



# A Traditional Builder

A Tribute to  
Anthony Goode

Marianne Suhr



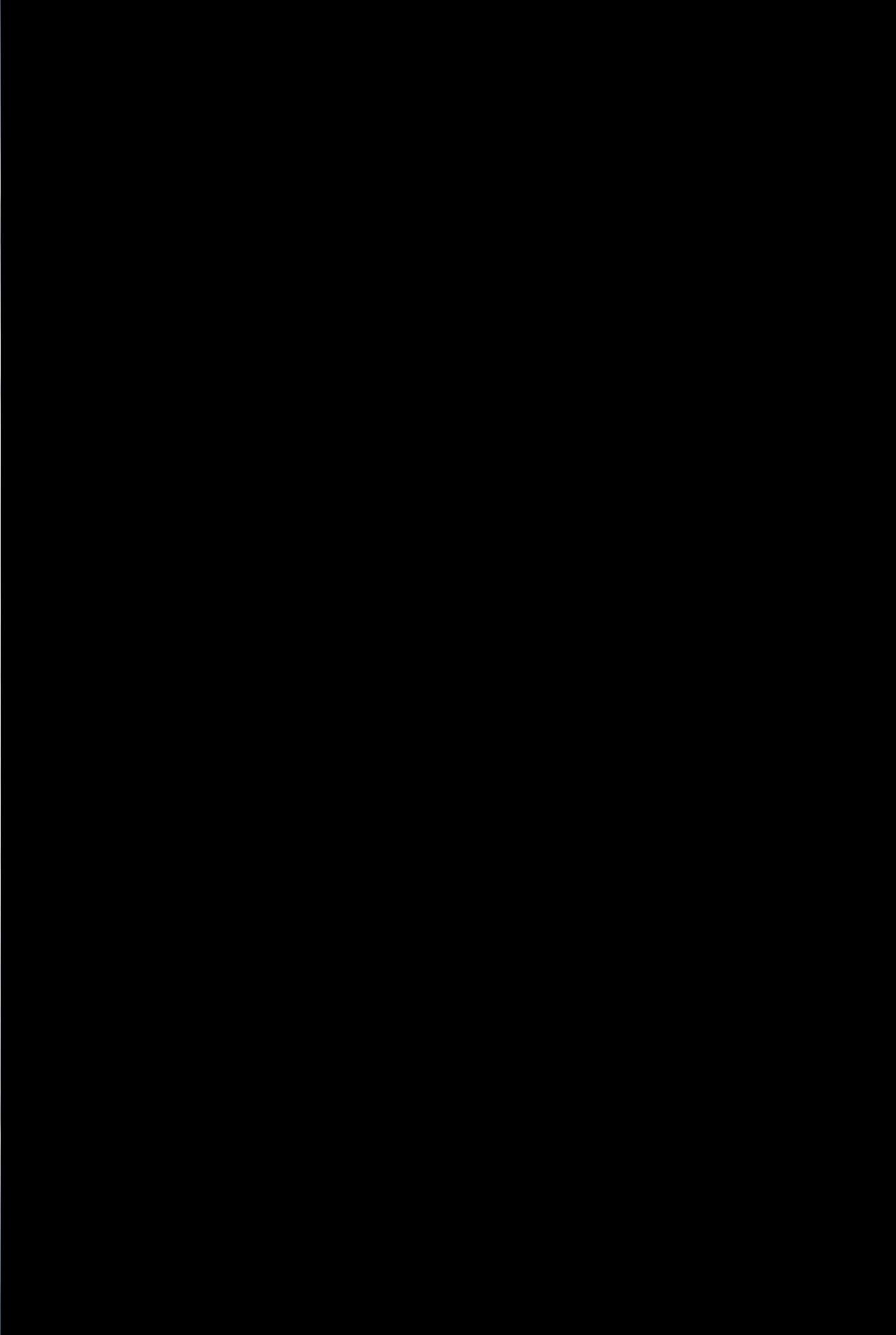
Roughcasting/Harling - Pear Tree Cottage, Billericay, Leics. || Client: Tim & Carolyn Coake.  
September 1997 Marianne built with Anthony Goode. || Thatcher: Clarence Galbraith.

Mix: 1 part putty, 2 parts well graded sharp, 1 part pea gravel, 10mm down.  
Mixed to porridge consistency in cement mixer. Applied with harling trowel.  
Rory's word for measure of stickability: FFFF!!!TTTT!



Pear Tree Cottage, Billesdon, Leicestershire 1997







A photograph showing a man in a black t-shirt and khaki trousers working on a brick chimney. He is standing on a grassy slope, leaning over the chimney. In the background, there is a large, steep thatched roof of a building, possibly a barn or a house. To the right, a red brick wall and a white-framed window are visible through some trees.

The Hovel,  
Gilmorton,  
Leicestershire



### PLASTER Mix.

3 Parts subsoil - should be sandy clay subsoil.

1 Part sharp sand - well graded, but washed to remove fines.

1 Part lime putty, - matured to prevent 'popping'

Hay - as much as can reasonably be added without  
it clumping together. Needs to be well mixed.

### Technique.

Dubbing out first, allow to dry say 24 hours.

### Single Coat Plaster application.

Need to add water to produce fairly slopping mix,  
but remember: more water, = more shrinkage.

Wet surface as much as possible. Tends to be very  
dense, very little water absorbed. Check surface not  
denatured. Remove loose, friable surface if necessary.

Take satsuma sized balls, throw on surface, in  
systematic manner to gradually cover surface with even  
thickness coat.

Do NOT TOUCH BALLS! at all, for 4-5 minutes.

(Hydroxyl bonds? Surface - re charged, plaster too charged,  
after few minutes Van Der Waals forces have set  
to work, hold ball to wall. Suction? same as?







The Hovel Week - Gilypton - 25<sup>th</sup> May '98.



~~Goff Robins~~ Thatchers

Time & motion study - 80% of time in contemplation,

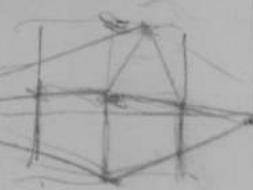
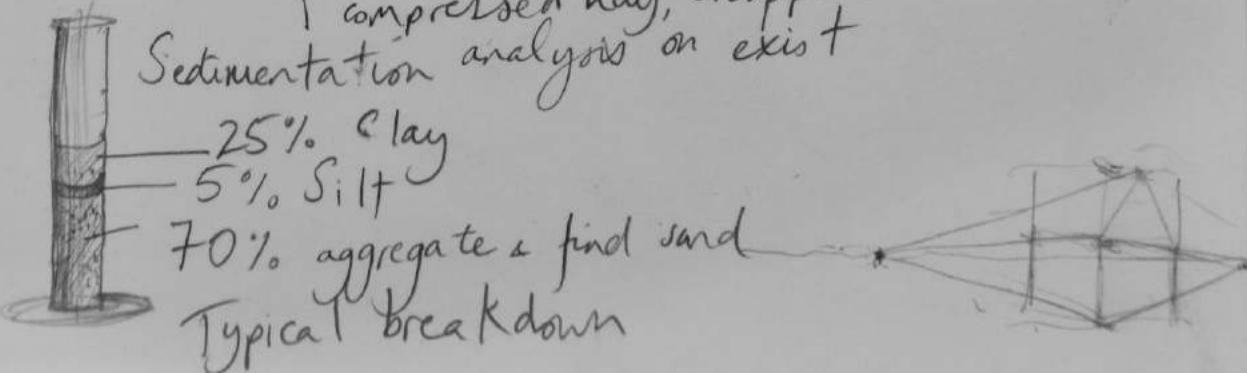
15% in trepidation, 5% looking for a tag

Plaster mix - 2 sharp sand - Steetley's, Husbands Bosworth  
1 Putty

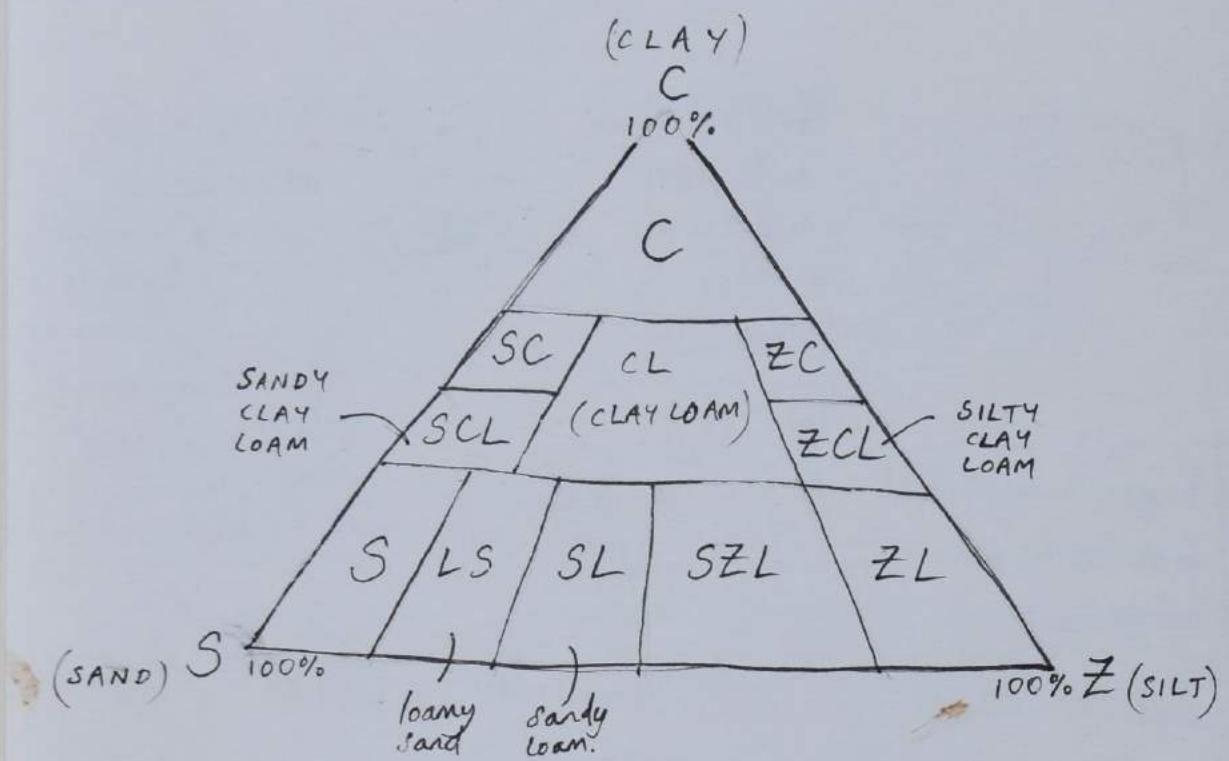
1 Earth - Sandy / clay.

1 compressed hay, chopped

Sedimentation analysis on exist



## SOIL TYPE IDENTIFICATION. (Heathland Management Course, BTCV, 12-14 July '96)



Loam or clay loam  $\Rightarrow$  equal amounts of sand, silt & clay.

Soil types defined by particle size

$> 2\text{mm}$  = stones

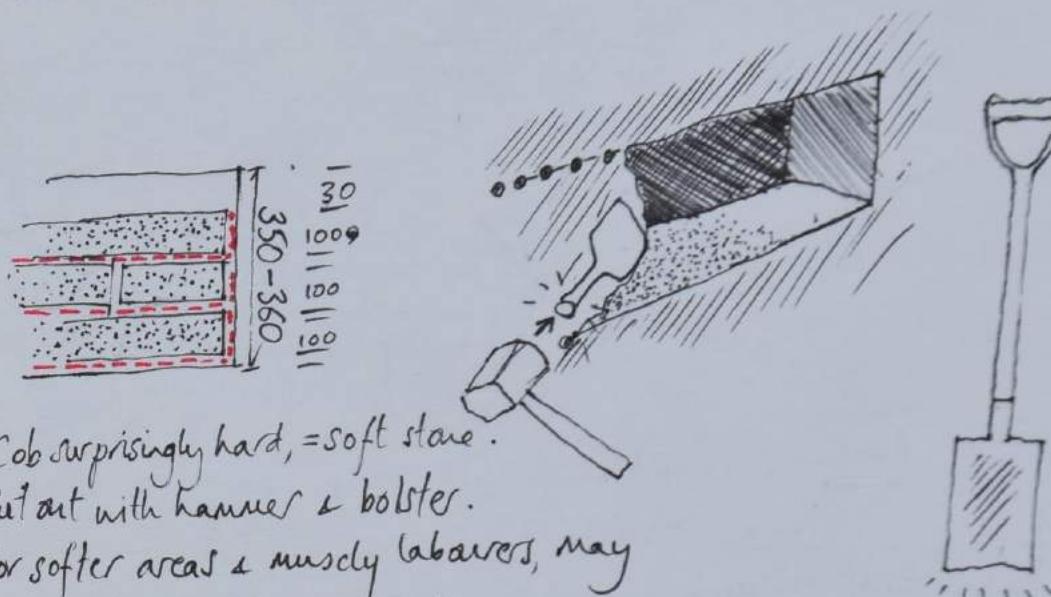
$< 2\text{mm}$  = sand (silica)

$< \mu$  = silt (oxides of Fe, Si, Al)

$< \mu$  = clay.

Kate's Hill Farm.

### CUTTING CHASE INTO WALL:

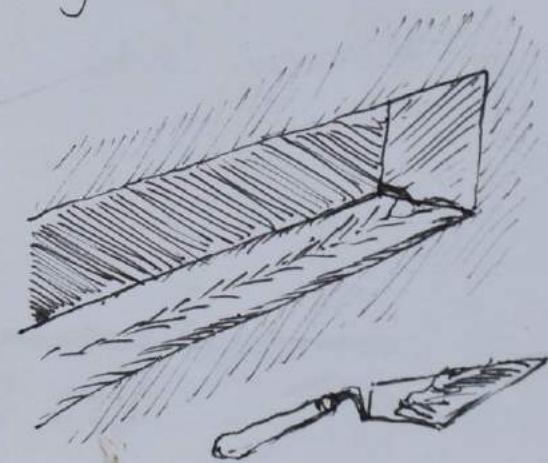


Cob surprisingly hard, = soft stone.  
Cut out with hammer & bolster.

For softer areas & mucky labours, may use spade with sharpened edge.

Allow 10mm for joints & 30mm at top for dry pack.

Mortar: Material cut out of chase saved,  
Largest stones removed then collected  
in 'copper', soaked in excess water  
overnight.



Mortar laid with trowel,  
thinned out along middle.  
EML pressed into mortar,  
also laid along back of  
chase.











# Kelmarsh Hall

## Brickwork Training Course



# 'Training the Trainers' Course, 2004















SPAB Builder's Lime Day

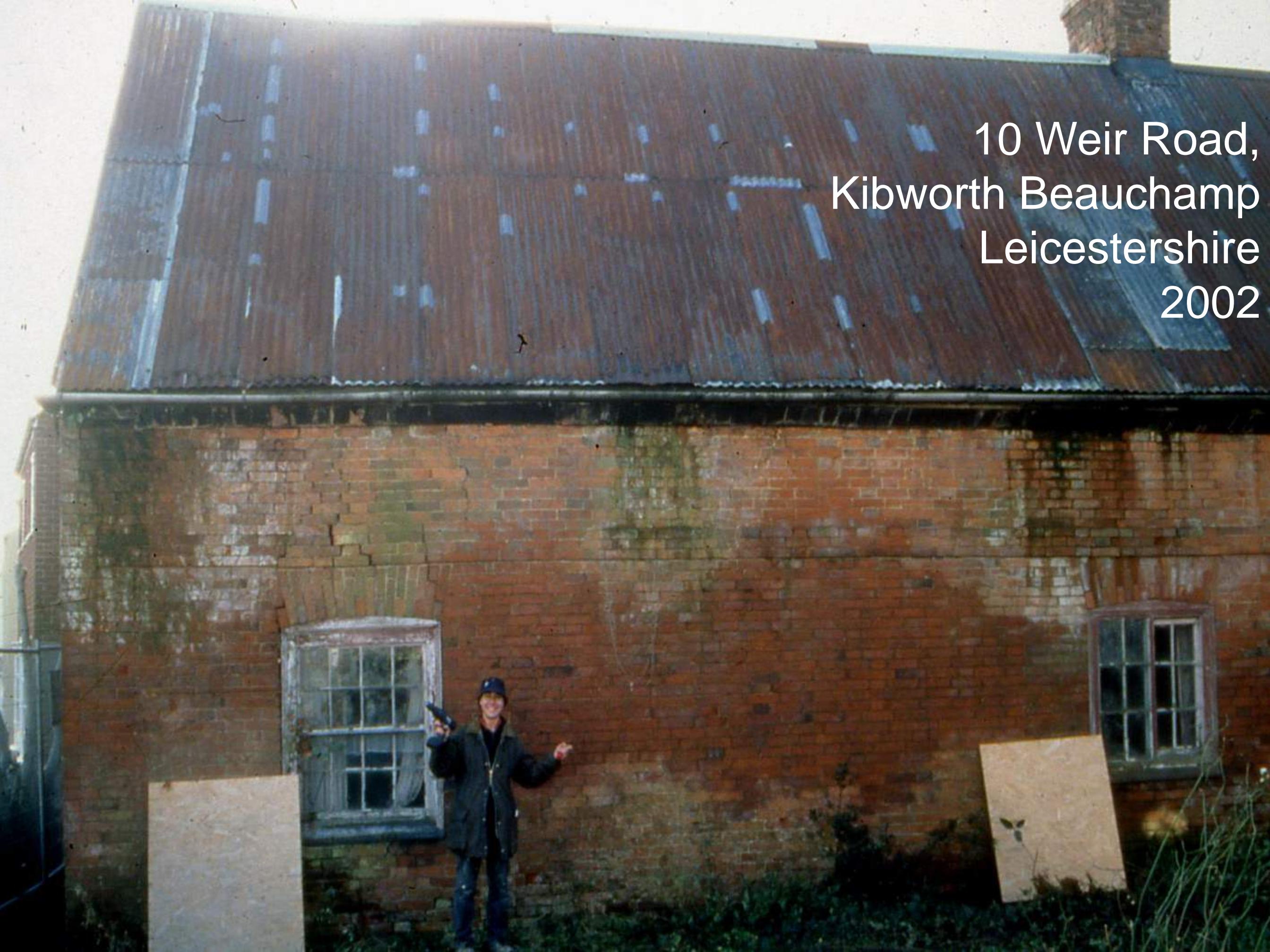
# SPAB Homeowner's Course





2002

10 Weir Road,  
Kibworth Beauchamp  
Leicestershire  
2002





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KEEP OUT











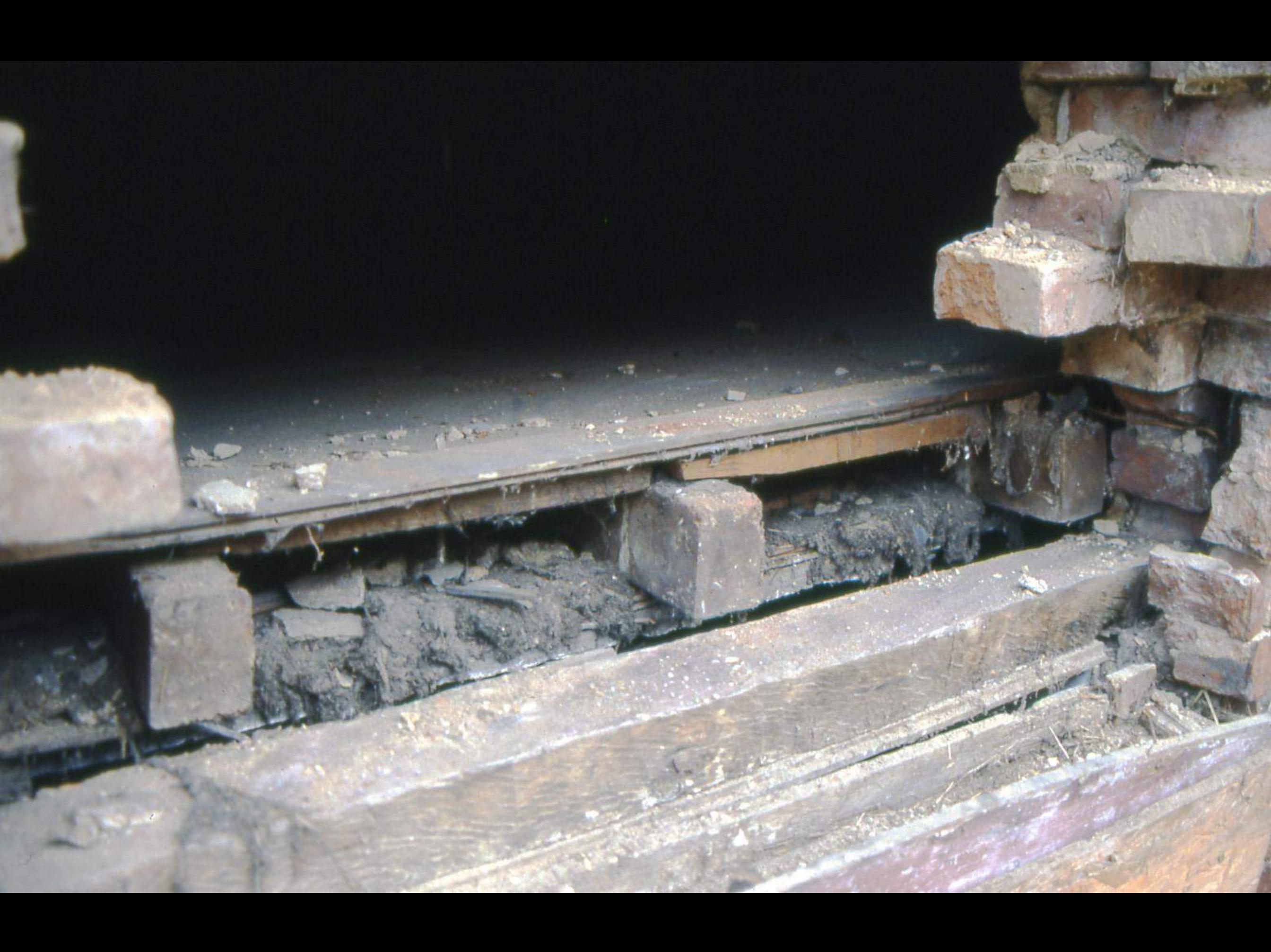






















Masonry bees in  
earth mortar

September 2004

: The A.J. Goode solution for lifting a heavy beam:

- ① Wait until pub opens.
- ② Enlist volunteers in return for beer.
- ③ Drink beer.
- ④ Lift heavy beam.





Limecrete floor



## LECA CONCRETE:

2 parts : medium  
4-10

1 part : large  
10-20

1½ parts : sharp sand

1½ parts : 3.5 lime

























‘Work is more fun than fun’















SPAB Scholars 2004 ?



















SPAB Scholars 2005 ?









Bromley's Farmhouse,  
Kibworth Beauchamp,  
Leicestershire





The Mihai Eminescu Trust  
Transylvania









# Peverill Castle







Dovecote at Barholm Old Hall, Lincolnshire



