

CHURCHYARD WALL by the Pelican Crossing

In about 1990 the Church wall needed to be repaired along the Canterbury Road stretch. The builders did the work using bricks and loaded the old flints from the wall onto their lorry ready to cart away. They had had ignored the instructions to repair the wall with the original flints.

Alf Bedwell went past early one morning after helping his wife Iris in her newly opened large Flower Shop in Station Road before going to work on the farm. When he saw the lorry parked at the bottom of the churchyard with the flints in the back he reported this to Iris who informed the Council and the vicar.

The builders had to pull down the brickwork and replace it with the old flints, but as Alf said - "We were only just in time!"

Iris was the person who got the memorial plaque placed in the wall to honour Mr 'Mac', our Lollipop Man for many years as the crossing.