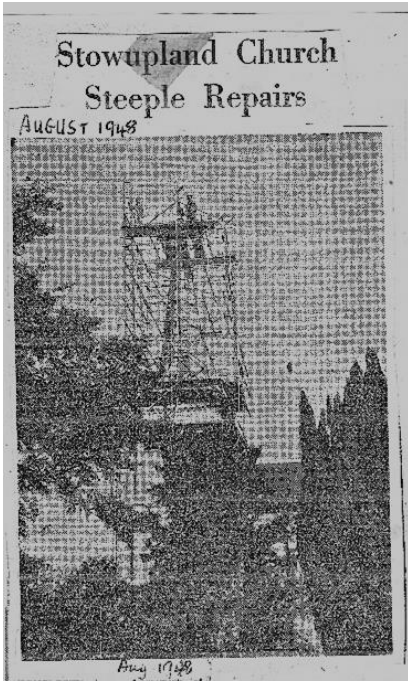


Newspaper Reports about Stowupland's Church Spire Repairs

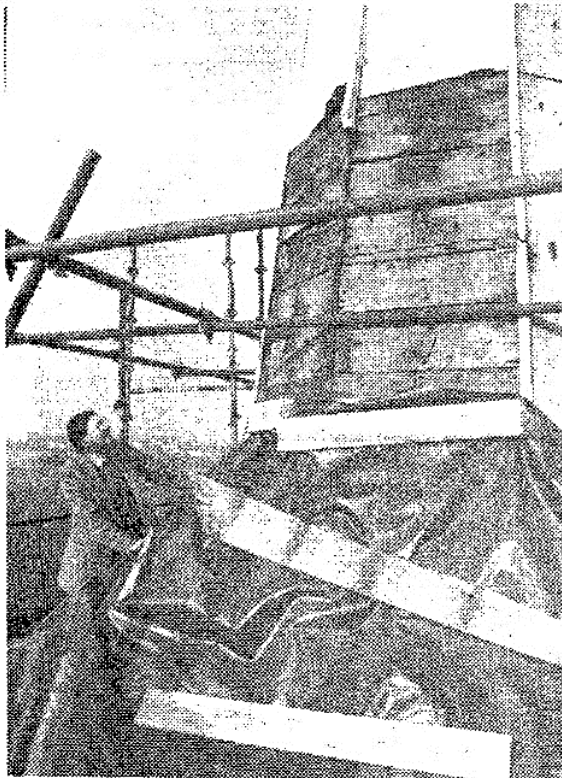


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**E**NCLOSED in a framework of aluminium alloy tubes, the 90ft. spire of Stowupland Parish Church awaits a new covering of sheet copper. Much of the woodwork will have to be replaced, together with the weather-vane, which has long ceased to function. The scaffolding was erected by the Ipswich firm of William Brown and Co., and W. Meekings and Co., of Creeting, are undertaking the entire restoration. During the laying of planks last week workmen on the last two stages found it difficult to keep a footing in the strong breezes. ~~Higher~~ above sea-level than that of Stowmarket Church, the spire is in the plan of a threepenny-piece, becoming four-sided to form a tower roof. The work, paid for by the church steeple repair fund, will take some weeks to complete.  
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# Spire repair work set to start



The Rev. David Mather looking at the damage to the church spire at Stowupland. 20/2/84

**STOWUPLAND** parish church's copper-plate spire is undergoing its first major repair.

The recent gale force winds ripped some of the sheeting off the spire.

Now a study of the damage has revealed that some of the wooden framework underneath is rotten and needs replacing.

Scaffolding has now risen around the spire, built in 1863, and repair work is expected to begin this week.

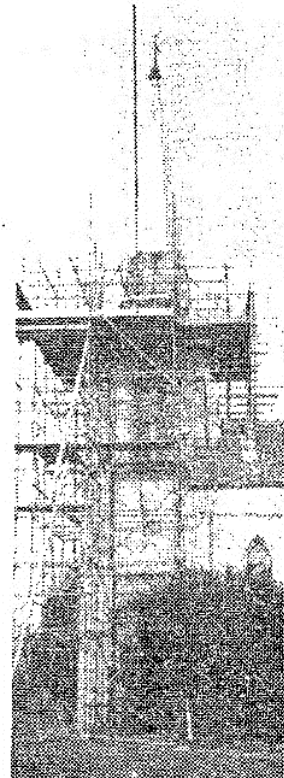
**Pigeons**

The church recently carried out work to the bell tower to prevent pigeons nesting inside.

Now Stowupland and Old Newton vicar, the Rev. David Mathers, said pigeons have found a new way in through the broken wooden slats.

The extra repair work means the cost, not yet known, will rise.

Although the cost is being met from the fabric fund Mr. Mathers said it would need to be replaced in case of future work.



Scaffolding around the church at Stowupland.