New Church Tower Roof.

Part 1963 Tower

On October 10th 1963, Mr F H Part and his Son commenced work on the tower roof.

Bells

The 3rd bell was removed and placed on bearers over the water tanks so that the centre was clear for use of winch to lower all the existing lead and woodwork of the tower's roof. All this was stripped and lowered, the centre oak beam after being sawn into 3 pieces, afterwards sold to Mr J Part for £2-15s. Three new R.S.J.s were raised into position and all the new 4"x4" and boards previously pressure treated against beetle attack. Felt was laid between these boards and the new lead, the 3rd bell being put back into her place on Wednesday 30th Oct. and a quarter peal was rung on Friday evening for Mr & Mrs J Page whose 25th wedding anniversary was the day before.

Internal plastering

Working in conjunction with the tower work Mr Part started his mason Mr Gamell on the plaster work inside the Church on 31st Oct replastering all the south

S Transept

wall of the South Transept and pointing behind the organ, making good plaster behind choir stall on south side of

Chancel

chancel, around window in vestry, over chancel arch, around window reveals and each side of south door. Most of this old and perished plaster had been removed by local voluntary labour previously November 27th-30th 1961.

On Tuesday 12th November 1963, the whole of the east end of chancel was completely stripped and then had to be replastered.

Roof

The vestry roof was stripped of slates, some new boarding and new battens laid and the slating renailed with copper nails.

The boiler house roof was also renailed

The rest of the church roofs were checked and slates renailed.

Water tanks

A new water tank was supplied for the hot water system in the tower, to be installed after the seasonal use of the heating.

The total cost of the above work by Mr Parr was £419.

The weight of new lead was 1 ton 4 cwt costing £142-10s and the allowance for old lead weighing 1 ton 8 cwts 2 grs 26 lbs was £77-4-4.

The cost of the girders was £44-19-0 woodwork £82-1-4, loan of block and tackle from Exeter £16-10s. Labour on the tower £123-11s. Total for tower £351-14-0d

Plastering internally materials £14-13-2 Labour £99-12-6, total £114-5-8.

Work on the roofs £96-5-10d.

Choir stalls

While the above work was in progress I was able to cut back the choir stalls on either side by 6 ins and thereby increase the central chancel passage by 1 foot in width.

During the work on the tower roof several local men helped as much as possible, putting in approx. 224 hrs of time and probably reducing the cost of the operation to Church funds by something between £50 and £75.

Mr W Broom
" E " "
" E Churchill
" A Clapp
" J " "
" A J Crabb
" E " "

Mr F Griffin — Financial Help to meet the
" W Isaac — cost of the above work.
" L Harker — Lupton Harvest Home Acc £66-16-3
" J Sage — Diocesan Board of Finance
" " " — Chancel Acc. £15-0-0
" " " — Grant from Diocese
" " Thorne — Ancient Churches Fund £100
" " "
" D "
" A Wright — Work completed except for
" R " — fixing tank by November 26th

1963
~ Chancel
DBqF

Note made during ringers outing to
Bickleigh 23-11-1963

Copied from memorial

Carew 1681 — Sir Henry Carew
who died 1681

and Dorothy his wife
daughter of Sir Reginald Mohun
Mohun 1676 — of Boconnoc died 1676.

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Church Lands. Electricity Line wayleave.

1964

All the correspondence with reference to this case has been deposited with Messrs Dunning & Bicknell 130 High St Honiton.

Early in April 1964 a representative of the South Western Electricity Board informed me that it was proposed to cross Windwhistle field O.S. No 518 with an 11,000 volt HT line.

Negotiations between the Trustees of this Charity Land, the Churchwardens for the time being, John Sage and Thomas Edgar Thorne; the Charity Commission; and the South Western Electricity Board, represented by Mr G.E. Dray, were very extended. In June the Charity Commission demanded a surveyors report to certify that the proposed line would in no way be detrimental to the interests of the Charity. This was provided by Mr Taylor of Messrs Burnell, Daniell, and Morrell. In September the correspondence dealing with this matter was put in the hands of a Solicitor, Mr Bicknell of Messrs Dunning and Bicknell who eventually got the seal of the Charity Commission on the Wayleave Agreements in mid December.

1859

Following are copies of the order of the Honiton County Court dated 22nd Sept 1859 transfering the legal estate; and the Declaration of the Commissioners dated 15th November 1859.

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In view of the above difficulties I wrote to Mr Robert Mathew M.P. and asked whether it might help him at any future time if he saw the very protracted details and correspondence.

He wrote to the Charity Commission asking for their observations.

The reply which he forwarded to me has been copied on page 158.

Dunnings Honiton Later collection

Your solicitor ← The correspondence has been deposited with

Copy of County Court order re. Luppitt Charities

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In the County Court of Devonshire holden at Honiton

1859

In the matter of the charity called Church Lands in the parish of Luppitt in the County of Devon

No. of charity 2

RECEIVED OCT 15 1859 CHARITY COM.

Upon the application of Edmund Stanyh of Honiton aforesaid Gentleman the Solicitor for Joseph Burrough of Luppitt aforesaid Yeoman one of the two surviving Trustees of the said Charity for an Order discharging Richard Burrough the other surviving Trustee from being a Trustee thereof and appointing new Trustees of the same together with the said Joseph Burrough and on reading the certificate of the Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales dated the 14th day of May 1859 and upon hearing the matter of the said application and Spencer Hurch Cox of Honiton aforesaid Gentleman Solicitor for the said Richard Burrough, and the said Joseph Burrough and Richard Burrough having each consented to retire from the management of the said Charity

It is ordered that the said Joseph Burrough and Richard Burrough be removed and that the Churchwardens for the Churchwardens (torn from paper: probably — time being of —) the said Parish of Luppitt be appointed Trustees of the said Charity (instead of the said Joseph Burrough and Richard Burrough) who are to administer manage and dispose of the rents and profits of the said charity as a majority of the

Parishioners in vestry assembled (in pursuance of a Public notice for the purpose) shall from time to time direct.

And it is further ordered that the real estate belonging to the said Charity Do vest in The Official Trustee of Charity Lands and his successors in trust for the said Charity

Given under the Seal of the Court this twenty second day of September 1859

By the Court

Registrar of the Court

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Charity Commission.

In the matter of The Charity called Church Lands
In the Parish of Luppitt
in the County of Devon

The Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales Do hereby declare their approval of an Order made on the 22nd day of Sept: 1859, By the County Court of Devonshire holden at Honiton in the matter of the above-mentioned Charity. whereby it was among other things ordered that Joseph Burrough & Richd Burrough therein described be removed & that the Churchwardens for the time being of the Parish of Luppitt above mentioned be appointed Trustees of the said Charity (instead of the said Josh. Burrough & Rd Burrough) who are to administer manage & dispose of the rents & profits of the said Charity as a majority of the Parishioners in Vestry assembled in pursuance of a public notice for the purpose shall from time to time direct.

1859

Churchwardens

a copy of which Order transmitted with all necessary particulars by the Registrar of the said Court was received by the said Board on the 15th day of October 1859.

Sealed By Order of the said Board, this 15 day of Novr One thousand eight hundred and fifty 9.

J. L

Secretary

FoT 1500 11-57

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Copy of Letter to Mr Robert Mathew T.D. M.P.
In response to his enquiry to the Charity Commission.
Ref. 5584.

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1965

The Charity Commission
14 Ryder St
St James S.W.1.
Tel Whitehall 7621
19th January 1965

Dear Mr Mathew

Thank you for bringing to my notice in your letter of 12th instant the procedure adopted in this office for considering the grant of a wayleave over Deptford Church Lands. I can only express my regret that it was wrong and quite out of proportion to such a small case: it was in fact the procedure intended for use in a weighty land transaction calling for detailed consideration, and even then it should have moved faster. There has, in fact, long been in force a staff instruction covering these cases, but by a human error it was overlooked.

This mistake was, I am afraid, the result of inexperience. We have had to recruit so many new people to enable us to meet the greatly increased tasks which the Charities Act 1960 has laid on the Charity Commission, that our experienced staff is very thinly spread round the office and much work has to be dealt with by others, who, in spite of a carefully considered training scheme, remain inexperienced. Safeguards to obviate this sort of mistake have been devised, but I greatly regret they failed in this case.

I am very sorry that your constituents have been put to so much trouble, but I should like them to know that the Commissioners do not intend that applications such as theirs should be dealt with in such a troublesome way.

I am returning the copy letter which you sent me.

Yours sincerely
C.P. HILL
Chief Charity Commissioner

1952 The Buildings of England 1952
South Devon
by Nikolaus Pevsner

Luppitt

Page 198 St Mary. Architecturally the roofs
Roof of St Mary are a triumph, waggon-roofs of
nave and transepts leading at the crossing
to a magnificent climax: long, broad
semicircular timbers from the corners
Boss of the crossing thrown diagonally from
NW to SE and SW to NE, with a boss in
the middle, a tent-like effect on a
Chancel generous, most spacious scale (cf. Honiton
and Ilsington). The chancel is late C13
Tower or early C14 with a separate chancel
arch, the W tower Perp (with diagonal
Font buttresses, stair turret and a proud
panelled tower arch). — The FONT is the
same as Luppitt, Norman of the most barbaric
native kind. A square bowl with heads
at the corners and the following representations:
centaur fighting two dragons, two men
fighting each other with nail-shaped big
clubs, a group of dachshund-like animals,
tree with dishevelled foliage (tree of life
treated by an exceptionally unconventional
Piscina carver?) + Pillar PISCINA. Norman, in
Plate chancel. — PLATE. Secular cup by Goldecott
1779 of London, 1779, and more pieces by the same.
Brass + BRASS. Fragment of a palimpsest brass
1430-40 with part of a female figure. C. 1430-1440.

Photographs. Plate 18(b) Church Interior. 31(a) Norman Font.

Introduction:- Page 18 The most ferociously carved of all Devon fonts — at Luppitt —
Page 23 Emphasis on the crossing is lacking except in the three churches of Honiton, Ilsington & Luppitt.

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Devon County Council. Reference Library Paignton.

Bells. 1906

The Bells of England 1906.

by. J. J. Raven. D. D. F.S.A.

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A more unlikely situation for a bell foundry, as things now stand, than Ash (anciently Aish) Priors, Somerset, could hardly be found, nor does the tiny village of the present day seem to have dwindled down from a business resort.

Aish Priors

Ecclesiastical influence may account for the operations of Roger Semson of that parish in his early days. I mention him in this chapter rather from his lettering, etc. than from his period, for his work extended into the reign of Queen Mary. The accounts of Woodbury parish, Devon, taken from Appendix G to Ellacombe's Church Bells of Devon, give a picture of the time. The churchwarden on horseback was in command of the company of "carriers" who set out from Woodbury on a Sunday with nine oxen to draw the burden of the old bells. Their first day's journey was to Larksbere where five men were accomodated; but at Milverton next day the number was increased to nine. Thence by Halse they reached Aish Priors in time for "denar" stayed there a day, and returned by the same route. "Roger Symsonne" (as his name is spelt in the accounts), "the belluter," received "in pte of payment of a more same x^ii," and in the following year two sums of v^ii and one of iij^ii xviij^s ij^d. His bells are often marked R. S., and on a bell at Luppit, Devon, it occurs backwards (NOSMES REGOR EM IB). As Semson,

Semson

Queen

Woodbury

Ellacombe

Woodbury Bell

Aish Priors

Luppit

These reversed