

Bench Working Party Report

This month has been dominated by work for the May Festival and particularly for the Art Show. This involved erecting and taking down two large marquees and one tent, moving large quantities of tables and chairs, man handling very heavy tables that sit on pews on the church, extra lighting for the church and in the marquee. All of which needed to be dismantled and put away after the show. We also fitted the new wire basket type art screens around pillars and in front of windows.

We scarified and reseeded parts of the churchyard where the marquee had damaged the grass, as well as putting up the May Festival banners, we took them down again and stored them at the Porters End barn. We have been maintaining the Memorial Hall garden and have removed the bricks that were rescued from the Church Lane wall collapsing from temporary storage at the Parkfield Sports Ground car park to behind the Dacre Rooms, in case they will be needed when the wall is restored. In addition, we have started to repair and paint the village benches.

We repaired the trackway leading to Parkfield Sports Ground car park with two trailer loads of road scrapings mixed with cement. Big job, all morning, very physical, lots of grunting.

We painted the bollards at Coopers Hill with white masonry paint in the hope that lorries will not knock them over so frequently. We painted the swings (red) at the Recreation Ground, and still have Wren Close to do. AND yet more painting – the woodwork of Church House, not long to go now to finish it.

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