Carriages

----- and desire them not to proceed in the construction of the Carriages until I have the honor of hearing from you. — When we will get them finished off hand, & shipped compleat in the first Ordnance Vessel which sails for the Gun Wharf at Plymouth Dock. — I am convinced the Commanding Officer of Artillery in that Garrison will with pleasure let -- draft Exeter Horses take them to Exeter. — Should you not be able to recall to your recollection the construction of the Carriages in question — with due deference to your opinion, should advise having two neat Field Carriages made without entering into the complicated construction of the Spanish ones.

I have the Honor to be Dear Sir
Your faithful humble Servant
Spicer W.m Spicer.

Major General Simcoe.

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Elizabeth Postuma Simcoe 1762 – 1850
A Biography by M.B. Fryer.

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His mother and sisters from Eton, and Charlotte informed Miss Hunt that Miss Burgess had probably injured Her already indifferent Health by coming to Her mother's side.

An account of the funeral appeared in the Exeter Flying Post on Thursday 6 November 1806:

General Simcoe's Burial

On Tuesday the remains of the late much lamented General Simcoe were removed from his apartments, at the rev. Archdeacon Hoore's in this city, to his family seat at Wolford Lodge, for interment. The funeral was most respectably attended: three mourning coaches followed the hearse in which were the chief mourners, the confidential friends of the late general, and his servants. After them came the general's carriage, attended by two servants in deep mourning on horseback. In succession we noticed the following gentlemen in carriages: General Rowles and Thomas, with the staff, Lords Clifford and Graves, Sir Stafford Northcote, Sir Wm. Pole, Sir John Kennaway, the High-Sheriff, admiral Richard Graves, Mr Baring, Mr Morshead, Colonel Chester

Colonel Coleridge, major Dickinson, hon Dalrymple, etc. All the troops having quitted this city on account of the election, the Exeter regiment of volunteers assembled at the three-mile stone on the Honiton road, to pay a compliment to the deceased general. From thence his remains were escorted by a squadron of dragoons, the volunteers assembling at various passes to line the road, whilst the procession passed on. At Honiton the troops were all drawn out, and minute guns fired.

3 mile Stone

In short, every respect which could be paid to an esteemed and much-lamented commander was shown on this occasion. The body was interred by ~~about~~ torch light, about six in the evening."

John Bailey

John Bailey mentioned specific military units and their relationship to the general. The East Devon Yeomanry Cavalry were stationed at a battery on St Cyres Hill, near Wolford, a regiment Simcoe had raised personally. Other cavalry was the Dunkeswell troop of Simcoe's tenants. The militia was proceeded by a detachment of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, one of them leading Simcoe's horse, boots reversed in the stirrups, his arms on the saddle.

Battery St Cyres

Chapel

When the procession reached Wolford Chapel, thousands were there

The Church field was crowded. The Luppitt Company of Artillery (volunteers from the Village of Luppitt raised by Simcoe) was there with the guns, which were fired when the body was put in the grave, which shook the very house of Wolford.

Luppitt Artillery

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A letter from the Victoria & Albert Museum 4th December 1967
to The Clerk of the Council Leatherhead

A letter from the Clerk of Council Leatherhead 7th December
to Dept. of Metalwork V & A Museum 1967

A letter from Victoria & Albert Museum 15th December
to Clerk of Leatherhead Urban District Council 1967
Quality of Cannons.

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by
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Fixed to the East wall of the Angel Hotel at Honiton facing the War Memorial outside St Paul's Church, is the Commemorative Bronze Plaque

The Trafalgar Way

Honiton

Honiton – 8th Post-Horse change

21/10/1805 On Monday 21st October 1805 the Royal Navy decisively defeated a combined French and Spanish fleet off Cape Trafalgar on the south west coast of Spain. This victory permanently removed the threat of invasion of England by the Napoleon armies of Napoleon Bonaparte.

The first official dispatches with the momentous news of the victory, and the death in action of Vice Admiral Lord Nelson, were carried to England PICKLE on board HM Cooner PICKLE by her Captain Lapenotiere Lieutenant John Richards Lapenotiere.

Falmouth Lapenotiere landed at Falmouth on Monday 4th November 1805 and set out "express by post-chaise" for London, following what is now the 37 hours Trafalgar Way. He took some 37 hours to cover the 271 miles 271 mile journey, changing horses 21 times. The eighth such change was made at Honiton £2-14s early on the 5th November at a cost of £2-14 shillings Lapenotiere delivered his dispatches to the 6/11/1805 Admiralty at 1 AM on Wednesday 6th November. The news was passed to the Prime Minister and the King at once, and special editions of newspapers were published later the same day to inform the nation.

(A map of southern England gives a sketch of the route taken with names of towns.)

Erected by Honiton Town Council on 18th August 2005 to inaugurate the Trafalgar Way from Falmouth to London and to honour the men of Honiton who fought for their country at Trafalgar.

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The Angel Gate of Luffitt.

There are all sorts of things happening this year, a new wave of time capsules and parties. Gardens, and historic memorials being swung into action for this millennium year.

Almost completely by chance we have stumbled onto the most wonderful idea for our Church, to carry us through the next 1000 years, and it will equal the craft of the last one.

For those who came to the Tapestry of Luffitt, and I think most did, the door of the tower was open and a beautiful display showed the lovely turning stairs and entrance to the tower. Having the tower door open also helps the air circulation up and down.

Following this and for talks about security we talked about a gate and Matt Dingle, a local wrought iron worker, has designed an Angel Gate for us. She is carrying a Bell for the belfry We are so thrilled it will be made and fitted early this year, and everyone can peep in and see her!!

Now the crunch, we have collected about a quarter of the money, and for this piece of history we feel the people of Luffitt would probably like to have a part in it. So if you would like to send, or I will collect a donation every penny will count.

If you would like more information do phone us, or ~~I will collect~~ just post something, here are two addresses:

Mary-Ann McCaig. Mathayes Luffitt Tel. 891285

Wendy Watson. Dipsy Doodle. Luffitt. Tel. 891959

Look forward to hearing from you!

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Organ

The organ Restoration

Work has now started on the restoration of the organ, a long and complicated task. Mr Michael Farley, who is carrying out the overhaul, plans to have the job finished in time for Easter.

In the meantime, it is regretably necessary to keep the church locked during the daytime, as there are many large and heavy component parts now disassembled, which would pose a significant Health and Safety risk to visitors. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience or disappointment this may cause.

Keys are, as always, held at Oakdell and at the Dipsy Doodle.

The organ referred to above was manufactured by Thomas S. Jones and Sons of London in 1908, and was dismantled and renovated by Osmonds of Taunton in 1954, and an electric blower fitted after the mains arrived in 1958. It contains nearly 600 pipes. An early photograph shows a previous organ in the vestry archway.

Queen Jubilee

Queen Victoria Jubilee Memorial.

An earlier note written some years ago, and so far not located, referred to the Queen Victoria Jubilee memorial, which is still existing in the retaining wall of the school playground at the north side of school lane. Reference to it is made in the Index sheet, but the Red Students book it mentions has not been found so that at present I am unable to give much detail on it.

A photograph was taken on the 14th April 1988 which clearly shows the lions face carved in stone and set centrally in a recessed arch, which might suggest that water came from its mouth as a free supply for the village residents, but this can only be conjecture.