

# Friends of Droxford Church

## Open Meeting May 2013

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# Who we are

Chairman – John Symes

Vice-Chairman – Tony Hoile

Treasurer – Nick Capon

PCC Rep – Paul Harris (also PCC Treasurer)

Architect – John Dryden Brownlee

Secretary and Legal – Michael Profit

Business Advisor – John Jack

Membership Secretary – Peter Richardson

# Our Vision

- Secure the future of Droxford Church as a community building
  - Restore and develop the church as a modern community venue
  - Provide the facilities necessary for the increased use of the church for a wider variety of activities and events.
  - Collaborate with the PCC, Parish Council, Village Hall, and other stakeholders to ensure complementary development for the benefit of the whole village

# Restoration Works

Application by the PCC for permission to proceed (aka a 'Faculty') was discussed by the Diocese on 9<sup>th</sup> May, covering:

- Tower Repairs

  - South and North Elevations – Remove and re-instate bulging flint wall

  - Tower Stair and Buttress Repairs

- North Chapel Repairs

  - Beam Replacement

  - Organ remove and replace with modern instrument

  - Choir Pews remove and floor repair

- Churchyard

  - Remove grave railings and renew Eastern fence

# Restoration Works - Update

- Updates
  - Tony Hoile (vice-Chairman, FODC)  
Project Manager for Restoration Works –  
Update
  - Alan Hibbert PCC vice-Chairman –  
Diocesan Status Update

# Community Hub

- Restoration is the essential first step towards increasing the use of the Church
- Widening the community use of the building depends on providing toilet and kitchen facilities
- Increasing community use of the building will strengthen the case for Grant Applications e.g. the Lottery Heritage Fund
- Our plans for adding facilities have already won outline support from English Heritage, Winchester CC, and the Diocese.

# Community Hub - Update

- Update
  - John Dryden-Brownlee - FODC Architectural Advisor and correspondent with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, English Heritage, and Winchester City Council



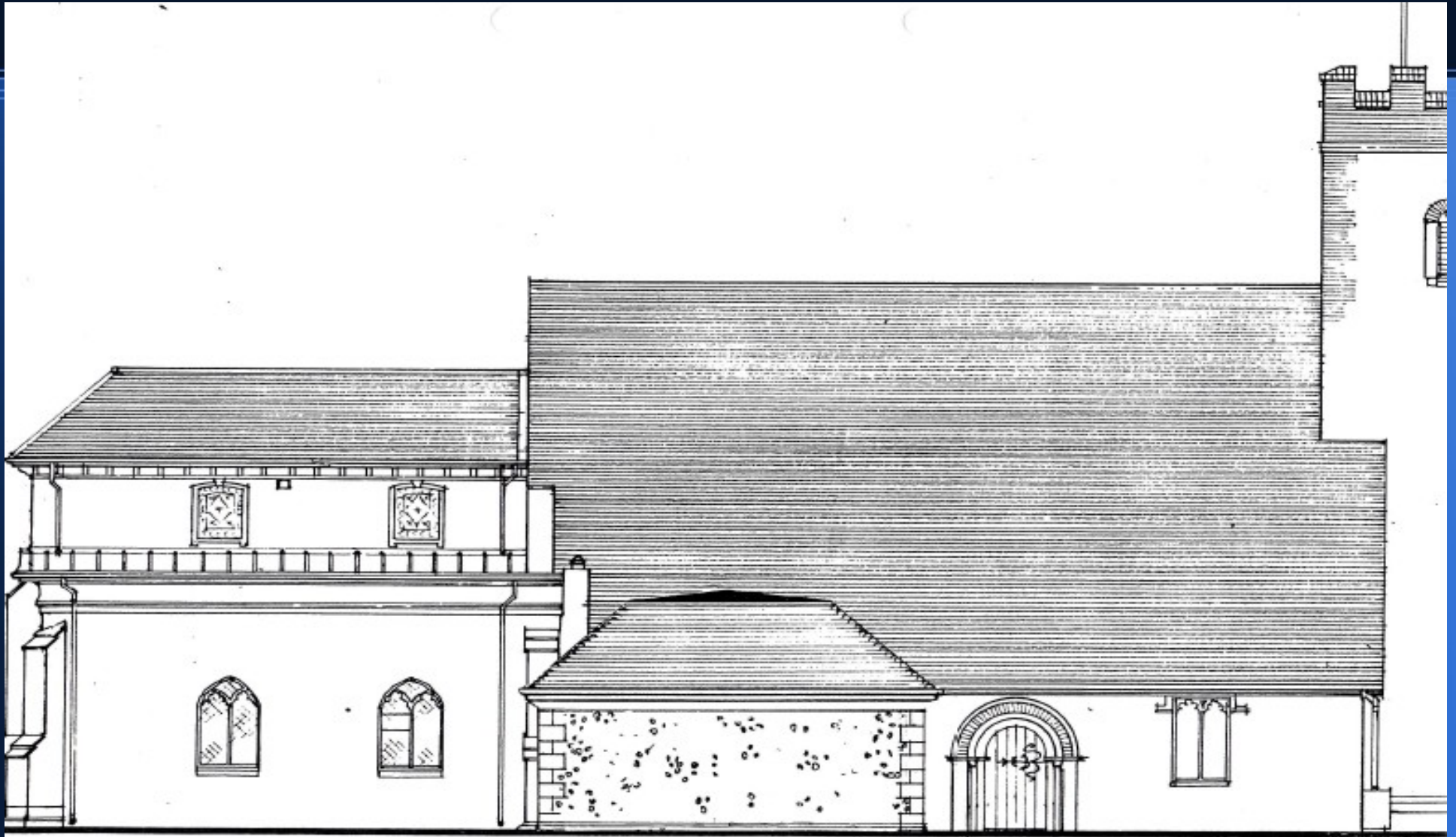


# West Elevation



WEST ELEVATION

# North Elevation



NORTH ELEVATION

# East Elevation



# Membership and Website

- Membership is stable at approx 30 members.
- We have however received many more indications of support and offers of volunteer help at events
- The executive committee have therefore recommended a rule change to enable supporters to become Friends by opting-in on the new website.

# Membership and Website - Update

- Update - website
  - Peter Richardson .Membership Secretary and Website manager
  - Website created by local firm Wizbit, with help from a grant from Hampshire CC.
  - **[friendsofdroxfordchurch.org.uk](http://friendsofdroxfordchurch.org.uk)**





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## Welcome

St Mary and All Saints Church, in the heart of Droxford in Hampshire, was built in about 1120, and is a Grade 1 Listed building. It is a priceless example of Norman architecture that has served the local community well for almost 900 years. [find out more >](#)

## Community Hub Project



In the secular world that is England in the 21st Century we have to look to the widest possible community use for our churches if they are to survive as functioning buildings.

[view more >](#)

## News & Events



Find out more about upcoming events and news relating to the church or the Friends.

[view more >](#)

## Membership & Support



Becoming a Friend, find out how you can help and support our objectives and how to make a donation

[view more >](#)

# Events and Fund-Raising

- Two successful events last autumn
  - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary talk on St Nazaire raid
  - Angelic Carol Concert (St John's College Choir) –
    - Raised over £2,000
    - Well supported by the community (160 attended concert plus 45 in choir)
    - **Mark your diary: Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013**
- Upcoming event: Country Fair – Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June
  - Raffle and Bottle Stall in aid of church funds
  - Pyrenees Cycle Challenge Sponsor Forms available

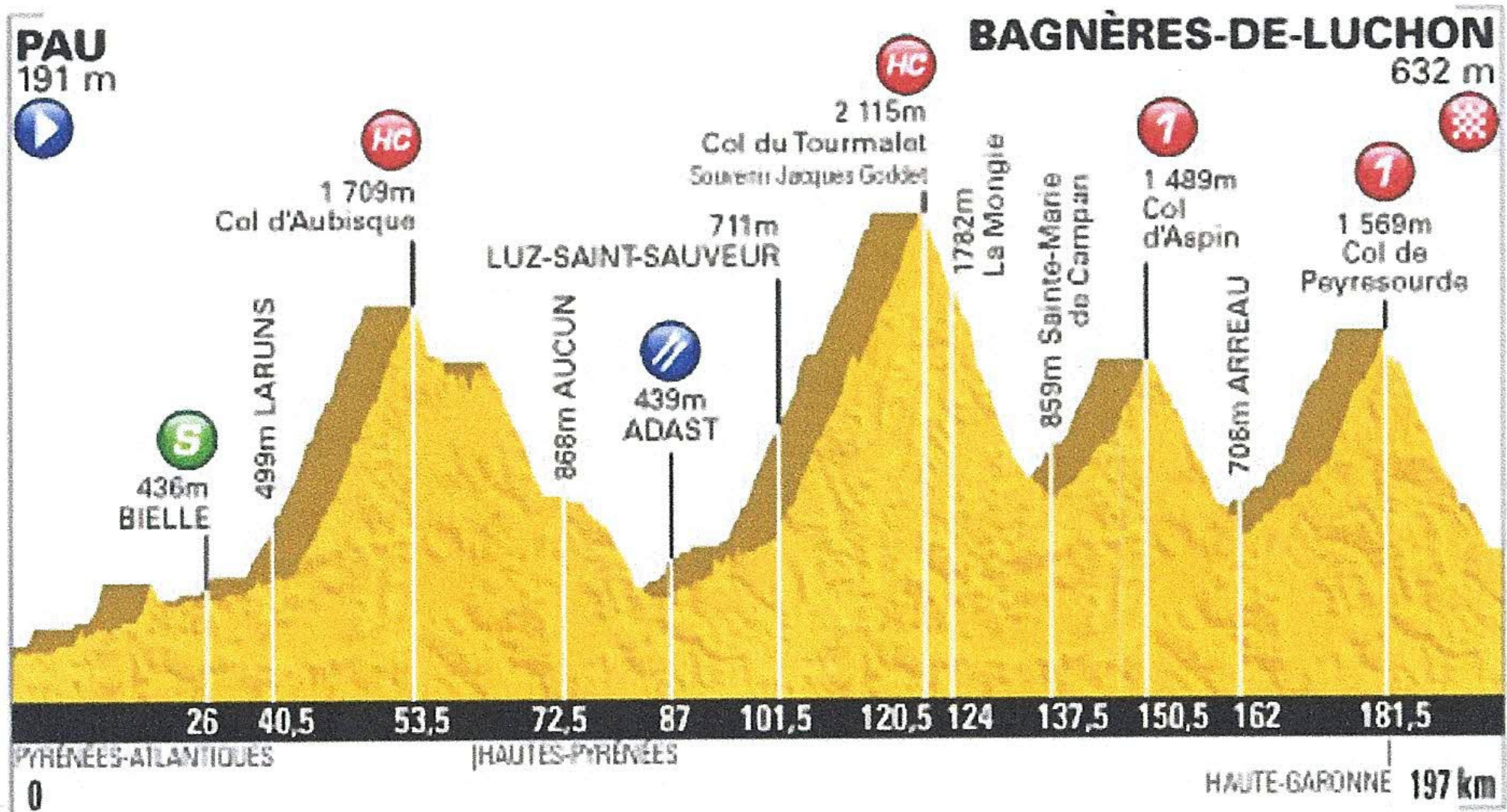
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## John Jack's Pyrenees Cycle Challenge

June 2013



# Pyrenees Cycle Challenge



# Pyrenees Cycle Challenge

## Col du Tourmalet



# Fund-Raising - Update

- Funds raised to date – Nick Capon (Treasurer)
  - Income (2012 to present): £14,479
  - Membership gifts £2077, Fair (stall and grants) £3512, Hampshire County Council £500, Other fund raising events £8390
  - Expenditure £4364 comprising Contribution to North Door £3620, and Expenses so far for Kitchen/Toilets project £744
  - Closing funds in hand: £10,115
  - Those willing to make a gift, please confidentially contact Nick Capon. Those with ideas for funding, please contact any member of our committee.

# Grant Applications - Update

- Grant Funders and Applications
  - Database of Heritage Building Funds and Community Development Grants being created
  - Attended Heritage Lottery Fund Seminar (24 April)
  - Expression of Interest submitted to WCC for Rural Development (RDPE/Fieldfare) grant for the Community Hub project – supported by Parish Council
  - Southdowns National Park (Communities Fund) – Expression of Interest invited for a Heritage Space in the Church



# Looking Forward

- Widespread community support and interest in the Community Hub project
- PCC and Portsmouth Diocese must decide on long-term Strategy for restoration and Community Hub project
- £££,£££s needed – Grant Applications, Events, Sponsorship, Donations... £££,£££s
- 'Once in a lifetime' opportunity to restore our wonderful Church and make it fit for the next hundred years