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In the Churchyard: see... the HARTPURY BEE SHELTER – a unique stone structure, expertly restored.



the collection of PERRY PEAR TREES rescued from extinction.



the rare stone effigy on the table tomb of Thomas Sloper find out about the connection with BEATRIX POTTER

In the Church (listed grade 1): see... the modern stained glass windows, the GREEN MAN carving and the unknown figure opposite him



next door to the Church: THE OLD CHAPEL, where Dominican Nuns took refuge after they fled from Brussels to escape the French Revolution

Away from the hustle and bustle



a group of historic buildings clustered around the parish church...

five Miles from the City of Gloucester ...a perfect corner of England



A fascinating history to discover

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Historic Hartpury

in glorious Gloucestershire countryside

with a fascinating history waiting to be discovered



Occupied by the Dominican nuns from Brussels.



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The Hartpury Bee Shelter

rescued, restored and rebuilt
in the churchyard

A nationally important structure, the Hartpury Bee Shelter – is regarded by The International Bee Research Association as unique. Standing 8ft (2.1m) high and almost 30ft (7.3m) in length, the Bee Shelter (listed Grade 11) contains 33 boles built to house straw bee skeps. Bee skeps became redundant once the wooden hive was developed in the mid 19th century. Built in Nailsworth, Gloucestershire by stone mason *Paul Tuffley* between 1824 and 1852, the shelter when threatened with destruction in 1968, was rescued and moved to Hartpury Agricultural College.

Largely unknown to the public, its condition deteriorated causing alarm to English Heritage. Hartpury Historic Buildings Trust undertook to restore the Bee Shelter and to relocate it to the village churchyard, where it is now far easier to visit and appreciate this exceptional structure.

BEE SHELTER
*Restoration work in progress in Hartpury churchyard,
August 2002*



The Dominican Chapel

*built for nuns in 1829,
and now restored to its former glory*

In 1794 an order of Dominican Nuns fled from the French Revolutionary armies in Brussels. Escaping to Hartpury Court, they lived there for 45 years. In 1829 the Old Chapel was built onto the west wing for them by the Lord of the Manor *Robert Canning*.

In 1934 the Chapel was refurbished and the small Lady Chapel created under the gallery, however its use became irregular and in October 1953 it was sold for £150 to become a chicken deep-litter shed! By 1997 the Old Chapel was in very poor repair. The roof threatened total collapse. A pair of large metal agricultural sliding doors defaced the west front. The stained glass and internal plasterwork needed urgent attention.



Hartpury Historic Buildings Trust was formed and in August 1998 they were able to buy it. Emergency roof repairs were completed by March 2000 and, with help from the *Heritage Lottery Fund*, the restoration of the Old Chapel was completed in 2002. A fine building with a fascinating history has been saved and can be viewed by visitors. The local community is also benefiting – the chapel is now used as a community hall and is available for hire. Contact the Trust for details.

OLD CHAPEL

Whereof we get a heavenly drink
(Two rather!) for to make us merry;
Oh! Cider's one, and I do think
The name o' t'other one is Perry!

PERRY PEARS

Rescued from extinction!

The Hartpury Green is an ancient variety, first recorded in 'Vinetum Britannicum' 1691, and described by THOMAS RUDGE in 1807 as 'producing a liquor so highly spiritous as to be inflammable!' The village name is Saxon, derived from Hardepirige – the hard pear tree. Nearing extinction apart from those in the National Collection, until recently the only specimens were those supplied by the Trust, which are now planted in and around the parish. One, with other rare perry pear trees, has been planted in the churchyard extension.

John Helps a wer an honest mon;
The perry that a made
Wer crunched vrom purs as honest
As ever tree displayed.

FW Harvey

