

The Famous(!) Summer Outing 2018
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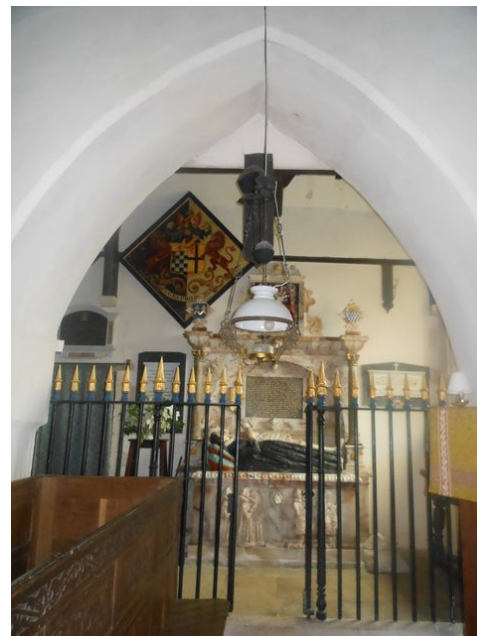


Saturday 7th July 2018



This year all three of our churches have received grants for work to their fabric; in addition there are a lot of energetic supporters of Ride and Stride here.

The River Itchen rises just south of Cheriton and runs through our afternoon.



12.30 pm

Lunch at The Bush Inn, Ovington SO24 0RE

Nestling by the Pilgrims Way but hidden by the River Itchen, everyone who finds it goes back for a second visit. Menu will follow

2.00 pm

St Andrew, Tichborne SO24 0NE

Pevsner tells us that "The Tichborne Family Chapel is a unique thing in Hampshire and one of only three Catholic chapels surviving in a pre- Reformation church in England. "When you step inside the church of St Andrew's in Tichborne, there is an

immediate sense that something a bit different is going on. The ancient box pews take your eye and then, looking a little bit like one of the chantry chapels you find inside cathedrals, is the Tichborne family chapel."



2.45 pm

St Simon and St Jude, Bramdean SO24 0JS

Mostly 19th Century with Norman additions, you suddenly discover the striking panelling in the choir and chancel. Their first Vicar was "Giles the Englishman"



3.30 pm

St Michael and All Angel's, Cheriton SO24 0PZ

Cheriton's 12th century parish church of St Michael is built on a little hill, said to be a prehistoric burial mound. The porch entrance has plain Norman pillars and is probably one of the oldest parts of the building. In 1744 there was a fire brought about by four years of drought which wasn't broken until the last quarter of the year.

"On Tuesday ye 29th May 1744 a very sudden and terrible fire broke out in this parish which in the space of two hours burnt down and consumed several houses, outhouses, barns and stables belonging to the Parsonage and communicated itself to the church which being shingled was immediately all in flames, the roof and seats entirely destroyed, ye bells melted, the windows demolished and nothing left standing but ye walls". The £630 cost of repairs was raised and the Church restored within two years.

"The aesthetically most satisfactory part of the church is the two mysterious spherical blank triangles with tracery left and right of the porch entrance." (Pevsner)

The congregation have kindly arranged to provide us with afternoon tea (donations welcome).

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