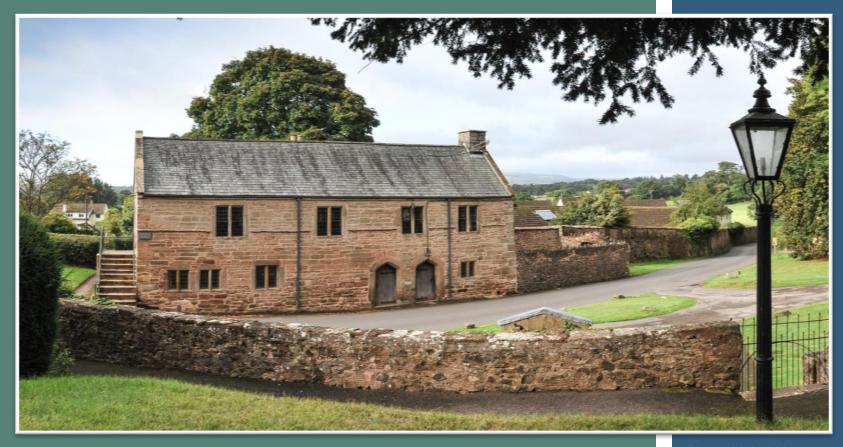
The History of Church House, Crowcombe



Peter Menneer & Catherine Brew

Photo: Valori Menneer

Church House 500 years old ~ Grade 2* listed ~ a Charity



Crowcombe – a feudal rural community

A small village, located by the Quantock Hills. The Domesday Book of 1086 lists the village as 'Crawcombe'. Believed to come from the Old English words craw and cumb, meaning 'steep combe'.



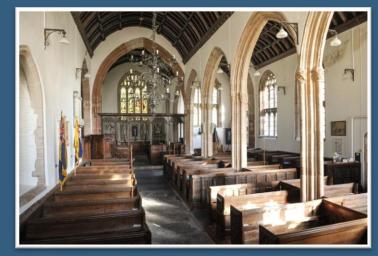
The village Cross, 14th Century Land owning families.

Church of the Holy Ghost. Tower 14thC. South aisle 16thC.

The Church House story begins



Crowcombe Church



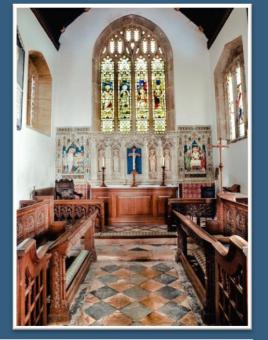




Photo: Catherine Brew

'Church Ales' were held in the church nave.

- at Whitsuntide
- at church dedication festivals
- at patronal feasts
- to fund church repairs
- as bride ales
- as clerk ales

No pews.

After the Reformation, separation from the Roman Catholic Church and establishment of the Church of England, the Puritan Movement valued purity in worship & doctrine, and personal piety.



Parishes were then encouraged to build Church Houses.

What were Church Houses?

Secular buildings created specifically for the purpose of holding community fundraising festivities. Mostly established early 16th Century.

Managed by the church wardens as a semi public building.

Hundreds were built, especially in Devon and Somerset. An important role in village life.

"There were no rates for the poor in my grandfather's time; but for Kington St Michael, the church ale at Whitsuntide did the business." – John Aubrey, 1714

53 in Somerset, 21 identified. Only 2 remain intact as community buildings – Crowcombe and Chew Magna.







Ch	urch House, Crowcombe 500 years old Grade 2 * listed a Charity
1515 - c1660	A community building, principally for holding 'church ales'
c1660 - 1872	Downstairs – home for 3 destitute families Upstairs – the Carew charity school
1872 - 1907	Redundant, progressively derelict
1908	Restoration
1908 – present day	A community building again

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1086 Robert of Mortain given the Manor of Crowcombe by William the Conqueror.

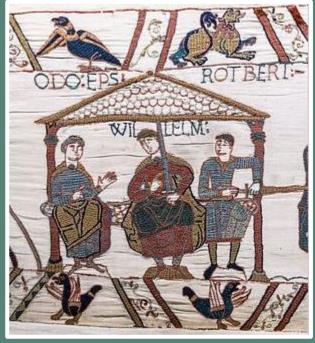


Photo: Bayeux Tapestry

Rotbert (sic), Count of Mortain (right), sits at the left hand of his half-brother William, Duke of Normandy

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- **1227** Godfrey de Craucombe Weekly market, a three day fair, a borough
- **1236** Manor shared between two Crowcombes, Godfrey and Simon Godfrey's share willed to Prioress of Studley *Crowcombe-Studley*

Godfrey's half of the Manor...

"By his will he gave to the nuns of Studley in Oxfordshire for the sake of his own soul and for the soul of his two wives Alice and Joan all his lands and property in Crowcombe together with the advowson of the parish church"

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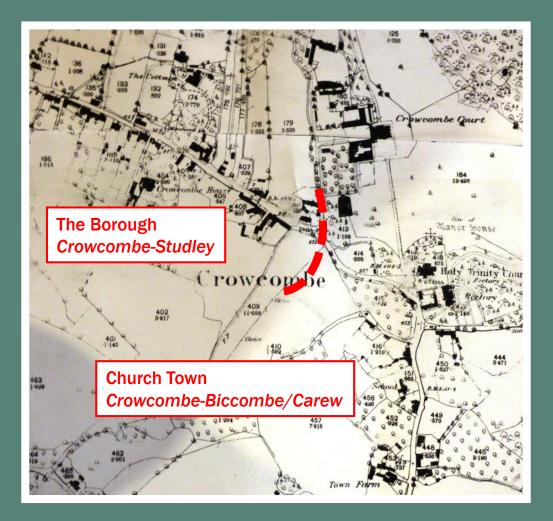
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Simon's stayed within the family. From time to time no male heir – hence: Crowcombe-Biccombe Crowcombe-Carew Trollope Trollope-Bellew

1894 Estate reunited. Ethel Trollope bought back the *Crowcombe-Studley* half.

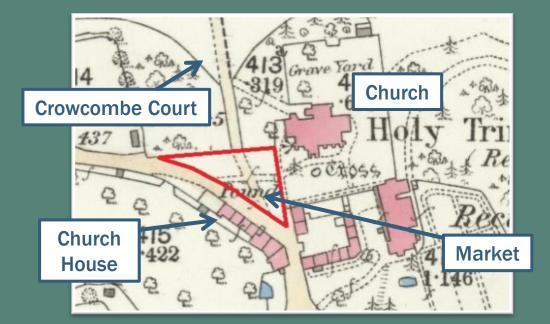
The Manor of Crowcombe divided into two



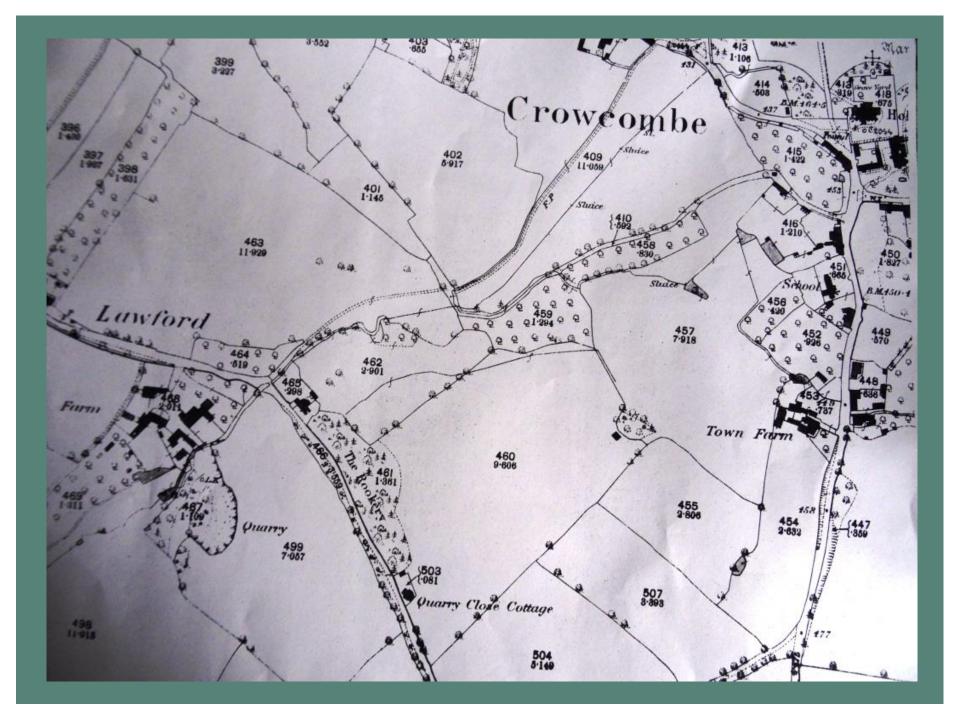


Church House - A gift from the Manors of Crowcombe

of a house and garden for the building of a 'church house' – opposite the Church and where the weekly market was probably held.







Stone Quarry and Lime Kiln



Otter Sandstone

Photo: Valori Menneer

The Design of Church House

Upstairs: the community hall Downstairs: baking bread and brewing ale







Pentice roof at Church House, Widecombe, Devon

Photo: Valori Menneer

Original use of Church House

Ground Floor

- Kitchen
- Offices for officials administering: the weekly Market (originally on Fridays, later changed to Mondays) and the annual Fair (31 Oct – 2 Nov)
- Storerooms

First Floor

- Parish Meetings
- Guild Meetings
- Borough Courts
- Manor Courts
- Church Ales



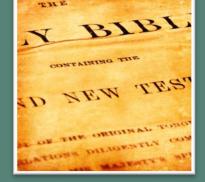
The Puritan Movement



Early 17th Century Adoption of stricter religious practices, to 'purify' the Church of England of Roman Catholicism



1604 King James 1 calls Hampton Court Conference



1611 Publication of the King James Bible, written by 47 scholars



Church House reflects changing times

DOWNSTAIRS

Became home forCrowcombe's destitute

UPSTAIRS

Carew charity School





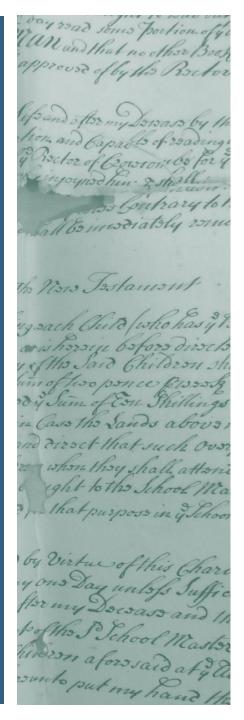
Carew Charity School

Opened around 1660, funded by legacies from:

- Elizabeth Carew (1669)
- The Rev Dr Henry James, son of a past rector (1716)
- Thomas Carew (1733)

For about 40 children from poor families in Crowcombe and Clatworthy

"For the education of fforty [sic] Poor children ... of parents bred and educated in and propossing [sic] the protestant religion... who are incapable of education... out of any real or personal estate of their own." Thomas Carew, 1733



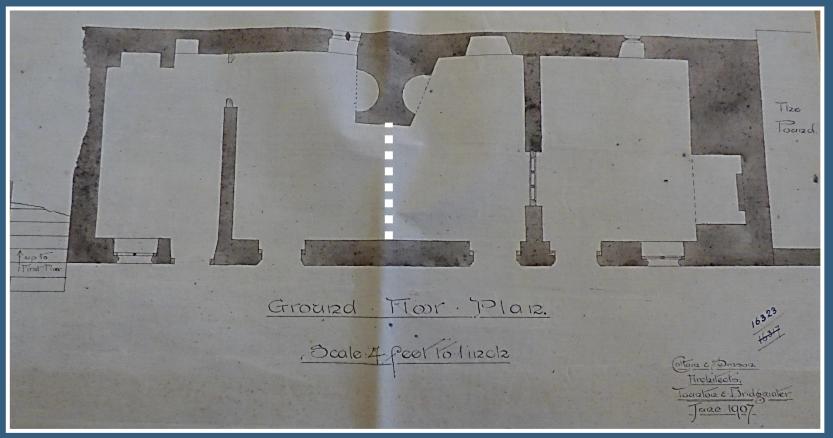
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"I direct that no Child shall be taught to write before he can perfectly read the New Testament"

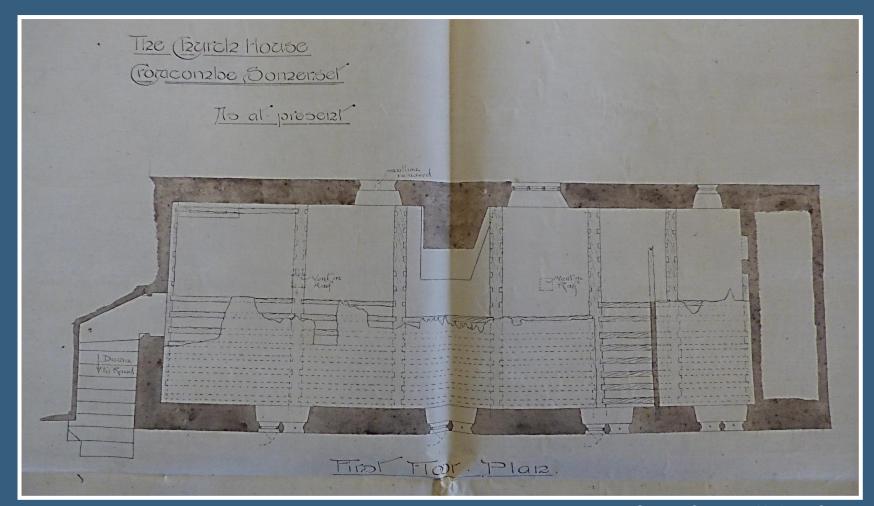
Church House, the 'Poor House' for two centuries

Downstairs was home to three poor families.



Source: Somerset Heritage Centre

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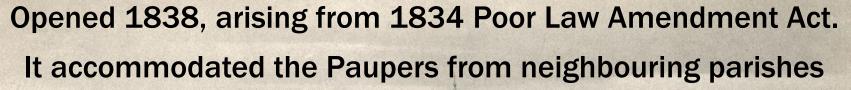
'2/- laid out for the sheaves of wood in the cold weather for the Church House people' (1695)

'Paid Elizabeth Poole for cleansing out of the Church House after Sarah Pine died' (1700)

'Ordered that John & Sarah Coles be permitted to live in the western part of the Church House' (1768) Plus two adjacent thatched cottages for six additional poor people

The Churchwardens and Vestry administered and managed the combined 'Poor House'

Williton Workhouse



- including Crowcombe.



Adjacent Cottages

Sold 1849 Remaining three occupants moved to Church House



Crowcombe Village School Opened 1872

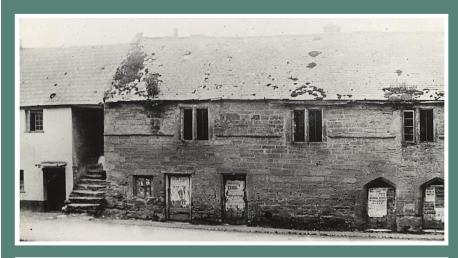








The Decline of Church House





Made redundant by the opening of: Williton Workhouse in 1838 Crowcombe Village School in 1872

No regular income to pay for roof repairs needed in 1876

Whose responsibility is it to maintain the building?

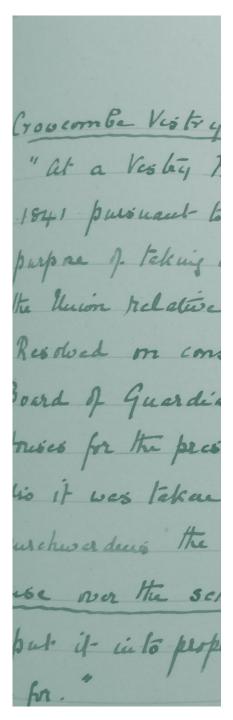
Who Owns Church House?

Vestry Meeting resolve to write (1878):

'to Mr Easton (representing the Carew estate) and Mr Wills (representing Sir RB Harvey) to ascertain whether they laid any claim to the said Church House, on behalf of their respective clients.'

The Manors claim ownership and

'object to any sale or disposition of such property by the Parish.'



Vestry tempted to hand over Church House (1876)

Motion put to the Vestry:

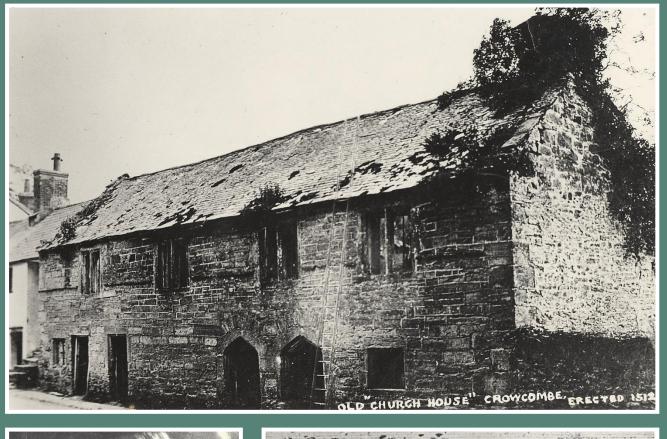
'that the Parish do not repair the Church Houses, but that they be given up to the manors of Crowcombe Studley and Crowcombe Biccombe'

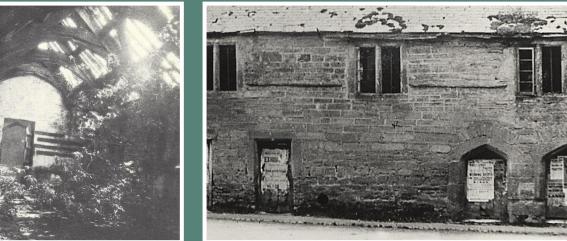
Cooler heads win the day with an amendment:

'that further consideration of the Church House property and any repairs thereto be adjourned for further consideration.'

In practice no repairs were commissioned for the next 30 years.







By 1907 Church House is a ruin

Roof open to the sky

Upper floor had collapsed

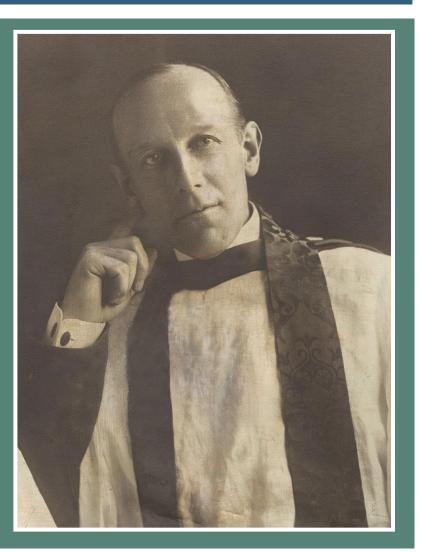
The Rev Henry Christian Young

Appointed Rector of Crowcombe in 1901

A bachelor living with his mother, sisters and a brother at Crowcombe House

Determined to save and restore Church House

Could Church House become a charity?

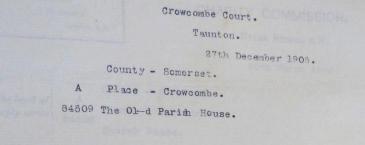


The Charity Commission investigates (1905)

Does Mrs Ethel Trollope claim ownership?

She does.

'The ruins of the Church House form part of the Manors and it was in this House the poor nominated by the Rector and Churchwardens were received and the Carew Charity held a School'



Sirs,

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant I have to observe that your Commissioners are evidently mistaking the Old Church House (which is still existing although in ruins and part of the Manors of Crowcombe Stockers, and Crowcombe Bickham) for the Old Parish House which was sold by the Parish at the time of the formation of the Poor Law Unions to a Mr Sweeting.

The Overseers of the Poor were the owners of the Old Parish House which as already stated was sold many years ago. The Ruins of the Church House form part of the Manors and it was in this House the poor nominated by the Rector and Churchwardens were received and the Carew Charity held a School previous to the building of the present School Yours faithfully.



urs faithfully. Ethel M.Trollope.

Mr Young undertakes a major investigation of parish records (1906)

The Manors had made a gift of Church House to the Parish.

For centuries the Churchwardens had administered Church House

He concluded:

'The above evidence.... is too strong to be overcome by the mere statement by the present Lady of the Manor, which statement up to the present has never been supported by any evidence whatever....

If the Lord of the Manor had evidence in support of his claim, why has he not made good his claim, instead of allowing the building to become a perpetual eyesore, exactly opposite the entrance to his house?'

Mrs Trollope concedes (1907)

The Charity Commission reported back: 'Mrs Trollope does not intend to proceed further with her claim to the ownership of Church House.' y - Somerset. - Crowcombe. - d Parish House.

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Church House established as a Charity (1907)

5 Trustees:

'The Rector and Churchwardens of the Parish of Crowcombe
The Rural Dean for Crowcombe The Archdeacon of Taunton'
Statutes require that the building be

used for:

'parochial purposes in connexion with the Church of England as the Trustees from time to time think proper'



County-SOMERSET. Parish-CROWCOMBE. Charity-Church House.

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Vesting in Official Trustee of Charity Lunds, and Appointment of Trustees.

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CHARITY COMMISSION.

In the Matter of the Charity called or known as the CHURCH HOUSE, in the Parish of CROWCOMBE, in the County of SOMERSET;

and In the Matter of "The Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894."

The Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Utates, upon an application made to them on the Sth September 1906, in writing, signed by The Reverend HENRY CHRISTIAN YOUNG, Rector of the abore-mentioned Parish; and CHARLES JORDAN, CHARLES ABRAHAM MASEY, JOHN HENRY BAKER, and JOHN HUTCHINGS BEAMER, being inhabitants of the said Parish within which the abovementioned Charity is administered or applicable: e625.

Appointment of Architect

Mr A Basil Cottam gives an initial opinion 'It is extremely dilapidated and rapidly becoming ruinous. Prompt action should be taken if it is to be saved from serious structural failure'

Likely cost: at least £500

c£50,000 in today's money

Mr Cottam is commissioned

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Source: Somerset Heritage Centre

'Subject to the weather being favourable, I will arrange to come over for the purpose on Wednesday next the 29th inst, with an assistant, by the train due at Crowcombe Station at 11.03am, when I shall be greatly obliged if you can conveniently meet us and drive us from the Station. I am much obliged for your kind invitation to Lunch on that occasion, of which I will gratefully avail myself. I am, Dear Sir, yours truly......'

Invited to:

- Do survey of building
- Draw up specification for restoration
- Prepare cost estimates
- ... and to stay to lunch

Mr Trollope presented logistical problems for Mr Cottam

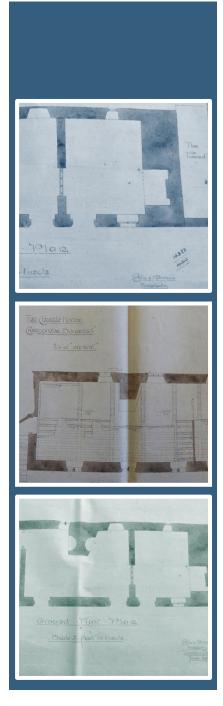
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43 & 45, HIGH STREET, BRIDGWATER. 8 the Sume 1904 dy dear Ser, Browcombe Church House. Thank you for your letter of the 6 " received this morning. I am very glad you are pleased with the Photographs of I. Building the Building. My letter of yesterday has crossed yours and, no doubt, you will be able to arrange for the attendance of the charm on chonday, if the weather be fine. I think we have practically completed our Survey of the wall adjoining the Orchard. At least & think we can get all the particulars we now I am surprised at che Grollope's refusal to let us go into the Orchard. I do not for a moment believe

that he can prevent us from going there for legitimate purposes in connection with the building. I shall, however, be pleased to look the question up and refer it also to De Powell, as desired . Ithink probably your new is correct and sound and that we should simply go there and do what is necessary, taking great care to cause no damage to his property. I presume we shall be able to get into the Pound itself for our purposes. The "West wall of the old building, abutting on it, is in a bad way and will in part at least, have to come down and be rebuilt. Thank you for the circular of the cheeping on Wednesday next. Shope you will have a successful one and be able to carry your views a stage further. At the moment I do not think I have any further

Mr Cottam's Specification

- Re-roof with original slates where possible
- New gallery floor
- Re-construct central chimney on South wall to heat Games Room & Gallery
- Enlarge Reading Room
- Replace two external doors with windows
- West wall is the main problem

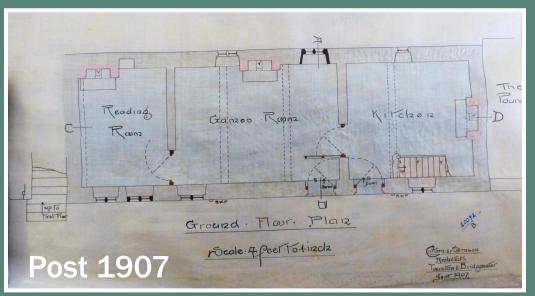


The West Wall

Ground Floor Plan - Old vs New



Source: Somerset Heritage Centre



New Cost Estimate

£550

= £55,000 in today's money

Fund Raising

'To raise by subscriptions the sum of £550 to restore the ancient Church House, and to adapt it for the purposes of a Parish Room and a Men's Institute'

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* The Church Bouse, * CROWCOMBE.

An Appeal for Funds.

THIS fine old building, situated opposite the Parish Church, and called "The Church House," is of great historical and architectural interest.

Its history can be traced back to Pre-Reformation days. In the year 1515, was presented to the Parish by the then Lords of the Manors of Crowcombe and Crowcombe Studeley. Collinson, in his "History of Somerset," that "Robert Biccombe 6 Hen. VIII. made a grant of his moiety of the Church House (the Prioress of Studeley at the same time giving up her moiety) towards the repairs of the Parish Church of Crowcombe.

In "Lord Brougham's Commission concerning Charities" (1819-1837) we read, under the heading "Crowcombe" --- "There is an old house which has belonged to the Parish before the time of memory ; on the ground floor of which, consisting of several compartments, the parish poor are lodged; in the room above, extending the whole length of the building, the children of Carew's Charity School are taught, and the Sunday-school is also held there. The walls of the Church House, which is over 6oft, in length, are built

of rubble stonework, and are about sht, thick; and the roof is an exceedingly graceful one, typical of the date at which it was put on. Its timber is oak

Subscriber list in due course published including their individual gifts led by Rev H C Young's £50 and his mother's £20

The published list includes **110** subscribers

Subscriptions ranging from <u>10/-</u> to Mr Young's £50. $= \pounds 50 \& \pounds 5,000$ respectively today

Subscribers included many names familiar to present day Crowcombe

Mr GH Brewer

Lt Col Boles

Miss Carew

Mr C Herniman

Mr F. Strong

and 13 Clergy including:

Very Rev Dean of Wells Archdeacon of Taunton Rev Dr Powell, Rural Dean Rev H Christian Young himself Rev W Greswell, Rector of Dodington Rev CS Dupuis

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Source: Somerset Heritage Centre

Mr Trollope continued to present problems

'Mr Trollope turned my assistant out of the Pound yesterday. I suppose he had a right to do so. It will be very awkward if he keeps us away from has a right to de so. It will be ray awhund if he Keeps as away. this side of the building'

.... viz the shaky West wall



The Shaky West Wall

'The further we look into this part, the worse it appears.

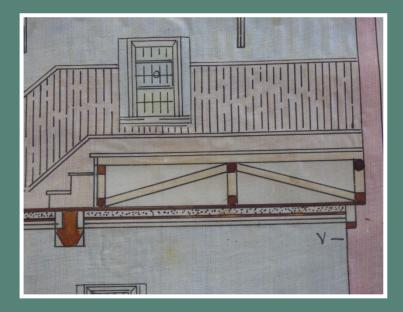
I have taken a record of the individual stones to guide us in restoring it, and now ordering Spear (the builder) to take down the shaky parts, numbering the stones as he does so, and to re-erect it all as before'

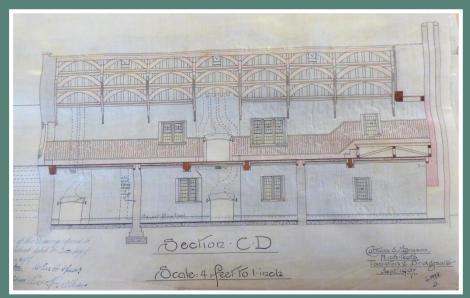


Additionally for Upstairs

A removable platform for stage performances and concerts

'to be made of trestles, on which rather heavy planks of, say, 9" x 2¹/₂" should be laid'





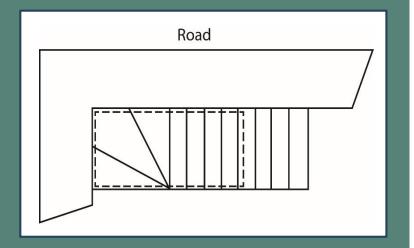
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An Internal Staircase

For the first time an internal staircase to connect the ground floor with upstairs, but

I suggest that the principal approach to the Hall should (continue to) be up the existing ancient flight of steps at the east end and through the doorway which already stands in position there'

Hence (?), internal stairway not user friendly



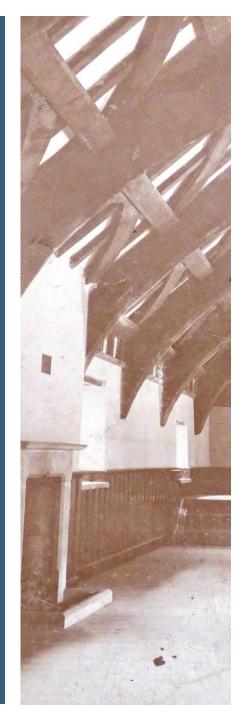


The Final Invoice

£550 precisely as estimated by Mr Cottam at outset

and inclusive of

Securing and casing of west wall Providing and setting furnace Carrying up additional flue A kitchen range Connecting Church House to the water mains



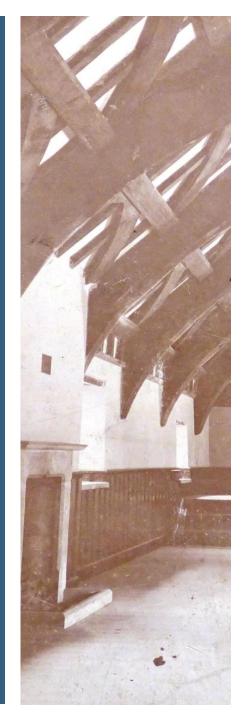
The Final Invoice

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and

'Supplying and fixing rainwater gutter to South wall.... and drain under building to road and connection to sewer'

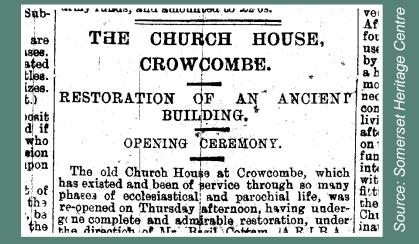
since Mr Trollope would not have permitted a soakaway in his orchard...



Grand Re-Opening - September 1908

Fully reported in Somerset Gazette and West Somerset Free Press

- Evensong in the Church & sermon
- Speeches, explanation of
 Trustee structure, formal
 re-opening by the
 Hon Mrs Ethel Trollope
 - Concert, village party, dancing into the small hours

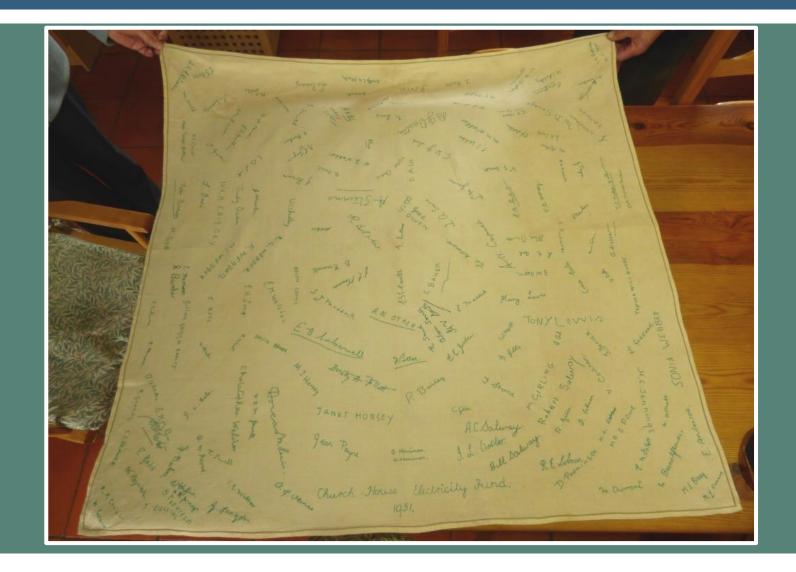


'Not in his wildest dreams could her ancestor, Godfrey de Crowcombe, ever have thought that the parish church house would be put to use in the twentieth century'

From 1908 Restoration to Present Day

- 1914Recruitment of Volunteers to join the SomersetLight Infantry Regiment.
- 1935 Ending of the 4d pa Lord's Rent to each of the two Manors, by payment of 20 years' rental = 13/4 = about £35 in today's money.
- 1940 1944 Requisitioned as canteen for soldiers manning the searchlights on Quantock Hills, billeted at Crowcombe Court.
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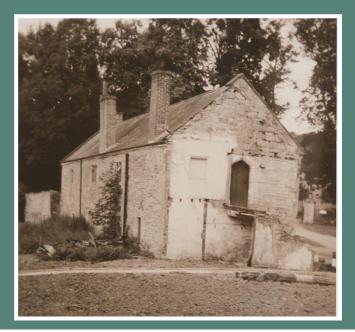
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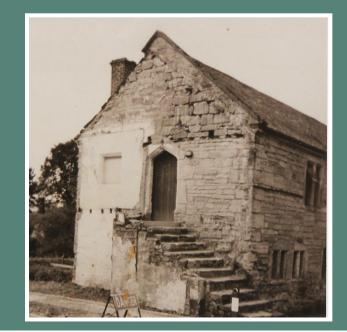
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1963

Road widening Demolition of adjacent Cottages Building of Car Park Structural work to Church House East wall & steps





Blackmailing the builder (1963)

To fund the balustrading of the external steps

WILLIAM E. MARSDEN LRIBA CHARTERED ARCHITECT EBURY HOUSE TELEPHONE 1A BLENHEIM ROAD MINEHEAD 521 MINEHEAD, SOMERSET 558/WEM March 4th 1964 Dear Mr. Fry. Church House, Crowcombe Minor Structural Repairs The Rector and General Slater on behalf of the Trustees have been observing the stone steps over the past few weeks, and have decided after all, for safety reasons, that a balustrading should be provided before the visitors get busy. They have asked me to say that they would like you to provide and fix one in good seasoned oak, with a lower light protection rail, and handrail, all of simple but strong style. Further - that as they will unlikely be able to meet the cost until the end of the present maintenance period - or a little later, they hope you would agree to do it on this basis, for the sake of the children, who use the hall for

If you are agreeable to this would you be prepared to meet me on a suitable day when your men are at Stogumber, and we could design a simple pattern together?

School meals.

Yours sincerely,

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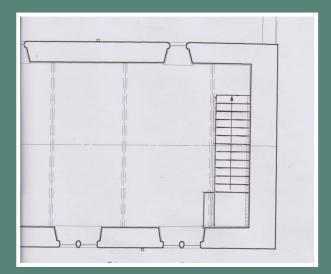
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From 1908 Restoration to Present Day continued...

1981 New road-side roof slating

1995 New internal staircase



From 1908 Restoration to Present Day

continued...

1999 Ownership of Pound transferred from Trollope-Bellew estate to Church House

2000 New rear roof slating

2007 £80,000 internal refurbishment Two WCs, including one for disabled Oil central heating New lighting including lighting for art exhibitions Furnishing of Servery

2016 £64,000 external renovation 100% lime mortar re-pointing Parapet flashings & stone coping Stitching 'shaky' West wall New guttering & downpipes



Photo: Paul Savage



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Funding of 2016 External Renovation

£25,000 raised from the Village through:

Donations Primrose Ball held at Crowcombe Court Open gardens Event

Balance from Grants received from:

The Pilgrims Trust Heritage Lottery Fund Garfield Weston Foundation Foyle Foundation Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation

Additional Grant from Heritage Lottery Fund

History Panel in Car Park Archive research at Somerset Heritage Centre **New Notice Board New historical Leaflet** New website Menneer & Brew's History of Church House PowerPoint talk on Church House for schools & history societies A village party to celebrate completion of the restoration project

Church House available for hire

Family Parties Wedding Receptions Club Meetings Art Exhibitions



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