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Floods

Throughout the summer Yarpole has suffered two major floods following heavy rain over a number of hours, especially in and around



The Square.

This already frightening situation was made worse with the threat of thousands of gallons of water cascading on to the village from the Croft Fish Pools due to the earth dams giving way.



Emergency repair work stabilised the dams and this threat was reduced.

There appears no quick solution to this flooding problem but Welsh Water and Hereford Council are involved with our Parish Council and those parishioners who are directly involved. Lets hope there is light at the end of the sewer.

Footpath Bridge

A new footpath bridge has been installed at entrance to Lower House Farm fields by the Pumping Station, hopefully this will allow walkers & ramblers to remain dry shod while they enjoy strolling around our beautiful village.



Nature Notes

Possibly the wettest summer for many years and this after such a fine early Spring. Gardener's report failed crops and generally a poor fruit harvest. Also butterflies, Swallows & Swifts not seen in their usual numbers.

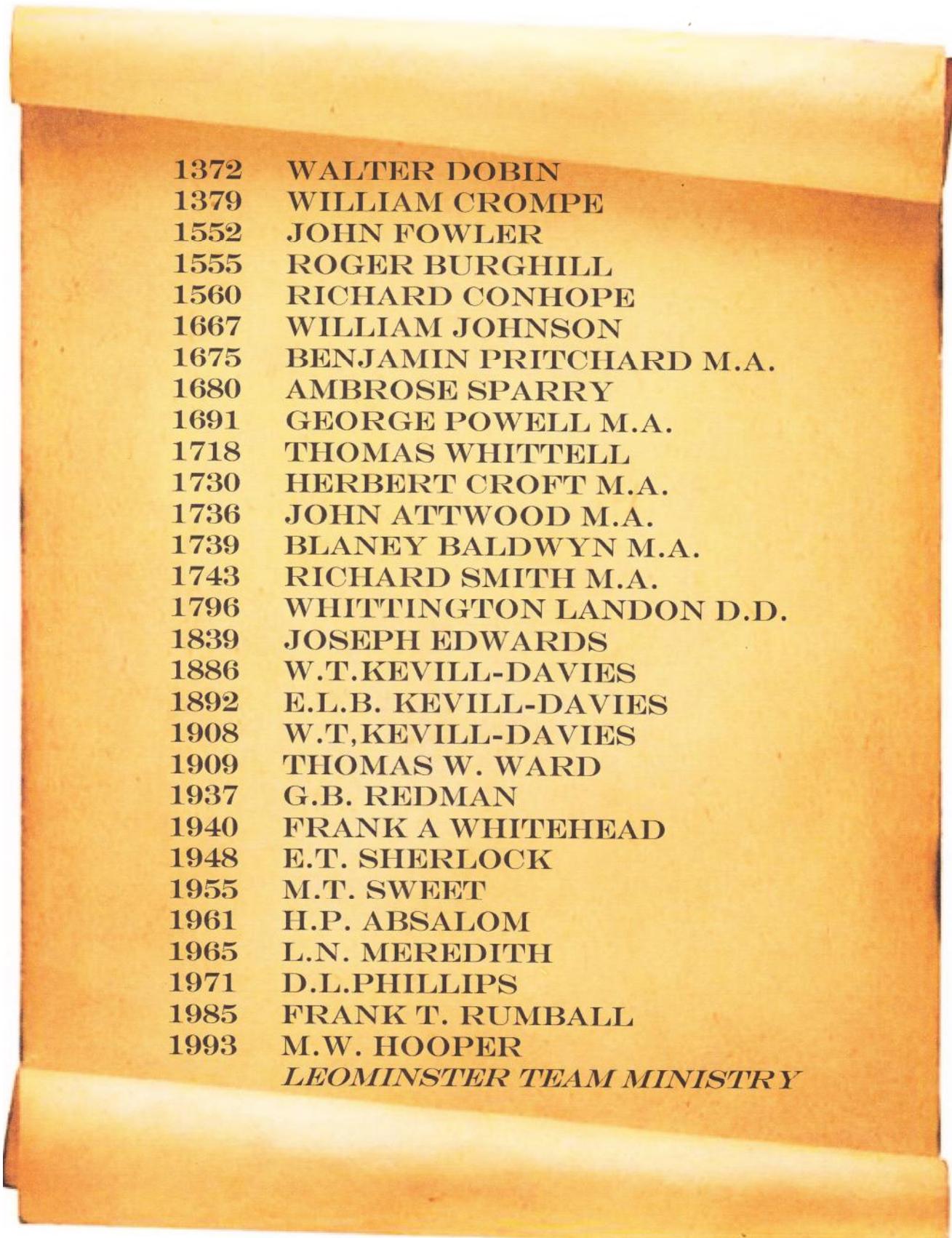
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Date of Next Meeting

Will be the AGM on Thursday 8th Nov at 7.30pm in the C'tee Room of the Village Hall.

The List of Incumbents 1:



1372	WALTER DOBIN
1379	WILLIAM CROMPE
1552	JOHN FOWLER
1555	ROGER BURGHILL
1560	RICHARD CONHOPE
1667	WILLIAM JOHNSON
1675	BENJAMIN PRITCHARD M.A.
1680	AMBROSE SPARRY
1691	GEORGE POWELL M.A.
1718	THOMAS WHITTELL
1730	HERBERT CROFT M.A.
1736	JOHN ATTWOOD M.A.
1739	BLANEY BALDWIN M.A.
1743	RICHARD SMITH M.A.
1796	WHITTINGTON LANDON D.D.
1839	JOSEPH EDWARDS
1886	W.T.KEVILL-DAVIES
1892	E.L.B. KEVILL-DAVIES
1908	W.T,KEVILL-DAVIES
1909	THOMAS W. WARD
1937	G.B. REDMAN
1940	FRANK A WHITEHEAD
1948	E.T. SHERLOCK
1955	M.T. SWEET
1961	H.P. ABSALOM
1965	L.N. MEREDITH
1971	D.L.PHILLIPS
1985	FRANK T. RUMBALL
1993	M.W. HOOPER
	<i>LEOMINSTER TEAM MINISTRY</i>

The history of the Church of St. Leonard would be incomplete were it not to include the 'Roll of Incumbents' which would commemorate those who have preached within its walls and, since 1330 or thereabouts when the church was built, cared for some 25 or so generations of folk from this Parish; but no such monument is displayed in the Nave, no inscribed stone plaque, no gilt lettered oak board, not even a hand-written parchment scroll.

And so, with the help of the Librarian at the Hereford Cathedral Library, an outline draft of the 'Roll of Incumbents' has been drawn-up. The main source was *The Diocese of Hereford, Institutions, etc., from 1539*, compiled in 1913 by A.T. Bannister, and known as "Bannister's Institutions". The two names from before 1539 (Walter Dobin and William Crompe) are to be found in the records of the Cantelupe Society where they are linked to "St. Mary's Chantry, Yarpole". (*This calls out for a further intriguing piece of research*)

This outline draft is, inevitably, incomplete in many respects; most obvious are the gaps in the time-line, from 1586 to 1603, where the original Registers were lost, and from 1636 to 1661 due to the Civil War. There are other 'lapses' "*by ye fault of the Registers deputys*"!

Because of the way the information is presented in 'Bannister's Institutions', the dates should be seen as 'indicative' rather than as 'definitive'.

Another complication is that under the system of patronage of the Lord of the Manor a Rector (at Croft) and a Vicar (at Yarpole) could be in post simultaneously and only the name of the Rector recorded in the 'Institutions'.

Note: Patronage, or rather 'the Right to present to a Benefice' ('advowson'), was a property right in the ownership of the Lord of the Manor and it was not until 1986 that the orderly transfer of this Right to the relevant Diocesan Authority was regulated under the 'Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986'

This Article, therefore, should be seen as the first stage in a process; a recognition of the need to have a record of the Roll of Incumbents and the basis on which to build, by further research, a worthy monument to their memory.

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The Three Banners:

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The three banners were created by Mark Richards for the opening and blessing by Anthony, Bishop of Hereford, of the St. Leonard's Church Community Project on the 16th January 2010.

Overleaf, Mark Richards sets out how he approached this project.

“My starting point was to find an image to best convey the recent transition of part of St. Leonard’s into a community building whilst affirming the core presence of the church and its traditions.

The Community project provided me with the photographs that Ian Mortimer had taken to record the progress of the building work. I was struck by the similarity between the richness of colours on the builder’s plant machinery, transformers and power tools and the stained glass windows. This seemed a perfect visual link from which to begin.

I made collages of Ian’s progress photographs and superimposed the leading patterns from the stained glass windows in the west end onto them. Printing them as long, hanging banners and placing them in the nave of the church is as sumptuous celebration of the achievement of the people of Yarpole and their extraordinary invigoration of, and respect for, this building.

Technical guidance and printing was provided by William Chitham of Black Door; and thanks to Rob Woolley, of the Old Rectory, for hanging the work”

Mark Richards February 2010

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Memorial Brass Plates 1

The most recent :

This plate is to be found on the new Plant Stand (to the right of the porch) which was built and presented to the church in memory of Julie Poole, by her husband, Gareth.



The most prominent:

On the south wall of the chancel just above the end of the altar rail.



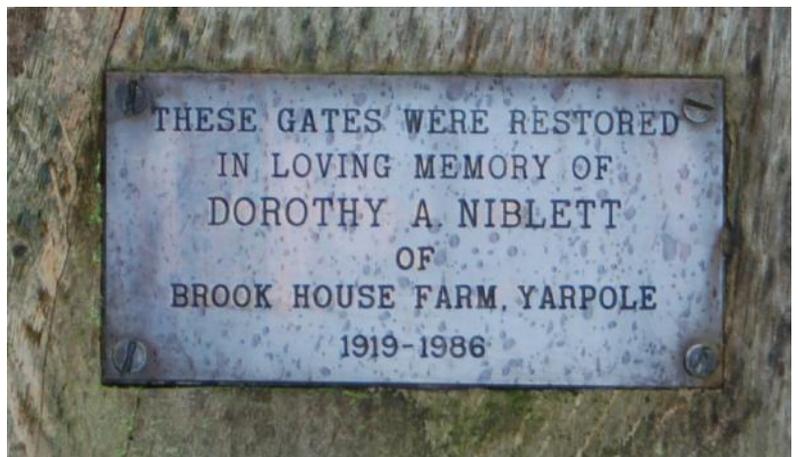
The least prominent:



This small plate is to be found on the front of the cabinet, on the north side of the altar, which houses the altar frontals and was purchased from monies raised at the funeral, in 1980, of William Talbot, the husband of May Talbot who came to Yarpole as a Land Girl during the Second World War and who is still living in the village.

The most obscure:

This brass plate was, until 2009, to be found on the back of the right-hand gatepost at the church entrance from Green Lane. When Dorothy Niblett of Brook House Farm died in 1980 her family, in her memory, paid for the gates to be restored and it was in 2009, as part of the wider improvements associated with the re-ordering of the church, that the gates were removed to allow easier access. It is to be hoped that an alternative use will be found for these gates and that the brass plate will be re-instated.



The most numerous:

As part of the re-ordering of the church in 2009, the Victorian pews were removed to be replaced by modern comfortable chairs each paid for by a donation of £50 and each chair having its own individual brass plate.



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