

Brailes and Chelmscote did not deflect him from pursuing endless litigation to defend more worldly interests, while Geoffrey Beaufoy could enjoy a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella one minute and join Roger Mortimer to attack the Despensers the next.⁴⁴

Nan Clifton

We record with great sorrow, tempered by many happy memories, the death of Nan Clifton on Wednesday 19th November 2003.

Nan joined the Society's Committee in 1974, and her first contribution to *C&CH*, 'Shenington: The Village on the Shining Hill' appeared that autumn (6.1). Although she grew up at Burland Farm in Oxhill, where her family, the Gardners, had been settled since enclosure, even then she had been living in Shenington for thirty years following her marriage to Harold Clifton. Despite his local government commitments (he was Chairman of both the then newly formed Cherwell District Council and later Oxfordshire County Council) he accompanied Nan to many of the Society's meetings, followed by enjoyable pub suppers. Nan herself became Hon. Secretary of the Society in 1979, and continued as such until 1985, remaining on our committee until 1990.

The following year she published a booklet with the same title as her earlier article, and in 1995 *Shenington: A Pictorial Heritage*, as its name implies a book of photographs but with very informative captions.

After Harold's death she moved to a smaller house in Shenington, and in recent years lived in sheltered accommodation. Her interest in the Society never waned.

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⁴⁴ *Johannis de Trokelowe*, pp. 89, 92-6, 104. B.A. Hanawalt, 'Economic influences on the pattern of crime in England, 1300-1348', *American Journal of Legal History*, xviii, 1974, pp. 281-97, argues convincingly for a 60 per cent rise in crime for 1315-17 and 1322-25; cf. also her 'The peasant family and crime in fourteenth century England', *Journal of British Studies*, xiii, 1974. C. Dyer accepts this 'rising tide of crime': *Standards of Living*, p. 181. Tredington: PRO, JUST1/1037, mm. 2d, 4, 5d; countless similar cases are given in JUST1/968-9 etc. and KB27/247, 263-6 etc. For criminal gangs (less conspicuous in Warwickshire than in adjacent counties): J.G. Bellamy., 'The Coterel Gang: an anatomy of a band of fourteenth century criminals', *EHR*, lxxix, 1964; E.G. Stones, 'The Folvilles of Ashby-Folville, Leicestershire, and their associates in crime', *TRHS*, 5th series, 1957; R.H. Hilton, *A Medieval Society*, London 1966, pp. 255-8 etc. Lichfield: J. Harvey, *Gothic England*, London 1948, App. 2, p. 172 (quoting Lichfield Chapter Acts, Bodleian ms. Ashmole 794). Pakington: PRO, KB27/243, m. 35d; 263, m. 8; 265, m. 63; 266, m. 10 etc. Chantries: Castle Ashby ms. 386; PRO, E301/53 etc. Beaufoy: *CPR 1313-1317*, p. 220.