

From left to right:
Colin Glover, CEO of the Connection at St Martin's; Hugh Player, CEO of St Martin-in-the-Fields Ltd;
Daniel Macare, a Site Manager (Costain); Paul Barker, Project Manager (Gardiner and Theobald).

LET THE BUILDING BEGIN!

From the Campaign office you can normally hear the glorious sound of the choir practicing in the Church next door - but not any more. The soothing wash of melodic voices has now been drowned out by waves of banging hammers, squealing drills, and clanging machines moving into place as the project's building contractor, Costain, moves in and stakes its claim - for the better part of two years - on what used to be a well-known churchyard market. It could seem like quite a disturbing invasion, if St Martin's wasn't so pleased about it!

These are the first physical manifestations of a renewal project that has held in anticipation the hearts,

minds and efforts of St Martin's for years. "It is wonderful to have all the disruption, noise and dirt of a building site," says the Vicar, Nicholas Holtam. "We have been working towards this project for five years and, literally, hundreds of people have been involved."

Over the next few months, the first stage of the project (detailed on page 3) begins behind the bright red hoardings. After the market vendors are relocated to other London markets, the John Nash Railings have been removed and taken to Bristol for restoration and repair, and the paving stones lifted and stored, Costain's building team dig to depths above the Northern Underground Line to make way for the structural box that

will eventually house improved facilities for the many services offered at St Martin's.

During the course of the entire renewal project, the underground facilities will be fitted out to meet full accommodation standards while the glass entrance pavilion, to be built in the Church Path, will provide much needed disabled access across the entire site for the first time. There will also be a lightwell that will allow daylight into the underground facilities, and the Café, Gift Shop and Gallery in the Crypt will be expanded and reorganised.



A NEW YEAR, A NEW START

Ian Henderson CBE, Campaign Chairman, talks about a new outlook for 2006.

After months spent in anticipation of a definite start date for the renewal project, we are delighted that the preliminary work has now begun and we appreciate all the support the Campaign team has received so far from our Trustees and Advisors, committee members, donors, the SMITF staff and the community in Central London.

This renewal project has seen a great deal of change within the Campaign team and much progress in the project as a whole in the last six months. We have been fortunate to hire a number of dedicated new staff to see the fundraising through to the end and as the building work begins, the team will continue to work diligently to raise the necessary funds to complete the project to the highest standard and in a timely manner.

St Martin-in-the-Fields plays a special role in the spiritual life of this city, and of Trafalgar Square in particular. Beginning structural work on this Renewal project now will ensure that the new facility will be well established as an important social and spiritual space by the time the 2012 Olympic Games come to town.

This year, we are planning a series of events to further the Campaign's relationship with its supporters, to encourage new participation from the city's business and philanthropic communities and to improve public understanding of the renewal project. Please do look out for information about events and news in our newsletter and on our website.

This Campaign is at an exciting stage, changing every day, but it is only as strong as the support it receives from you. We would like to ensure that our supporters are receiving all the

information they desire about the Campaign. If you have any comments about this newsletter or ideas about what you would like to read about in the next issue, then please do let us know by filling in the Supporter Form on the back page. In addition, in an effort to be as economical and environmentally responsible as possible, we would like to send the newsletter by email to those who have a computer. If you have an email address, please do take a moment to send it to us, either by email (campaign@smitf.org) or by completing the form.

Thank you and Happy New Year,

LET THE BUILDING BEGIN!... continued

The famous James Gibbs church will also be getting the long overdue attention it deserves, undergoing extensive structural work to keep the picturesque spire rising high above one of London's most beloved squares. The inner sanctuary of the church will enjoy a good scrub, extensive wood work, new 18th century-style hand-blown glass windows and a fresh coat of paint to most appropriately match the building's original decorative scheme. Although not a financial aspect of the renewal project, the east window above the altar also will be redesigned during the final stage of the project thanks to a generous anonymous donation.

“We are delighted for the whole St Martin's community but also for London, for this is truly a place of profound goodness in an aggressively materialist world.”

Eric Parry, Architect

With so much work going on above and below ground, the end benefits to social services, the improved access for all people, the better use and order of space and facilities and the structural regeneration to one of London's most notable churches, the temporary noise

and disorder might drown out the sound of singing, but not the obvious benefits to the St Martin's community.

So as the renewal project begins in this first building stage, the Campaign team will continue to work hard to raise the remaining funds necessary to complete each of the project stages. "This will be good for the whole community," the Vicar reminds us. "What will emerge is a St Martin's that is fit to serve the twenty first century even better than we have done in the past."



BEHIND THE HOARDINGS - *What's going on in there?*



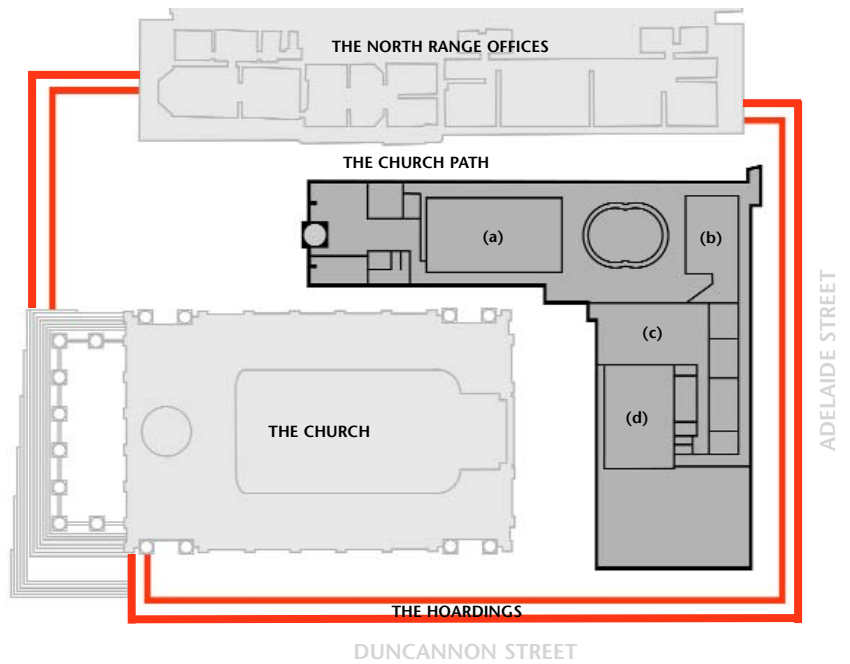
Here's what's happening during the first stage of building:

Hoardings are erected around the main building site.

The market stalls will be removed and the church path along the north side of the church closed for the duration of the project.

The Big Dig: we begin a two-story deep excavation to replace the current vault system beneath the church and the north side market and church path area.

A below-ground structural box will be built, which will ultimately house the Parish Hall (a), the Dick Sheppard Chapel (b), the Chinese Community Centre (c), the state-of-the-art Music Rehearsal Room (d), the new Gift Shop, education and meetign rooms, and general service areas and offices.



YOUR GIFTS HELP TO PROVIDE...

£5,000 The purchase & installation of a new bench for the courtyard.

£8,000 Provide a new stone base for the church font.

£10,000 Provides alteration to Choir Stalls to allow disabled access.

£12,500 Stainless steel security doors for the new pavilion entrance.

£15,000 Reposition the pulpit.

£26,000 Fit out of Art room for The Connection.

£50,000 Replace stone staircase between Crypt & ground floor.

£100,000 Heritage restoration works to Vestry Hall.

£165,000 Restoration of the Pews

£245,000 The fit out of the Dick Sheppard Chapel.

£250,000 Re-glazing & restoration of the Church glazing.

£456,000 Internal Cleaning & Restoration Works of the Church

£600,000 Specialist stone cleaning & repairs to façade including tower & steeple.

£750,000 Church yard - specialist refurbishment & part replacement of railings.

Not to worry! The Crypt, the Shop and the church will all function normally throughout the first stage of building work.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT A LEGACY OF PHILANTHROPY

Esteemed international financier Robert Fleming created a family legacy that has become a great friend of the Renewal of St Martin-in-the-Fields.

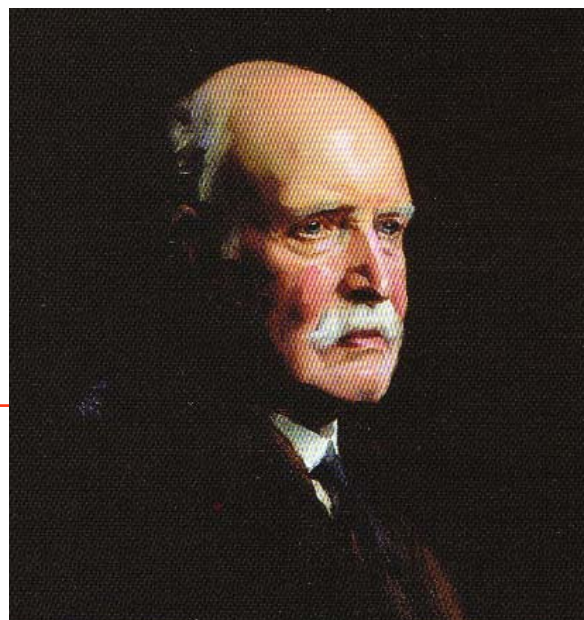
His strength of character and enthusiasm for investment have been passed on through two succeeding generations of Flemings. They have maintained a thriving private investment firm called Fleming Family & Partners, a family trust, and the Fleming-Wyfold Art Foundation, which celebrates and promotes the art of Scotland, the home Robert Fleming loved dearly and never forgot.

Robert Fleming had an enterprising spirit that matured amidst the harsh circumstances of 19th century Dundee. Born in 1845 to a modest family, he started working at the age of thirteen as an office boy for £5 per annum. Throughout his teens, while working as a clerk and bookkeeper, Robert Fleming developed investment ideas that would lead to his opening the first investment trust in Scotland at the age of twenty-

seven. By the end of the 19th century, when many in Dundee were relocating their businesses to India, Fleming looked to America to invest in one of the country's biggest industries: railways. Fleming was appointed Secretary of the trust and invested in railroad bonds, which became the basis for his expertise and vast fortunes later on in life. Well-respected on both sides of the Atlantic by contemporaries like J. Pierpont Morgan, he was frequently referred to as the 'Father' of the investment trust.

The First Scottish American Investment Trust began a financial dynasty that still exists today as the Fleming Family & Partners private investment firm. In keeping with Fleming's legacy as a shrewd investor, his family established the company after Robert Fleming Holdings was sold to Chase Manhattan Bank in August 2000.

As the first stage of the Renewal of St



'Robert Fleming 1845-1933' by Philip de Laszlo 1928

Martin's begins, the support received from Fleming Family & Partners is deeply appreciated. The new facilities and services that are to be provided as a result of this project will be inextricably linked to Robert Fleming's legacy for generations to come.

More information on Robert Fleming can be found in Bill Smith's biography 'Robert Fleming 1845-1933', which can be purchased through The Fleming Collection.

(www.flemingcollection.co.uk)

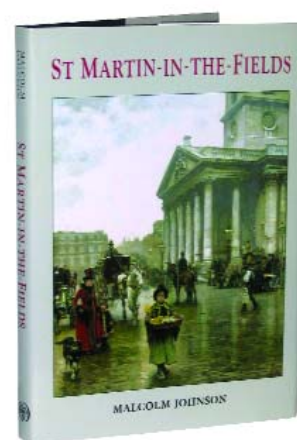
DID YOU KNOW?

An excerpt from Malcolm Johnson's book, 'St-Martin-in-the-Fields'

vica... Meeting... of ale'. (Eyebrows were raised at the ale.) A concert followed.

An interesting wedding took place in St Martin's in June 1871 when Captain Martin Bates from Kentucky, a man well over seven feet tall, married a bride of equal height, Ann Swann of Nova Scotia. They had been on view at an exhibition in Willis's Rooms - as had their bridesmaids, Christine and Millie, who were Siamese twins. ²⁶ Getting into the carriage after the service the groom put his foot through the floor.

The vicar died in the vicarage on 10 January 1886, to be succeeded by Prebendary Kitto who arrived with... children, cook and a large staff of servants. An extra floor b...



Pick up a copy from the Shop in the Crypt (£20) - it is filled with pleasurable anecdotes and interesting historical information about St Martin's and all of the proceeds go to the building project.



VICAR AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS HONOURS

Our very own Reverend Nicholas Holtam received two special honorary awards last November.

The first, an Honorary Doctorate from Durham University presented by Chancellor Bill Bryson; and the other an Honorary Fellowship from King's College London, nominated by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Along with scientist Richard Dawkins and Shakespearean expert Stanley Wells, Durham University alumnus Nicholas Holtam was awarded an honorary doctorate for extensive contribution to the community and his work for social inclusion at St Martin's. "Nick Holtam is a real source of energy, ideas and values both for the church and its role in the wider world. It was great to discover that he had studied at Durham too," remarked Bill Bryson, author and English Heritage Commissioner.

Bryson visited St. Martin's two years ago

and has been an enthusiastic supporter of the renewal project and its contribution to heritage preservation ever since, even speaking at the opening



Reverend Holtam receives his Honorary Doctorate from renowned author Bill Bryson.

of our 'At the Heart' exhibition in April 2005, which showcased the plans for the church restoration and building project. "I admire St Martin-in-the-Fields for all of its good work and also as a building," he explained. "I can really think of no better candidate for giving - for investment - than St Martin-in-the-Fields."

The Vicar was also honoured by King's College London with an Honorary Fellowship that was nominated by another Fellow and friend of the church, Desmond Tutu, who came to St Martin's in 2004 to help commemorate the end of Apartheid and honour the church's work in support of the struggle for equality. "I was very touched that Archbishop Desmond Tutu signed my nomination," recounted the Vicar. "These are honours for St Martin's as well as for me personally. They recognise the exceptional work done here and the significance of the project."

What's On?

Don't miss these upcoming special events at St Martin's:

- 01 **Tues 31st Jan - Tues 25th Apr '06 at 6.30pm**
Bite-Sized Baroque Series
- 02 **Fri 10th Feb '06 at 7.30pm**
Christian Forshaw and the Sanctuary Voices
- 03 **Thurs 9th & Fri 10th Mar '06 at 7.30pm**
Bach Festival: The Great Cantatas and Concertos, and The Complete Violin Concerti featuring Catherine Martin as Guest Director/Violin.

For more information and ticket bookings please visit our website: www.smitf.org





RUTH'S SWEET SUCCESS

It is said that it's the little things in life that matter most. In the case of long-standing St Martin's parishioner Ruth Wooldridge, it is the little sweet things that have proved a true treat for the Campaign and Sunday visitors to the church over the past two years.

Ruth and a team of four other parishioners decided to bake sweet treats and sell them on the church portico on Sundays with the goal of raising £1,000 for the Campaign. "I knew that if we all used our talents, we might just make an odd extra thousand," Ruth explained. "Besides, people like a cake on Sunday." A hospice nurse and wife of a BBC correspondent, Ruth has travelled

extensively and set up her own home care programs in Kenya and India. She knows first hand how a little inspiration and a proactive attitude can go a long way.

Now, eighteen months later, aside from satisfying many tummies, they have reached their £1,000 fundraising target and set a shining example of what a few people can achieve with a clear goal and bowls full of perseverance. On behalf of St Martin's and the Campaign team, we would like to say a big thank you to Ruth and her fellow bakers.



If you would like to help support the Renewal of St Martin's then there are many ways in which you could get involved. If you would like to volunteer your time or make a donation please do get in touch by contacting the Campaign office on 020 77661120 or email campaign@smitf.org.

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTORS

"What!" I said in disbelief to my neighbour, "Why don't you want your children to believe in Father Christmas?" I returned to wrapping yet another present from 'Santa' for my two-year-old as I waited to hear her answer. "I just don't want them to grow up believing that there is some benevolent, bearded, old man out there who just gives them things," she replied. "That's not what they'll experience in the real world. Not ever."

On the contrary, I thought afterwards, the campaign team had encountered just that kind of generosity only a few weeks previously. Early one morning the campaign office received a telephone call from an anonymous donor making a second gift to the campaign of £100,000! Imagine our delight! Receiving such a magnificent gift, completely unexpected, when working hard to raise a remaining £12 million is like waking up to find one's

stocking stuffed with goodies. So, you see, giving can and does happen in the 'real world'. After all, the word 'charity' is derived from the Latin 'caritas' meaning 'love' and isn't that what Christmas is ultimately about anyway?

There was further evidence of Christmas magic for the Renewal of St Martin-in-the-Fields this holiday. After many months of anticipation, crossed-fingers, and fervent prayers, we also received the support we needed to commence the first phase of our building works! So, 2006 will see the wearing of hard hats, and the erecting of scaffolding and hoardings around the site - all necessary changes for St Martin's to provide improved public spaces for all those we serve.

I hope you were also touched by the magic of Christmas in some unique way. I've made it one of my New Year's resolutions to keep the spirit of giving

alive in me throughout the year. I have written the names of people and charities that I care about and each month I will pull a name out of my 'Christmas box' and give them an unexpected gift. I hope I'll feel the same joy that I imagine our anonymous donor must have felt for making that much-appreciated gift. Perhaps you'll consider doing the same? (Just be sure if you do, to include a gift for our building project, please!)

The role of Campaign Director for the Renewal of St-Martin-in-the-Fields is shared by Patricia Castanha and Barbara Davidson. If you wish to contact either of them, please do so via Helen Grearson on 020 77661166.

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Please debit the above amount from my account starting on: D D | M M | Y Y Y Y

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The Renewal of St Martin-in-the-Fields

St Martin-in-the-Fields is a living community in a changing world. The building project will develop our physical accommodation needed for a long-term continuation of the worship and work of this church, including hospitality to visitors and the care of homeless people.

For further information please contact us on
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