

**Update number 6 - the sixth in our series keeping you informed about your C21st Project Phase 2 and where we are with it now.**

### **Project progress**

It has been a while since you received your last Nuts & Bolts and during that time our builders have been working hard to keep on track whilst doing a good job. One area outside the control of our builder has been the supply of stone for the new porch by a major national company. Unfortunately, things have not gone to plan and a combination of quality and delivery issues have delayed the project. As a result, whereas it was planned that the contact would be complete in mid April, this has now moved to the end of May and could go back further if the present run of wet weather continues. However, the internal works have been progressing well. A lot of work has been done which will be unseen but will contribute to the success of the scheme. An example of this is the fact that there can be no natural ventilation for the new foyer/cafe area and as a result an air handling system has been installed. The main unit, weighing in at 200kg, is located above a ceiling and is designed to extract the heat out of the stale air being expelled and use it to warm the fresh air being brought in. Another matter, which one would not wish to see or smell are the drains. With no available connection at the front of the church, these have to link the kitchen on one side with the toilet on the other side and then out of the building, under the graveyard and back into the basement to the sewer outside the Jubilee Room.

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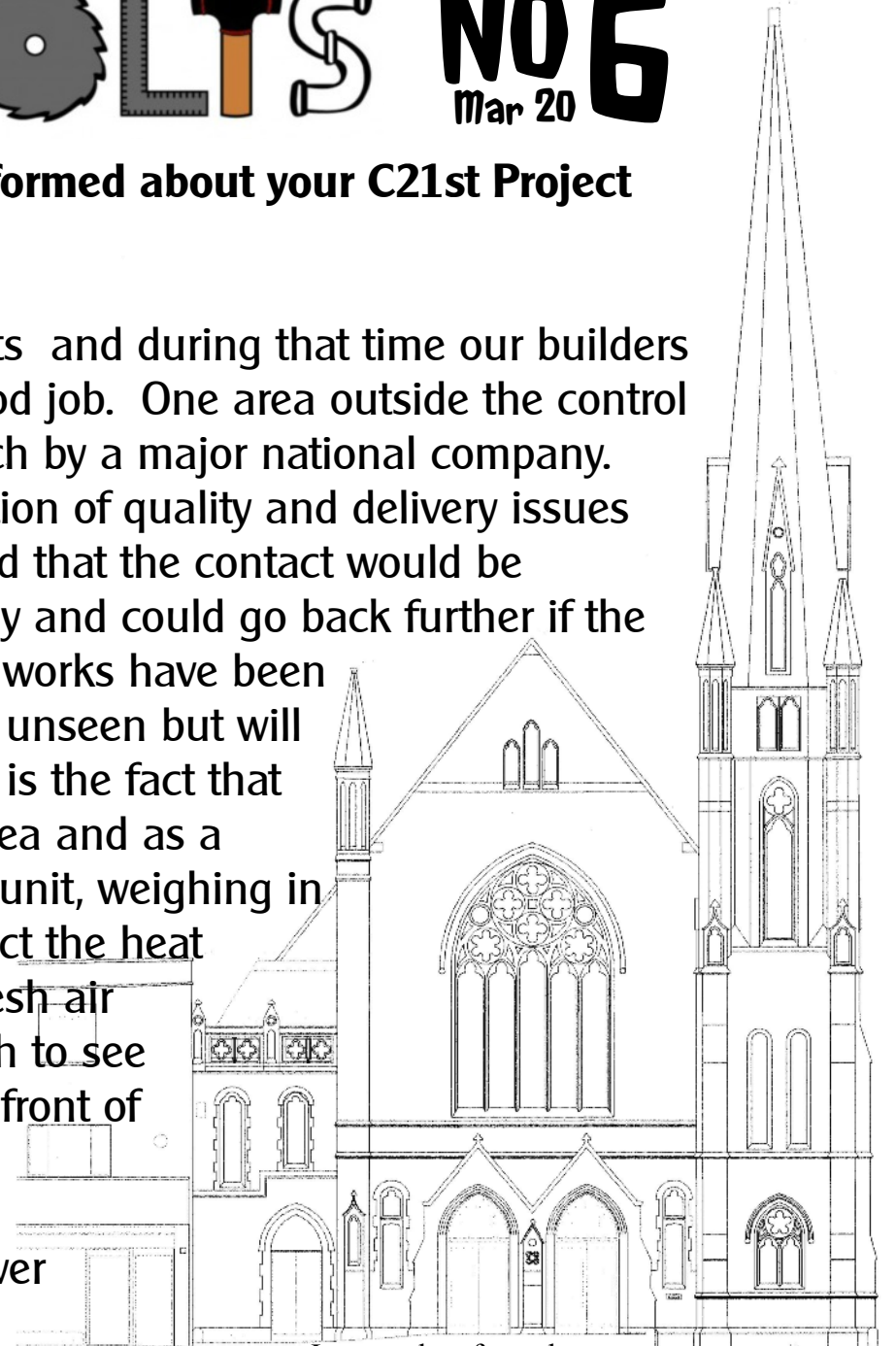


Image taken from the survey

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### So where are we now?

Externally, the porch stonework should be completed within the next two weeks (weather permitting) after which the roof timbers can be constructed and the new zinc roof cladding installed. The glazing is on order as are the two sets of glass doors. Final designs for the new ramped access handrails are being agreed but the paving etc. cannot be progressed until scaffolding is removed. Internally, all walls are constructed and most ceilings finished. Decorations are in progress; the flooring has been laid and protected; and the electrical fittings are being installed. The kitchen units have arrived and are being installed and the plumbing contractor is due back any day to complete installation of the radiators etc. Electrical, water and heating services have been routed back to the basement and are awaiting final connections. So, if you look at the photo album at church or on the church web site, you will see that we are changing from a skeleton to a fully clothed scheme.

### Kitting out.

The £515k raised for the project was for the building works and does not include furniture, crockery etc. which will be needed to run the scheme once complete. A prioritised list of items needed has been agreed and an appeal is planned for after Easter when members and friends will be asked whether they would like to contribute financially to the purchase of these items. As this list runs into many thousands of pounds, we will purchase them in priority order as funds become available - so please continue to support our fund raising events as they all help with this task. Exciting times?!

