Asbestos removal is immanent so this is all the more important. As this is written hoardings are going up on the Milton Road frontage and to some it may look as if we are closing. Please share the good news with friends and neighbours and let them know that we are "open for business as usual" via the Wilfred Street entrance. These are exciting times as we build for our future. Do you share the excitement?



Dust screen in place and pews cling film wrapped

