



Church Roof Appeal

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CHIDDINGFOLD

Why we started





17th May 2015 – Appeal Launch at Ramster

FUNDING STRATEGY

- Target - at least £200,000
- Public appeal - seek donations from within church, village and wider world
- Apply for grants – Government, Trusts, Local Funds

Fundraising begins with
Church Open Days
19th & 20th June, 2015



Heritage Open Days - 19th & 20th September 2015

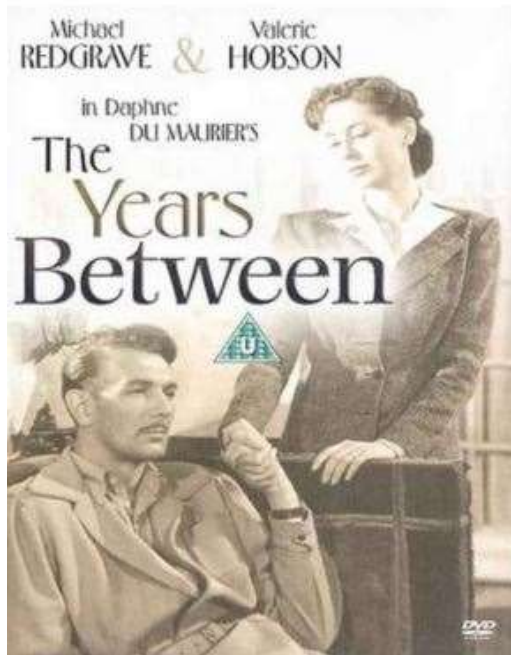


8th October, 2015

Opportunity to make a tile by
hand at Keymer Tiles



21st & 22nd May 2016 Nostalgia Weekend



Songs
of Praise

31st July 2016 – Commencement Service

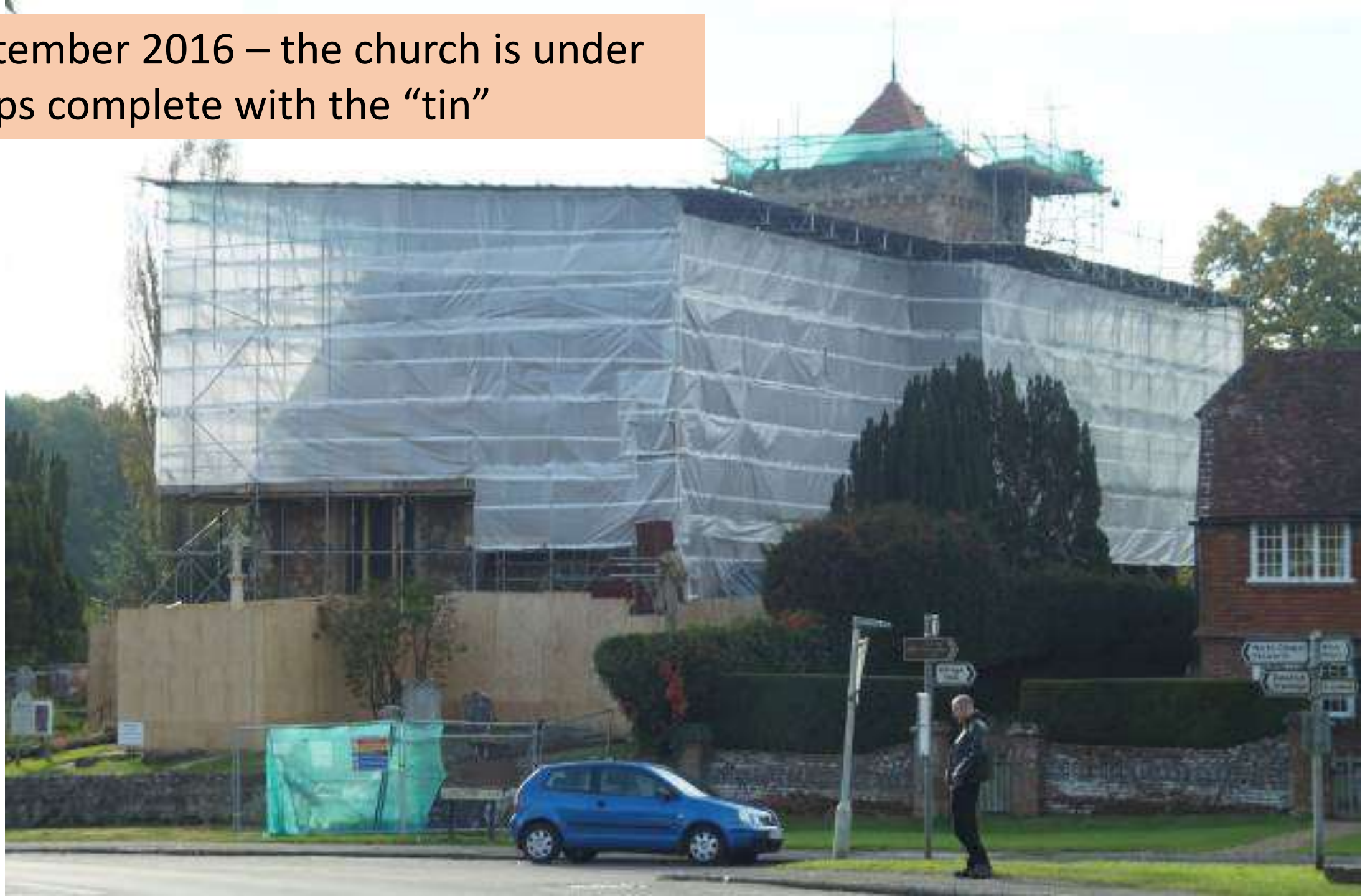


1st August – Work commences to erect the scaffold





September 2016 – the church is under wraps complete with the “tin”





Protection inside and out





Members of the team from Clarke Roofing (Southern) Ltd



The tower work
starts first

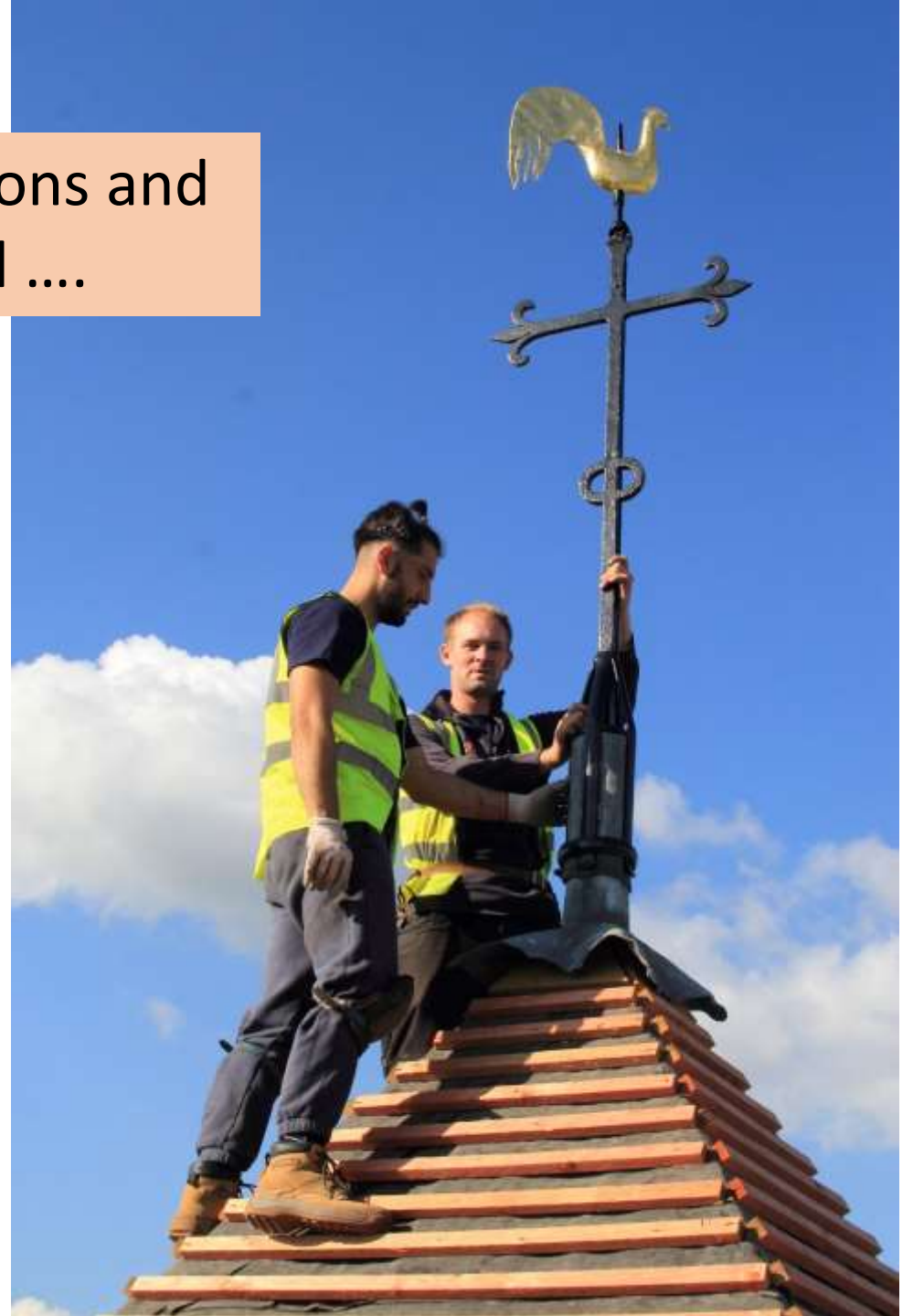
Great view of the bells ...



.. and village too!



New bat friendly felt, batons and re-gilding for the cockerel





... followed by precision tiling and mortar application ...

Great radio reception – helps concentration!



The reality of the problems are revealed as the slopes are stripped

A few extra problems were discovered along the way so the Appeal target had to be raised



North slopes underway - old batons ready for removal



New felt and batons ...



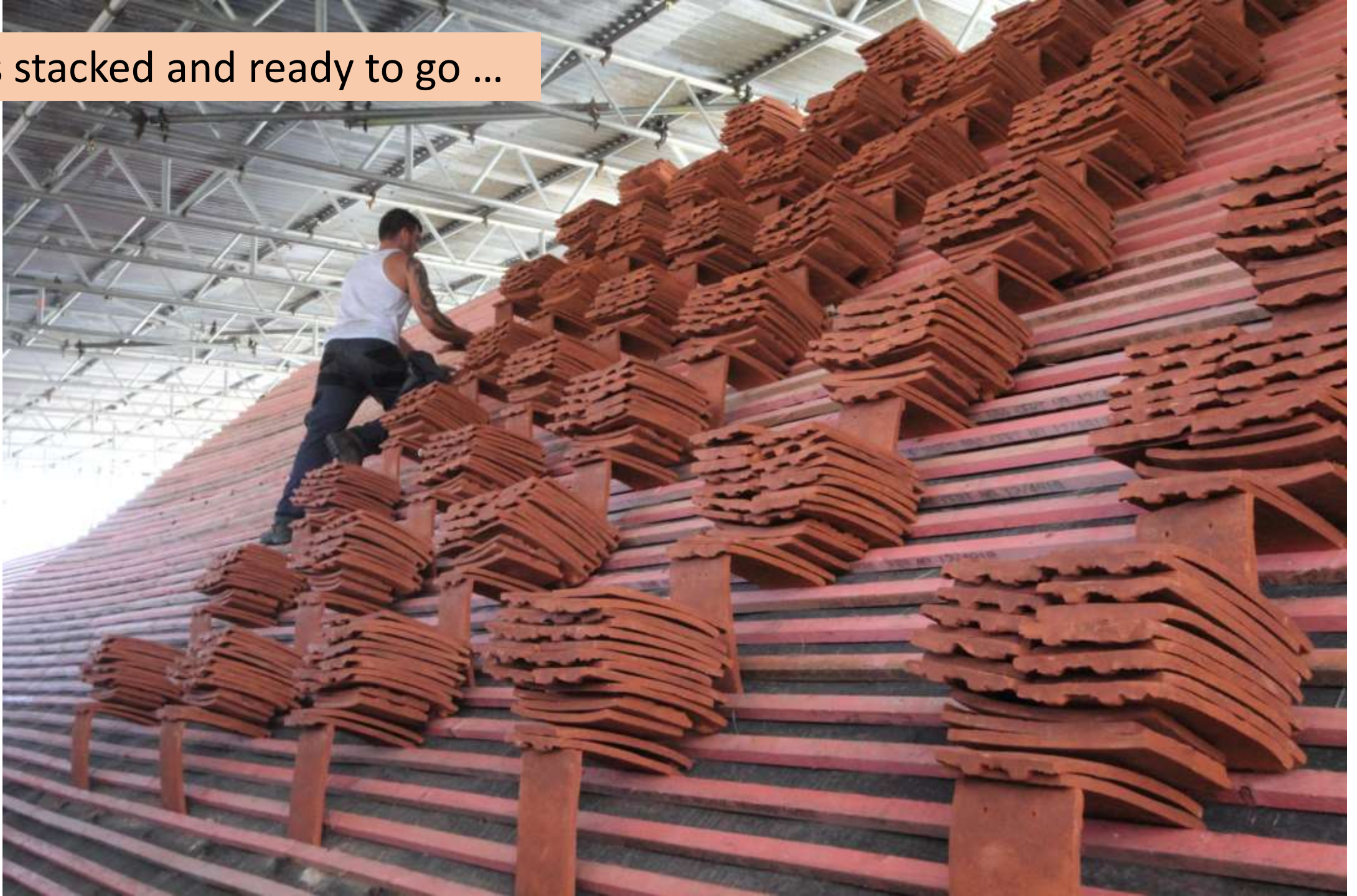
Ready for tiles



How to move 34,000 tiles from A to B!



Tiles stacked and ready to go ...



Tiles individually selected, cut if necessary and placed with care



A chance to view the work close up ...





Some tiles handmade by villagers and others with personal messages are fixed on the roof to be discovered by future generations



One slope completed – the other one almost – bit of stone work needed too ..



Then came the South Porch and removing the Horsham Stone to see what could be salvaged to re-use ...





Very specialist work with pre-loved and new stone laid on new batons – long job and temperature dependent for lime mortar work

And finally the Lych Gate



.... All new timbers needed and a lot of new stone required

The final tile is put in place







4th February, 2017





Church Roof Appeal

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CHIDDINGFOLD

Thank You

HFE Sign