



Parish Church News

Milton Lilborne

Clerical Error

AD. Rem. to Sukey Steven's Burial Oct 12th 1849. J.H.G. promised to let George Cumner the clerk know about the Funeral and forgot it. On the day of the funeral, he was coming down the street at Milton (Lilbourne) and found the Bell was not tolling at 2 o'clock - the funeral being arranged for 3 o'clock. On going into G. Cumnor's cottage close to the vicarage he found the old Clerk tapping shoes and then he found he knew nothing about the funeral and no grave was dug. J.H.G. and his brother F.W.G., who was staying with him, set to work at the digging. George Cumnor tolled the bell and at a quarter to 3 all was ready and it was said the parson stood a pot of beer (home brewed): at all events he was not above taking his coat off and with his brother, dug Sukey Steven's grave and did not keep the funeral waiting. This is true and the parson is not above telling of his own forgetfulness, and the manner he rectified his Clerical Error. Milton, Wilts.
Signed J. Henry Gale Vicar.

The grave is found by the Belfry Door.