

## Clandon Park rebuilding 'hopeful'

The National Trust have released a statement saying that they are hopeful that Clandon Park can be rebuilt.

Alex Bush, General Manager at Hatchlands and Clandon Parks comments, "This announcement that we are hopeful of rebuilding Clandon is a positive step, as until now all options – not just rebuilding – have been on the table. The exact nature of the rebuild is going to be very much informed by what we find over the next few months as the salvage operation unfolds and the structural stability of the inside of the building is further assessed, but the good condition of the outside of the building gives us good hope for the future. Do have a look on the National Trust website for more on this, which includes some remarkable aerial footage taken which shows right down inside of the building:

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/article-1355900250028/>.

You'll also probably have been aware of quite a lot of coming and going as heavy goods vehicles have been delivering to Clandon Park over the last week. These include a large crane (another is arriving on Monday) and portakabin facilities in preparation for the major salvage operation which will be taking place over the coming months. We'll do our best to minimise disruption, but there will be quite a period of activity over the next few weeks. The site remains closed but the garden centre is very much still open, so please do continue to visit the garden centre. I'm working with the garden centre to set up a notice board with the latest updates as the project progresses, so that you can keep up to date. This should be ready next week."

The Parish Council is hosting a meeting at 8.00pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July in the village hall at which will update residents on plans for the future.