

St Michael's Parish Church, Lyme Regis

A chance to see the Gilded Cockerel

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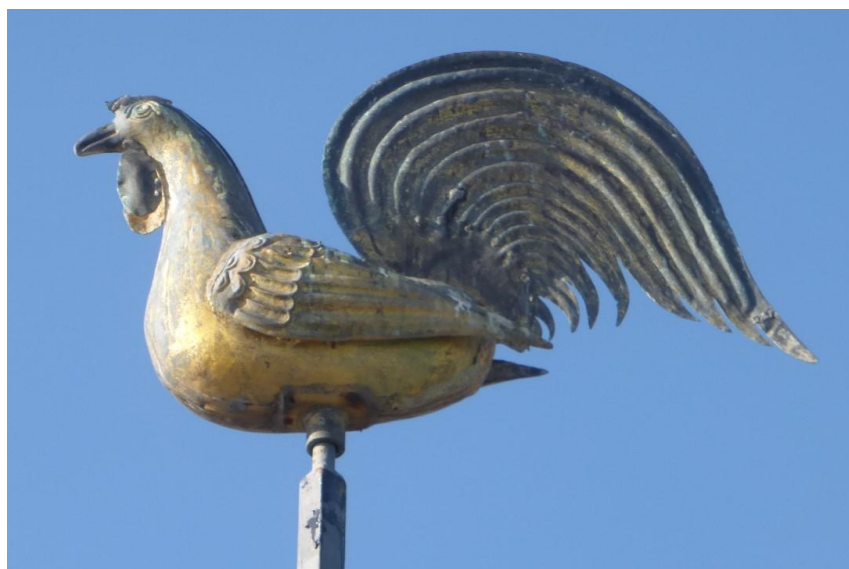
The ancient weather cock which has roosted on the tower of St Michael's Parish Church since the 17th century has come down from its perch.

The cockerel has been brought down from its vantage point for some vital repairs and re-gilding, and is currently on display in the church vestry. Parishioner Andrew Nicholson did the repairs. He said "It is supposed to date from about 1610. It is certainly in the church records from that date and we assume it is that particular one because there is no later date recorded.

"We have just re-gilded it and we have had to do some repairs to it. We are waiting for better weather to be able to put it back on top of the church tower."

To see the cockerel close-up may be a once in a lifetime opportunity, as Mr Nicholson thinks it will be a further 50 years or more before it is brought down for repairs.

He said "It should certainly last for 50 years - probably more."



Weather cock on its perch November 2019
Photo: Richard Wells