

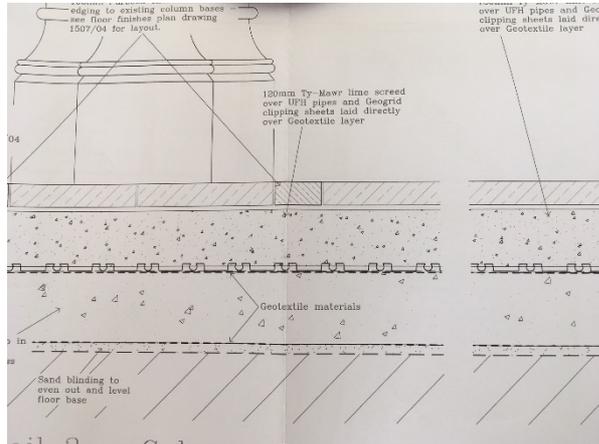
Chris's Reordering Blog – Week 5 – 3 to 7 July

I finished off last week's missive with news that another vault had been found. This one runs almost the whole length of the South Transept, that's the bit to the right of the Nave and Chancel looking towards the Altar. This vault is about 2m, around 6ft, wide and again has a vaulted top. The archaeologist has been to take photos and other records. The good news is that it's low enough not to require anything special to be done to it although the structural engineer will

again test that it will stand additional loading. My theory is that this was in the Churchyard before the South Transept was built in 1620 and it was then just built over. I think some research on who might be inside is called for here!

I also have a theory about Captain Pool's vault. I now realise that the rear part of the Nave is a Victorian addition built as part of the 1857 reordering. Again, I think the 'Pool' vault was in the Churchyard before 1857 and the memorial that was above it moved to its present position to the north side of the Porch. Derek Shorrocks' view was that the North Aisle was not extended because the vault was in the way, but I think that the truth is rather different.

So, on to recent progress, the top picture shows an extract from the architect's plan showing how the floor is built up. The layers have geotextile material, a permeable fabric, between them to keep the layers apart. The second picture shows the thin, levelling layer of sand with the heating pipework going to the radiators starting to be put in place. The radiators provide an additional heating boost to the underfloor heating system. Next comes a 150mm, 6", layer of insulation made up of recycled foam glass gravel, as shown in the



third picture. Then there is a 120mm, nearly 5", thickness of lime screed with the underfloor heating pipes sandwiched between these two layers. The stone floor is then above this. As I write this the glass insulating layer is being put in place, it is very light and looks and feels like clinker from a coal fire.

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