



East Church – South Wall revealed

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After a week of dedicated hammering by Paddy, the rest of the harling on the south wall has been removed.

No further mysteries have been revealed – and disappointingly there is no sign of the wall raising (by 4 feet) that took place in 1756.

The south wall has been the focus of changes in church architecture fashions over the centuries, and looks to have had major rebuilding over that time – making it difficult to see many earlier features.

The gable ends are now looked to with optimism!



Inside the church Benny Malone has continued to be busy down in his trench; which is now completed.

In the lower layers articulated skeletons lying west to east were found – such was the demand for burial space inside the then Catholic church that burials had been cut through to make space for a new body. One skeleton was nearly complete and this has been removed for expert analysis: the others have been left in place. Interestingly coffin nails were found all along one side of these remains, suggesting a person of wealth – as a shroud only, was the common form of burial 500 plus years ago.



Large scaffolding piles are stacked in the churchyard ready to go up on the other walls of the church.

