

Michael Dewar

- A man whose life was blighted and dominated by two world wars.
- Was a major contributor to Britain's successful defences through his engineering skills
- Who lost his son Michael serving in the RAF and buried in a Commonwealth War Grave
- Who found peace in the solitude of Little Horwood Church and his farming activities in Little Horwood
- Died on 27 December 1950 leaving an Estate of £464,410
- Timken USA exercised their option to buy Michaels British Timken Shares

THE COLLECT

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in Him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us (by His holy Apostle Saint Paul) not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him; we meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is that our brother doth; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing, which thy well beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world; grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

HYMN

FOR all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confess'd,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.

Alleluia !

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.

Alleluia !

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia !

O blest communion ! fellowship Divine !
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.

Alleluia !

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia !

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.

Alleluia !

But lo ! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on His way.

Alleluia !

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia !

Amen.

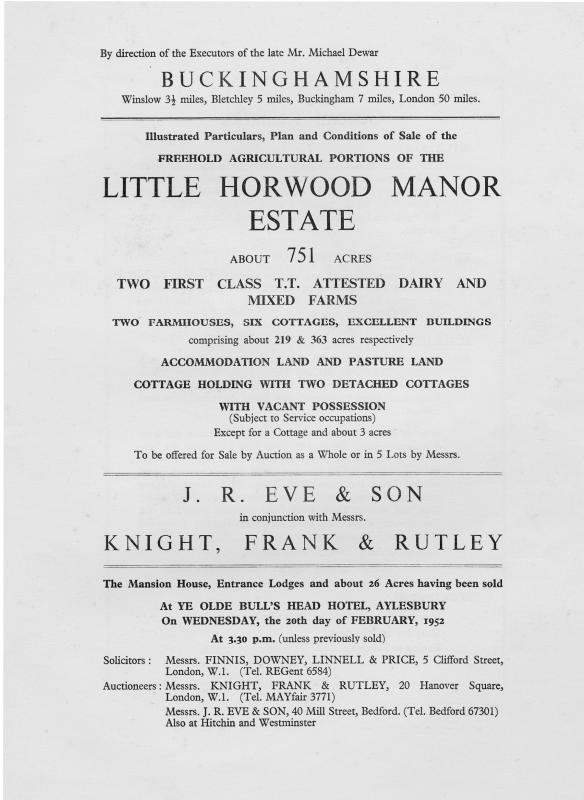
St. Nicholas Church,

Little Horwood.

Michael Bruce Arquhart Delwar

27th December, 1950.

Michael Dewar's Executors sell Manor and Warren Farms – February 1951



Judith Close Smith

After the Sale of the Manor Estate in 1952 his wife Judith moved to Steart Hill Little Horwood where George Gee had lived during the war, and married Colonel Richard Close Smith in April 1954 in Westminster.

Sale of Manor Farm to Partington's Trustees

- Bernard and Peggy Westcott came to live in Manor Farm in 1951.
- They had previously had a cattle ranch in Argentina
- Bernard's Father had been Lord Mayor of Manchester and had used a family trust to buy the farm.
- Bernard's mother was not seeing their daughter Sue so they returned to England.
- Bernard was a Parish Councillor and Recreation Ground Trustee and Peggy was a keen member of the WI and Church Choir
- They leased a new right of way into the Rec and an extra half acre on to the end of the Rec.

Sale of Warren Farm

- In 1951 to Robert Brett was a Poultry Farmer from Bromham who never took any interest in the village and sold again within a couple of years
- Followed by Jack and Ken Parrish from Higham Gobion
- When Jack's daughter Candy married Richard Godber they moved in to Warren Farm. They took a very active role in the village, Richard being a Parish Councillor and a Recreation Ground trustee and always brought a cricket 11 to play the village side.
- Richards father Joe was Minister of Agriculture.
- Richard later became High Sheriff of Bucks.

Extracts from Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting of 6th April 1955 in the School

- Chairs in bad condition treated for woodworm
- New Pews fund started by a collection at the Old Ryde Parents Sunday service on 12th December
- A Scale Plan of the Churchyard had been drawn up to have all known graves marked on it
- Future of the Church School with aided status would cause heavy commitments for the Parish. Alternative would be relinquish our rights and let it pass to state control.
- A handsome gift of a new east window by Mrs Close Smith was accepted with work to start shortly
- Mrs Mallett replaced Mrs Stonall as Church Cleaner

St. Nicholas, Little Horwood.



Dedication
of the East Window

BY

THE LORD BISHOP OF BUCKINGHAM

ON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1955

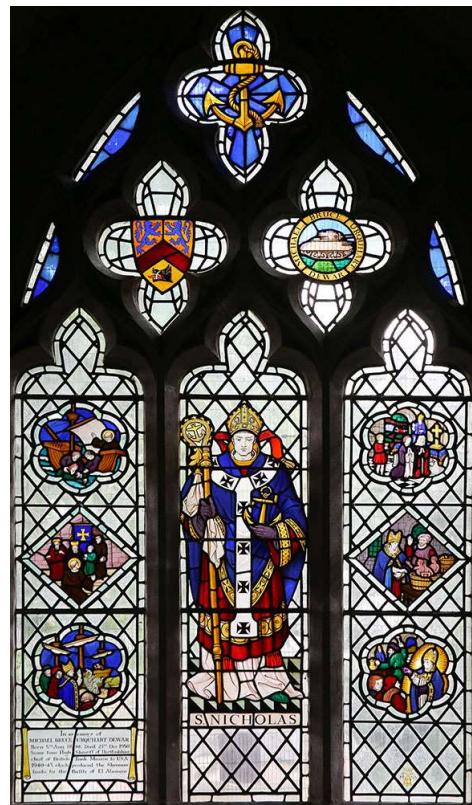
AT

11 a.m.

In Memory of

Michael Bruce Urquhart Dewar.

St Nicholas Little Horwood East window
5ft5ins x 10ft by Michael Farrar Bell of
Haddenham 1911 to 1993 (25 Churches in Bucks)



The Window service of dedication October 1955 singing the hymn “For all the Saints”

- The Procession into the Church led by the Bishop of Buckingham Robert Hay in Cape and Mitre
- Bishops Chaplin Rev T H Flynn Headmaster of “The Old Ride School”
- Followed by Clergy- Rev C S Jones taking the 1st part of the service
- The Church Wardens – Charlie Grainge and Albert Smith assisted by Dr Wyatt from The Old Oaks Woodend
- St Nicholas Church Choir- Female Choristers in red robes (Choir Master Robert Britten)
- Boys of The Old Ride School
- Window designed and made by Mr Farrar-Bell of Haddenham who was present

St Nicholas Church Choir before the service to dedicate the East Window



Lay reader Cook from Bletchley a short fat man with a shiny bald head and beady eyes

- Isn't it strange, that Princes and Kings
- And Clowns that prance in Sawdust Rings
- And ordinary folk like you and me
- Are on our way to eternity
- By this time the small boys giggles had spread to the rest of the choir as a stream of urine flowed down the Chancel, the boys clearly had not controlled themselves

St Nicholas of Myra

Patron Saint of Children and Sailors



Who was St Nicholas of Myra?

- Born 15-3-270 AD at Patara (now modern day Bari in Italy where he is now buried in Basilica San Nicola)
- Early Christian Bishop of Greek descent lived at the maritime city of Myra now modern day Demre , Anatalya , Turkey
- Because of the many miracles attributed to him he was also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker
- The Feast of St Nicholas is celebrated on 6th December in Western Countries but on 19th December in Eastern Countries where they use the old Church Calendar.
- Patron Saint of Sailors, Children , Wolves and Pawnbrokers
- The Inspiration for Santa Claus
- Died 6-12-343 AD at Myra

Myra

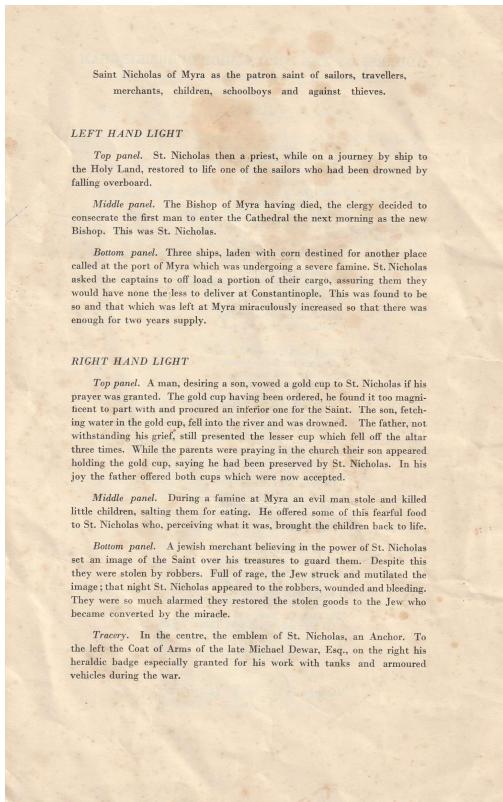
- Myra was one of 19 great cities in the federation of Lycia in Southern Turkey dating from 5th Century BC.
- The Cities wealth came from it's coastal trade supplying incense to Egypt and Constantinople
- Sulphur Springs provided Therapeutic baths and healing drinking waters
- Carved out Tombs for the dead in Cliff Faces
- Myra had a magnificent Theatre







Service Sheet explanation of the windows features



The Anchor Emblem of St Nicholas of Myra



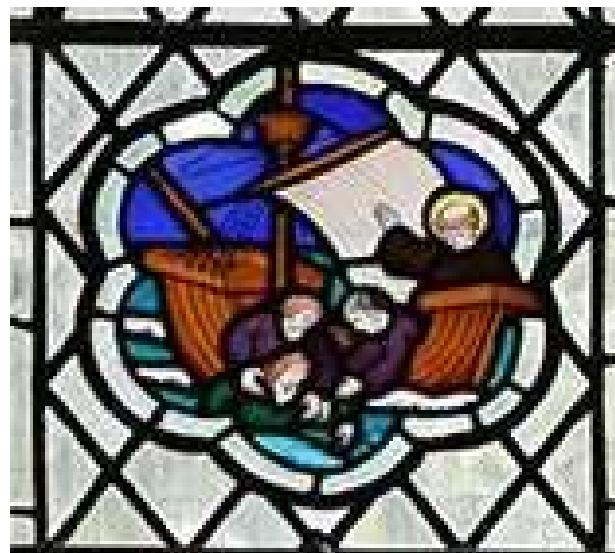
East Window Tribute to Michael Dewar-Sherman Tank used at El Alamein



Michael Dewar- Coat of Arms (Former High Sheriff of Hertfordshire)



St Nicholas as a Priest on a journey to the Holy Land Restores the life of a drowned sailor



The Bishop of Myra having died, the Clergy decided to consecrate the first man to enter the Cathedral the next morning- St Nicholas



Myra undergoing famine, St Nicholas persuades 3 ships laden with corn to unload without affecting their main mission



Gold Cups presented to St Nicholas after a man' son who was feared drowned was preserved by St Nicholas



St Nicholas bringing children back to life from a barrel after an evil man had killed little children in a famine



Restoration of Stolen Treasures to Jewish merchant from robbers by St Nicholas which converted the Jew to Christianity



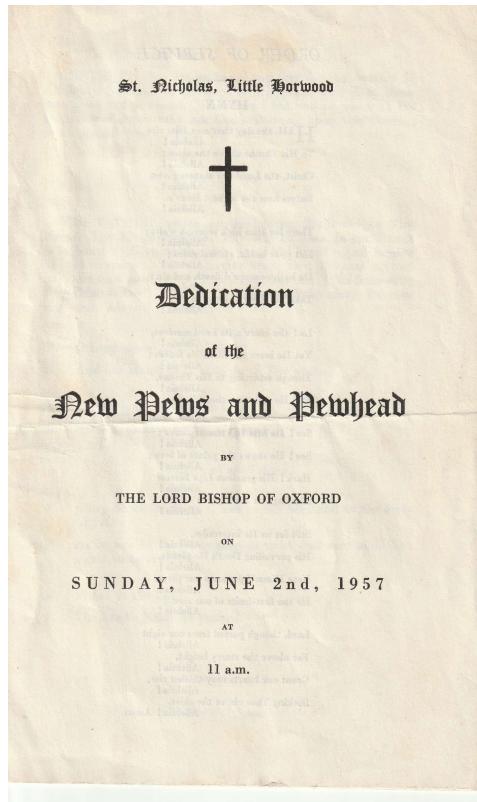
Extract from Minutes of PCC meeting in the school 15th May 1956

- Present: The Rev T H Flynn , Mrs Westcott, Mrs Close Smith, Mr Charlie Grainge , Mr Albert Smith, Mr Haynes, Mr & Mrs De Silva, Mr Beckett, Mrs Jones and Secretary.
- In the absence of the vicar Mr Charlie Grainge took the Chair
- Fete Committee for 21st July: Chairman Harvey Wyatt, Mr A Beckett, Mr Grainge , Mr Albert Smith, Mrs Westcott, Mrs Close Smith, Mrs De Silva, Mrs R Bull, Mrs D Hood
- Mr Beckett produced drawings for pews by Messrs B North & Son , High Wycombe for a 9ft 7in pew at £30 each
- The firm was currently furnishing a church in London and Mrs Close Smith agreed to go and inspect the work there. A rep from the firm was due to visit Little Horwood on 26th May

Extract from PCC Minutes of 20th February 1957

- Mr de Silva said the Pew Fund balance stood at £130
- Three New Pews were to be installed with a frontal on the North side of the church
- The Vicar announced that the Bishop of Oxford would visit the Parish on 2nd June.
- A proposal was made to the Ministry of Education that the school be retained for 3 years with Interim Aided Status, this will involve outlay for exterior decoration but the Interior decoration and playground will be paid for by the Ministry

Dedication of the Pews 1957



Extract from PCC Minutes of 2nd October 1957

- The Fete Profits were £150.15s.8d
- Mrs de Silva proposed and Mr Norman Bull seconded a proposal that the Profits from the Jumble Stall of £101.14s.11d be allocated to the Pew Fund which was unanimously carried.
- The Vicar explained that the New Pews had proved to be not of the correct size wherever they were placed in the Church. The only solution was to alter the length of the pews.
- It was proposed by Mr de Silva and seconded by Mrs King that the estimate of £75 for two new pews from B North & Sons be accepted
- Mrs Savage replaced Mrs Mallett as church cleaner.



Medieval Wall Paintings

E. CLIVE ROUSE





Medieval Wall Paintings- 13th Century onwards found under Limewash in 1889 on North Wall

- 1 bottom left is partly exposed of St Nicholas in episcopal vestments, next to him two figures rising from a barrel(third probably hidden under palimpsest painting) representing the resurrection of the three murdered boys.
- East of the barrel part of another figure, further east 3 knights in chainmail, the result of St Nicholas prayers when three sisters each married a knight and received a bag of gold, dated 1230 ad.
- 2 Palimpsest (something inscribed over something else) on 1 is a representation of the seven deadly sins, the large nude figure possibly the devil representing Pride the six other sins around him, Envy, Anger, Avarice, Sloth, Lust, and Gluttony dated around 1500 ad
- 3 The hardly visible series is of St Christopher and dates from 1340 ad.
- 4 North doorway bricked up in 1889 was exposed on renovation of murals by Ann Ballantyne (an assistant of E Clive Rouse) in 1995 who kindly gave talks at the Church Fete about the renovations.

St Nicholas' Church, Little Horwood

Little Horwood Brick.

This is to certify that this brick was locally produced
from local clay, was hand made and wire cut
in the year of our Lord

One thousand eight hundred and eighty nine
and was almost certainly produced at the kilns of

Joe Gunthorpe's Brick and Tile Works
(behind what is now Fernfield Farm)
Little Horwood.

For one hundred and six years this brick was used
to block up the North Door in the interior of
St Nicholas Church, Little Horwood.

and was recovered from the church during restoration
work to the Medieval Wallpaintings in the year of our Lord
One thousand nine hundred and ninety five

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