



Robinsons ,the timber experts, are already hard at work rectifying the rotten beams, splicing new onto the old, as they have done so impressively in the Tower in Phase 5.



The great medieval walls of the clergy vestry need sealing, and lead is the only and best solution to the problem of damp in this situation. Now that the lead seal is in place, the heavy coping stones can be put back in place.



St Mary's in the Marketplace



PHASE 6 (Week 7)



Matt the joiner of Robinson's Preservation is working on the roof timbers above the clergy vestry. The need for this urgent work is quite obvious when you see the rotten state of some of the timbers.



The reason for this major phase of conservation work on the church vestries is that water has been coming into the building for many years, running down the walls, creating damp and rotting timbers. The massive sandstone walls are having to be partially rebuilt, repaired and finally given weather proof coverings to ensure the long term future of this historic building, which is at least 700 years old in parts. At present it is a series of open roof voids! Everyone working on site has to take care!

Stuart the joiner, working inside the vestries, has been renewing rotten floor timbers; and then covering new and old timbers with a preservative gel, to prevent dry and wet rot, some of which has already been eradicated. In some places a plastic sheeting has been put in place, to create a further barrier to any damp coming through the brickwork.

