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## 1 Introduction

During the past few years a number of people have been actively searching records, both public and private for information on the history of Purley on Thames in Berkshire. The amount of material that has emerged is impressive but alas the majority has disappeared into personal files and has not been freely available to the other researchers, resulting in considerable duplication of effort as the same material is 'rediscovered' several times.

This series of publications sets out to provide a medium for distributing the information to a wider audience by providing a record of discoveries in a form which can be readily reproduced and referred to.

In this second edition only editorial material has been altered from the first edition, originally published in September 1986. The index has been removed and now forms part of Publication 4.

## 2 Format and Publications Policy

It is intended to publish these booklets in A5 format as material becomes available.

Each booklet contains a number of individual items which are numbered serially. These items may be:-

- Editorial
- Transcripts of original material
- Translations of original material
- Summaries of original material
- Book reviews
- Lists of references
- Short articles
- Notes and comments

As a general rule transcripts of printed works will be restricted to material originating before 1900 to avoid possible copyright problems. Wherever possible sources and the contributor will be identified.

Periodically a cumulative index will be published which will refer to item numbers. It will be in two parts, by subject and by date.

The scope is intended to be material relating to people and events of Purley on Thames. Material from the neighbouring parishes of Pangbourne, Sulham, Tidmarsh, Englefield, Tilehurst, Mapledurham and Whitchurch may occasionally be included as will relevant material from other areas.

### 3 Nonarum Inquisitionem (1342)

Contributed by John Chapman, Public Record Office Lists and Indexes ref 7/115, page 3 under "Purle".

Symon LE WARDE, Willus LE BLEIS Willus CROPPETHORN and Willus LE SMYT juratus dicnt per facrm eorum quod nona pars garbar' veller' & agnorum domino Regi concessar' valet ecclie & no magis. In cujus rei testionem sigilla sua apposuerunt.

Note this was a report on the tax on lambs, wool etc which was imposed by Edward III to pay for his wars against France.

### 4 Land dispute at Hyde (1233)

Contributed by John Chapman, In printed Close Roll for Henry III (1231-1234) page 330. Translated by John Spriggs.

For John DE TALBOT concerning land at Hyde

The sherriff of Berks is required to cause full possession to be given to John DE TALBOT of the land and appurtenances which Roger DE LA HYDE held from Amauricus DE SULEHAM at Hyde to maintain the same in the service of the king for as long as it shall please the king.

As the king witnesses above. By the Judge.

Note The manor of Hyde was centred on the area where Purley Hall now stands.

### 5 Marriage of Joseph Blount (1776)

Contributed by John Chapman. From the Reading Mercury of 24th Feb 1776.

Monday was married Joseph BLOUNT Esq. Younger son of Michael BLOUNT of Mapledurham in the County of Oxford to Miss CANNING sister to Francis CANNING of Foxcote in the County of Warwick.

### 6 Attack on Joseph Scrace (1776)

Contributed by John Chapman. From the Reading Mercury of April 22nd 1776

Saturday evening about nine o'clock farmer SCRACE of Purley was attacked by a footpad dressed in a smock near Purley Hall who robbed him of three guineas and his watch with which he got clear off.

7 Arrest of Thomas Wise (1776)

Contributed by John Chapman. Precis of an advertisement in the Reading Mercury of May 6th 1776.

Thomas WISE had been taken into custody on suspicion of robbing farmer SCRACE. The watch was believed sold in the neighbourhood of Marlow, Henley or Wycombe. The watch was made by William KENYON of London and bore a serial number 3148. WISE had lived in the Henley area recently. Witnesses were called to attend the examination of Wise to be held at the George in Reading on Saturday 11th May at 1 pm.

8 Trial of Thomas Wise (1776)

Contributed by John Chapman. Precis of item in Reading Mercury of 13th May 1776.

Thomas WISE was committed to gaol for robbery on 13th April.

9 Institution of Richard Davy (1505)

Contributed by John Chapman. From the register of Edmund AUDLEY, bishop of Salisbury 1502-1524 folio 23, deposited at the Wiltshire Record Office. Translated by Jennifer Thorp.

Purlegh

19th day of the said month and year. Institution of lord Richard DAVY as vicar of Purlegh on the natural death of lord William STELE the previous vicar.

10 Institution of Thomas Edmundes (1540)

Contributed by John Chapman. From the register of John CAPON, bishop of Salisbury 1539-1557, folio 3, deposited at the Wiltshire Record Office. Translated by Jennifer Thorp.

Purlegh

4 April 1540. Institution of lord Thomas EDMUNDES as perpetual vicar of Purlegh (in the gift of master John GOUGH, steward and rector of St Edmund's) on the death of lord Richard DAVY the previous vicar.

11 Institution of John Leke (1544)

Contributed by John Chapman. From the register of John CAPON, folio 20, deposited in the Wiltshire Record Office. Translated by Jennifer Thorp.

## Purleigh

5 Aug 1544 Institution of lord John LEKE, cleric and vicar choral of Salisbury Cathedral, to the perpetual vicarage of Purleigh, upon the natural death of (blank) the previous vicar. To which vicarage a proved and honest man, John BARNABE has been acting as deputy, by consent of the reeve, master or warden of St Edmund's Salisbury.

12 Glebe Terrier (late 16thC)

Contributed by Jean Debney. Wilts Record Office (ref DI/24/318/1). The top half of the document is missing. Transcribed by Jean Debney. Note original spelling retained.

Item - iiij acres of ..... Wooller Filde - Reading hye waye on ye north side and ye land belonging to ye parsonage of Sulham on ye south syde.

Medow filde in... Item - ij acres of arrable land lyinge Yonder Filde shottinge downe upon Hyde Moore between the land of Mr HYDE of the North syde and Mr ST JONS lands of the south.

Item - one acre moore showting down in ye same furlonge betwen ye land of ye forsd Mr HYDE on the northe syde & Mr ST JONS of the South, and showting uppon Hyde Moore.

Item One half acre more in the Yender Filde in the mydell furlonge showtinge northe and south between the land of Mr ST JONS on both sydes east and west.

Suma totalis of the arrable lands - xxxiiij acres.

The terrier of all the meadow ground belonging unto the parsonage of Purley.

Charlie Mead - Imprimis - the parsonage hathe in Charle Meade 2 ac of meadow ground lying ..a. ditch of water runyng unto the Thames of the east

syde thereof and Mr HYDES medowe on the west syde.

.ij acres ..... - item - one halfe acre more in the same meade lyenge at ye west ende nexte unto Pangborne Meade and nexte unto medow ground of Mr HYDE uppon the east syde.

Purley Comon Meade - item 2 ac. of medowe in Purlee Comon Meade and ye comon ... lyenge betwen the land of Mr HIDE on ye south syde and the land of Mr ST JON's on ye north syde.

ij acres - item - one halfe acre of meadow more in the same meadowe & betwen ye landes of Mr ST JON's grownds of medowe on both sydes therof on the East and the west sides.

In the marsh ...ast - item - there hath ben and ys always allowed unto the parsonage, the paster, and fedynge of sixe beastes least in the Marshe at all breaches.

Sum totalis of all ... ye acres of Medowes are .... besides ye Marshe

### 13 Glebe Terrier (1608)

Contributed and transcribed by Jean Debney. Wiltshire Record Office ref D1/24/318/2. Note original spelling retained.

PURLIE A true coppie & terrier of all such houses barnes orchardes piddles heises closes cowleases arrable & meadowe belonginge & appertaining to the Parsonadge of Purlie within the countye of Berkes made & written the xxvj th of december anno 1608: by us whose names are subscribed.

- 1 Imp - one dwellinge house one barne & one heyse & one piddle on the west side therof & one orcharde on the east side.
- 2 item - one other cottage & piddle liinge betwene the houses of Nicholas JUSTICE on the west side & John NORTH on the east side & one acre of arrable buttinge therupon.
- 3 Item - one other cottage liinge & beinge upon the outside of the feild called Lusham.
- 4 Item - five acres of arrable or therabouts in the same feilde vdzit in Lusham beinge together.

- 5 Item - towe severall closes liinge by the Longe Lane & towe other severall closes with in the sayed closes all which closes contayne by estimacon eighteene acres.
- 6 Item - one acre called by the name Churham and liinge by Purlie Marsh.
- 7 Item - six cowleases in the sayed marsh called Purlie Marsh.
- 8 Item - in the Farthest Field three acres & a halfe towe of them linge between Mathew JUSTICE his acre on the north side & John WELL his acre on the south side, and one acre on the north side of Mathewe JUSTICE his acre & ye halfe acre in the middle of ye feild in St JOHNS his peice on the east side & John NORTH his peice on ye west side.
- 9 Item - one halfe acre in the Middle Feild buttinge north & south Mr St JOHN his land on both sides & one half acre in the feild called Nartnam liing by the parsonadge.
- 10 Item - one close called Wodthorm by estimacon five acres which close adioyneth to the High Way.

## MEADOWE

- 11 Impr - In Charlie Mead two plottes crope & goe by estimacon one acre & a halfe or there aboutes.
- 12 Item - in Purlei Common Meade towe acres buttinge east & west John NORTH on the north side & the Widdowe HOMES her meadowe on the south side.
- 13 Item one other halfe acre in the same feild buttinge north & south Mr St JOHN his meadow on both sides.

In witnes wherof wee the curate of the sayed Purlie & churchwardens have herunto set our handes the day & year first above written.

Hic est per me Jacobus CLARK curati ibidem  
Mathew JUSTICE  
John WELL X his mark

Note the literal translation of the line "Hic est...." is "This is by me James CLARK Curate at this place"



14 Glebe Terrier (1634)

Contributed and transcribed by Jean Debney. Berkshire Record Office (ref D/A2/c.85).

## PURLEIGH comitat BERKS

A terrier of all the glebe land medowes gardens orchards heases and tenements of and belonging to the rectorie or parsonage of Purleigh aforesaide made in the yeare of our Lord God 1634 May 3.

- 1 IMP - The Homestead contayning by estimation three acres abutting eastward upon the freehould of Richard LIBB in the occupation of Edward KNAP and upon the freehould of William GREENE in the occupation of the said William and westward upon the freehould of the said Richard LIBB in the occupation of Richard CHILDE lying between The Streete on the north and a common feild called Nutham on the south, lying devided into the close on the west, a little orcharde on the east, and an hase or yard in the midst having upon it a dwelling house consisting of six bayes wherin are thirteen romes; also two barnes, the upper barne contayneing five bayes and the nether barne three bayes having a stable adioyning to the nether barne also one stable newly built consisting of five bayes.
- 2 Item - One land by estimation halfe an acre lying in Nutham aforesd adioyning to the close and yarde of the parsonnage aforesaid on the north, and to the freehould of Richard LIBB aforesd on the southe, abutting east upon the freehould of the said Richard LIBB in the occupation of Richard KNAPP and west upon the freehould of the said Richard LIBB in the occupation of Richard CHILDE aforesaid.
- 3 Item - Certain inclosed grounds containing by estimation fifteen acres lying between the freehould of Richard LIBB called Brownyard and the freehould of William GREENE on the east and the freehould of the said Richard LIBB called ..cuham and Longe Lane on the west, having the said Crouham and a close in the Parish of Tylehurst on the southe and the freehould of the said William GREENE and Reding Way on the northe.
- 4 Item - One peece of arable land lying in a common field called Lucc... betweene two nearbalkes by

estimation six acres abutting north upon Middle Feild and South upon Reding Waye and the freehold of Richard LIBB in the occupation of William HENWOOD, lying between the freehold of Sir John St JOHN both on the east and west, that on the east in the occupation of John WELLS, and that on the west in the occupation of George HILL.

- 5 Item - One peece of arable called Wootham being by estimation 25 acres, abutting east upon Goosecroft Lane, and west upon the freehold of Sir John St JOHN called Goodly Downes in the occupation of George HILL lying between the Glebeland of the parsonage of Sullham and the freehold of Richard HYDE on the south and Reding Way on the northe.
- 6 Item - One arable land by estimation halfe an acre lying in Middle Feild betweene two mearbalks abutting north and south upon the freehold of Sir John St JOHN, that on the north in the occupation of John ELDRIDG, and that on the south in the occupation of Mathew JUSTIS, allso lying betweene the freehold of Sir John St JOHN on the east and west, that on the east in the occupation of Mathew JUSTIS and that on the west in the occupation of William JUSTIS.
- 7 Item - One land lying in Churcham by estimation one acre lying west upon the lane of the Comon Marsh and east upon the freehold of Sir John St JOHN in the occupation of George HILL lying between the freehold of the said Sir John St JOHN on the south side in the occupation of George HILL, and the Comon Marsh on the north having quick hedge and ditch on the side to the Comon Marsh and on the end to the Marsh Lane.
- 8 Item - One land in the feild next Pangburne commonly called called the Yonder Feild containing by estimation halfe an acre abutting north and south upon the freehold of Sir John St JOHN, that on the north in the occupation of George DELL and that on the south in the occupation of John ELDRIDG, lying betweene two mearbalks between the freehold of Sir John St JOHN both on the east and west, that on the east in the occupation of Mathew JUSTIS and that on the west in the occupation of Barnabe SIMMONS.
- 9 Item - One peece of arable in the said Yonder Feild by estimation ?? acres abutting east upon the freehold of Richard LIBB in the occupation of the said Richard, and west upon the freehold of

Richard HYDE called The Mores, lying between two mearwalks having on the south the freehold of Sir John St JOHN in the occupation of John WELLS, and in the north the freehold of the said Sir John St JOHN in the occupation of Mathew JUSTIS.

- 10 Item - One land in said Yonder Feild by estimation one acre abutting upon the freehold of sir John St JOHN in the occupation of John WELLS on the east and upon the freehold of Richard HYDE called The Mores on the west, lying between two mearwalks having the freehold of Sir John St JOHN in the occupation of Mathew JUSTIS on the south, and the freehold of Richard HYDE on the north.
- 11 Item - One peece of meadow by estimation two acres lying in the Comon Mead of Purleigh aforesaid, between the freehold of Sir John St JOHN in the occupation of Barnabe SIMMONS on the northe, and the freehold of Richard HYDE on the southe, abutting east upon the freehold of Richard HYDE in the occupation of John WINCHE and west upon the freehold of the said Richard HYDE in the occupation of his farmers Raynald HOLMES and Thomas HEDACHE
- 12 Item - One other peece of meadow by estimation halfe an acre abutting north upon the River of Thames, and south upon the freehold of Richard HYDE called Gundlea lying between the freehold of Sir John st JOHN on the east and west.
- 13 Item - One peece of meadowe by estimation two acres lying in Charlye Mead at the east end, having Sattne Mead on the east, and the residue of Charle Mead on the west, being the freehold of Richard HYDE, and abutting upon the River Thames on the north and upon a peece of ground called The Strake on the south being also the freehold of the said Richard HYDE
- 14 Item - One other peece of meadowe by estimation half an acre lying in the said Charlye Meade at the west and having the Comon Mead of Pangburne on the west and the residue of the said Charle Mead on the east, abutting north upon the River of Thames and south upon the foresaid peece called the Strake.
- 15 Item - One tenement in the occupation of Robert COXHEAD for a yearly rent, abutting south upon the Streete and north upon a feild called Little Wheatham, betweene two tenements which are the freehold of Sir John St JOHN that on the east in

the occupation of Barnabe SIMONS, that on the west in the occupation of William JUSTIS.

- 16 Item - One land of arable lying in Little Wheatham by estimation one acre abutting north upon Great Wheatham and south upon the foursaid tenement in the occupation of the said Robert COXHEAD, lying between two meabalks having the freehold of Sir John St JOHN both on the east and west, that on the east in the occupation of Barnabe SIMONS and that on the west in the occupation of John WELLS.
- 17 Item - Comons or lease in the whole Marshe of Purleigh at all comonable times for six kine, or beastes, the residue of the comoners keeping proportion according to the custom to ech one allotted.
- 18 Item - Comons for the said number of six kine, at, and after the feast of St John Baptist, being the 24 of June, in a meadowe called Loarscroft being the freehold of Sr John St JOHN at all comonable times.
- 19 Item - Commons for all kinds of cattle whether horses, kine or sheepe as the residue of the inhabitants of Purleigh at all times, and in all places comonable.
- 20 Item - Comons in the feild called Churcham like as in the residue of the common feilds, and Common Meade of Purleigh.

(signed) Richard WATTS, Rector  
Churchwardens - John ELDRIDGE (x)  
- William HENWOOD (x)

### 15 Glebe Terrier (1671)

Contributed and transcribed by Jean Debney. Wiltshire Record Office (ref D/24/318/3).

PURLEIGH, Comitatus Berks

A true terrier of the gleabe lands, meadows, gardens, orchards, houses & tenements of the rectory or parsonage of Purley aforesaide made in the year of our Lord God 1671.

- 1 IMPRIMIS - (one land) containing by estimation 3 acres abutting (upon) the freehold of Antho. LIBBE in the occupation of Mary HIGGS & upon the freehold

of Mary HIGGS in the occupation the saide Mary & westwards upon the freehold of the saide Anthony LIBBE in the occupation of Thomas CHILDE, lying between the Streate on the north & a common field on the south, lying unto a little close on the west, a little orchard on the east, and upon a haise or yard in the midst having upon it a dwelling house consisting of six bayes, within are thirteen rooms, also two barnes, the nether barne contaning five bayes & the nryther barne three bayes, having a stable adioning to the nryther barne, also one other stable..... consisting of two bayes.

- 2 Item - One land by estimation half an acre lying in Nutham aforesaid adioyning to the close & yard of the parsonage .. on the north & to the freehold of Anthony LIBBE aforesaid on the south, abutting east upon the freehold of the said Anthony LIBBE, in the occupation of Mary HIGGS & west upon the freehold of the said Antho. LIBBE in the occupation of Tho. CHILDE aforesaide.
- 3 Item - Certain inclosed ground contayning by estimation 15 acres lying between the freehold of Antho. LIBBE called Browneyard & the freehold of Mary HIGGS on the east and the freehold of the said Antho. LIBBE called Churnam and long Lane on the west ... the said Churnam & ....(?lying) in the parish of Tylehurst on the south and the freehold of the said Mary HIGGS and Reading Way on the north.
- 4 Item - One peace of arable land lying in a common field called Luceham between two nearbalks & by estimation six acres abutting north upon middle Field & south upon reading Way & the freehold of Antho. LIBBE in the occup@ation of John ELMES lying between the freehold of Sir Walter St JOHN both on the east and west, that on the east in the occupation of Tho. CHILDE, that on the west in the occupation of Elizabeth JUSTICE.
- 5 Item - One piece of arable called Wooltharn, by estimation five acres, abutting east upon Goosecroft Lane & west upon the freehold of Sir Walter St JOHN called Goodly Downes in the occupation of Elizabeth JUSTICE lying between the gleabe land of the parish of Sulham & the freehold of Richard HIDE on the south & Reading Way on the north.

- 6 Item - One arable land by estimation halfe an acre lying in Middle Fielde between two meerbalks, abutting north and south upon the freehold of sir Walter St JOHN, that on the north in the occupation of Richard BAGLY & that on the south in the occupation of Elizabeth JUSTICE, also lying between the freehold of Sir Walter St JOHN on the east and west, That on the east in the occupation of Elizabeth JUSTISE & that on the west in the occupation of the said Elizabeth.
- 7 Item - One land lying in Churcham by estimation one acre, abutting west upon the Lane of the Common Marsh & upon the freehold of Sir Walter st JOHN in the occupation of Elizab JUSTISE lying between the freehold of the said Sir Walter St JOHN on the south in the occupation of the said Elizab., & the Common Marsh on the north, having a quick hedge & ditch on the side to the Common Marsh & on the side to the Marsh Lane.
- 8 Item - One land in the field next Pangborne commonly called the Yonder Field, by estimation half an acre, abutting north & south upon the freehold of Sir Walter St JOHN, that on the north in the occupation of John TAYLOR & that on the south in the occupation of Tho. CHILDE, lying between two meerbalks between the freehold of Sir Walter st JOHN both on the east & west, that on the east in the occupation of Elizabeth JUSTISE, & that on the west in the occupation of Tho. CHILDE.
- 9 Item - One peece of arable in the said Yonder Field by estimation two acres, abutting east upon the freehold of Antho. LIBBE in the occupation of tho CHILDE, and south upon the the freehold of Richard HIDE called the Moors lying between two nearbalks having on the south the freehold of Sir Walter st JOHN in the occupation of tho CHILD & north the freehold of sir Walter st JOHN in the (occupation9 of John GUTTRIDGE.
- 10 Item - .... in Yonder Field by estimation one acre ... the freehold of sir Walter St JOHN in the (occupatio) of Tho. CHILDE on the east & upon the freehold (of) ... (ms badly faded and screwed up here) .... Moores ... lying .... on the north.
- 11 Item - One peace of meadow by estimation two acres lying in the Common Meadow of Purley aforesaid between the freehold of Sir Walter St JOHN in the occupation of Tho. CHILDE on the north, & the freehold of Richard HIDE on the south, abutting

east upon the freehold of Richard HIDE in the occupation of the said Richard, and west upon the freehold of Tho. DRAPER in the occupation of the said Thomas.

- 12 Item - One other peace of meadow by estimation halfe an acre abutting north upon the River Thames & south upon the freehold of Richard HIDE called the Streak, lying between the freehold of Sir Walter St JOHN on the east and west.
- 13 Item - One peece of meadowe by estimation two (acres) lying in Charley Meade at the east & having certaine meadowe on the east & the residue of Charley Meade on the west being the freehold of Richard HIDE, & abutting upon the River Thames on the north, & upon a peece of ground called the Streak on the south being also the freehold of the said Richard HIDE.
- 14 Item - One other peace of meadowe by estimation half an acre lying in the said Charlye Meade at the west & having the Common Meade of Pangborne on the west & the residue of the said Charly Mead on the east, abutting north upon the River Thames, & south upon the foresaide peece called The Streak.
- 15 Item - One tenement in the occupation of Richard OSBORNE for an yearly rent, abutting south upon the Streate & north upon the fielde called Little Wheatham, between two tenements which are the freehold of Sir Walter St JOHN, that on the east in the occupation of Thomas BUSHNELL & that on the west in the occupation of John WILDER.
- 16 Item - One land of arable lying in Little Wheatham by estimation one acre, abutting north upon Great Wheatham & south upon the aforesaid tenement in the occupation of the said Richard OSBORNE, lying between two mearbalks having the freehold of sir Walter St JOHN both on the east & west, that on the east in the occupation of Tho. CHILDE & that on the west in the occupation of the said Tho.
- 17 Item - Commons and graze? in the whole Marsh of Purley at all commonable times for six kine or beastes, the residue of the commons keeping proportion according to the custom to each one allotted.
- 18 Item - Commons for the said number of six kine at & after the feast of St John Baptist, being the 24th. June in a meadow called Horsecroft being the

freehold of Sir Walter St JOHN at all commonable times.

- 19 Item - Common for all kinds of cattle, whether horses, kine or sheepe, as the residue of the inhabitants of Purley at all times & in all places commonable.
- 20 Item - Commons in the field called Churcham like as the residue of the Common Field & Common Meade of Purley.

Thomas BLAGRAVE - Rector

Richard BAGLEY     Robert NEWBURY     - Churchwardens

#### 16 Glebe Terrier (1674)

Contributed by Jean Debney. Found in Wiltshire Record Office (ref D/20/318/4) This terrier is in very faded and poor condition and extremely difficult to read. However it appears to be an exact copy of a terrier dated 1634 (see item 14)

- 15 - One tenement occupied by Robert COXHEAD for a yearly rent abutting south upon ... ye fielde called Little Wheatham between two tenements, the freehold of Sir john St JOHN on the east occupied by Barnabe SIMMONS, and on the west occupied by Will JUSTICE.
- 16 - Arable land upon Little Wheatham one acre abutting north upon Gte Wheatham, south upon the tenement occupied by Robert COXHEAD, lying between two mearbalkes, the freehold of Sir John St JOHN ...

(about half way down the document)

- 6 Item - One arable land by estimation half an acre lying in the Middle Field between two (?mearbalks) abutting north and south upon y freehold of Sir John St JOHN, yt on ye north in occupation of John ?...RIDGE & yt on ye south in ye occupation of Mathew JUSTICE als & lying between ye ?freehold of Sr john St JOHN on ye east and west, yt on ye east in ye occupation of Mathew .... yt on ye west in ye occupation of William JUSTICE ... lying in ?thatcham? (Churcham ?) by estimation one acre abutting on ye ....



(The terrier ends as follows)

At ye making of this terrier, Mr Richard WATTS was  
Rector & John ELDRIDGE & Will HENWOOD churchwardens -

At ye transcribing here of  
Tho. BLAGRAVE, Rector  
George BLAGRAVE & Richard PETHER - Churchwardens  
Copied 22 March 1673/4

17 Glebe Terrier (1704)

Contributed and transcribed by Jean Debney. Wiltshire Record  
Office (ref D/24/318/5)

GLEBE TERRIER OF PURLEY BERKS - 1704

(A true terrier) of the Glebe lands, meadows, orchards  
and houses belonging to the Rectory of Purley in the  
County of Berks and dioces of Sarum made in the year of  
our Lord 1704 (in the) Reigne of Queen Ann for William  
GOSTWICK, Master of artes, Rector of Purley aforesaid.

- 1 The Homesteads containing by estimation three acres  
abutting eastwards on the freehold of Richard LIBBE  
Esq. and in the occupation of George BLAGRAVE &  
upon the freehold of the said Richard LIBBE in the  
occupation of John NICHOLS, lying between The  
Streete on ye north & a common field on the south  
called Nuttam being divided with a little close on  
the west ... an orchard by me & a little close on  
the east, once an orchard but long since decayed &  
a yard or haise in the midst haveing upon it a  
dwelling house consisting of six bayes mof  
building where in are ... roomes; allso two barnes,  
the upper barne containing five bayes, ye nether  
barne containing three bayes with a stable taken  
into it; also a stable containing two bayes, a  
carte house & cow (shed?).
- 2 One land by estimation half an acre lying in  
Nuttan aforsd. Adjoining to the new orchard & the  
reeke yarde part of the yard or haise aforsd on  
the north & to the freehold of Richard LYBBE in the  
occupation of John ARNOLD, & west upon the freehold  
of Richard LYBBE in ye occupation of John NICHOLS  
aforsd.
- 3 Certain enclosed grounds, three in number,  
contayning by estimation eighteen acres, lying  
between the freehold of Richard LYBBE called  
Brown-yard & the freehold of George BLAGRAVE in the  
east & the free(hold of Richard) LYBBE called

Churnham & Long Lane on the west haveing the said Churnham & a close(?) in the p(ar)ish of Tylehurst on the south and the freehold of George BLAGRAVE and Reading Roade on the north.

- 4 (One pe)ice of arable land lying in the common field called Luceham between two mearbalks, by estimation six acres; abutting north upon Middle Field & south upon Reading Roade & the (freehold of Richard LIBBE?) in the occupation of Samuell ELMS lying between the freehold of William St JOHN Esq on the east and west, that on the east in the occupation of Thomas SOUTH, that on the west (in the occupation of) George BLAGRAVE.
- 5 One piece of arable land called Wooltham by estimation five acres, abutting east upon Goosecroft Lane & west upon the freehold of William St JOHN aforesd called Goodly Downes in the occupation of George BLAGRAVE lying against Goosecroft, parte of the glebe of the Parsonage of Sulham & the freehold of Francis HYDE, gent. on the south & Reading Roade on the north.
- 6 (One piece of) arable land by estimation halfe an acre, lying in Midle Field between two mearbalks, abutting north and south upon the freehold of William St JOHN, that on the north in the occupation of Robert ROBINSON, and that on the south in the occupation of George BLAGRAVE, also lying between the freehold of William St JOHN in the east & west, that on the east in the occupation of G(eorge BLAGRAVE), and that on the west in the occupation of the said George BLAGRAVE.
- 7 One land lying in Churcham by estimation one acre, abutting west on the Lane of Common Marsh & upon the freehold of William St JOHN in the occupation of George BLAGRAVE lying be(tween the freehold of) William St JOHN on the south in the occupation of George BLAGRAVE & the Common Marsh in the north, haveing an quick hedge & ditch on the side Common Marsh & on the end to the ....
- 8 One land in West Field next to Pangbourne by estimation half an acre, north & south upon the freehold of William St JOHN, that on the north in occupation of George BLAGRAVE, and that on the south in occupation of Robert ROBINSON, lying between two mearbalks between the freehold of William St JOHN both east & west that on the east in the occupation of William SIMONDS, & that on the west in the occupation of G(eorge) BLAGRAVE.

18 Account of Rectory Lands (1714)

Contributed and transcribed by Jean Debney. A memorandum in the Parish Register 1662-1773 deposited in the Berkshire Record Office (ref D/P 93/1/1)

An account of ye fower enclosed grounds & of Lousham piece in ye east field, belonging to ye rectory of Purley in Berks. Measured by William HUMPHREY of Basseldon in ye year of our Lord 1714.

- 1 Simon's Close - fronting ye Reading Rode northward & siding Long Lane westwards 5 acres & halfe and 20 pole.
- 2 Square Close - lying south of ye aforesd Simons & siding Long Lane westwards - fower acres & halfe & 24 poles
- 3 The Pike - lying east of Square Close & Mr LIBB's Kirnam without reckoning ye pitt & two shawes in itt. Six akers, one quarter & twenty seven poles.

In all sixteen acres & halfe & thirty one pole.

- 4 Wooltham fronting Reading Roade northwarde, siding Goosecroft Lane eastwards - Fower acres & halfe & thirty six pole
- 5 Lousham Piece in East Field, near ye east gate & betwixt ye way through ye sd gate & Reading Roade - five acres, one quarter & sixteen pole.

The smaller pieces in East Field not then measured.

This acct was transcribed from William HUMPHREYES own paper given under his hand, by me Wm GOSTWICK.

19 Extract from Mr Collier's Plan (1729)

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The following was taken from a plan measured by Mr COLLIER of Mapledurham, drawn for the use of John St JOHN, Francis HAWES & Philip POWYS Esq.

D no 1 - Half acre shooting on Taylers Head

D no 2 - The 2 acres shooting on the 5 acres

D no 3 - The acre by Briars Hill piece

Farther Field

D no 1 - Lusham piece 6 acres in said plan. In the old account above 5 acres 1 quarter & 16 pole.

D no 2 - The half acre near Niplans Piece

Hither Field

Meadow ground

Common Meadow 2 acres & half

Charly Mead 3 acres & half

Churchams acre

Ivy's Piddle

Marsh 6 commons

This last account taken in 1729

20 Extract from Richard Buckeridge's Plan (1734)

Contributed and transcribed by Jean Debney. A memorandum in the Parish Register (1662-1773) deposited in the Berkshire Record Office (ref D/P 93/1/1)

	A	R	P
The Pike is	6	1	10
Parson's Close is	5	1	9

These 2 grounds measured by Richard BUCKERIDGE of Pangbourne Augt 8th 1734.

21 Extract from Richard Buckeridge's Plan (1735)

Contributed and transcribed by Jean Debney. A memorandum in the Parish Register (1662-1773) deposited in the Berkshire Record Office (ref D/P 93/1/1)

	A	R	P
Square Close is	4	3	31
The upper piece abutting against Morenalls	1	2	24
The lower piece against Morenalls	0	3	29
The piece in the Middle Ven is	0	2	12
Woolsham is	4	2	8
Lusam Piece is	5	0	10

Measured above as far as plough goes by the said Rich BUCKERIDGE in 1735.

22 Power of Attorney given to Richard of Pangbourne (1292)

Contributed by John Titterton. From Magdalen College Papers (ref M Misc 13). Dated 17 Jan 1292.

Purley near Reading

Die jovis pr. p. f s Hular, 20 Edw fil Hen at Soleham

Power of Attorney from Richard de la HYDE, Knt to Richard de PANGEBURNE Clerk, to give siesin to Hugh de St PHILIBERT of all his field called Oxcrofte, his land called Hugemead, and his meadow in the common meadow of Greater and Lesser Purle (excepting what his villeins hold in villeinage), and the field called Hurland, Hegecroft and Rudinge, as contained in the charter had from him.

Sealed with oval red seal showing a roman cameo with a naked figure and the inscription 'Secretem Ricardi'

23 Enfeoffment of Reginald Malyns and Edmund Hampden (1339)

Contributed by John Titterton. From Magdalen College Papers (ref M Oxon VII 125). Dated 10 June 1339

Die Jovis in vig. S. Barn. Apost. 13 Edw III at Henton.

Notice from Edmund DE MALYNS to all his tenants at Purle (near Reading), that he has enfeoffed his son Reginald and Edmund DE HAMPDENE of his manor of Little Purle, and that therefore all their fealties, services and customs are to be rendered to them or their attorneys.

Not sealed.





## PROJECT PURLEY

Project Purley is the name adopted by the local history society set up in 1982 to study the past and present of Purley in Berkshire. It was all started by Jean Debney who collected and began transcribing some of the available information about Purley. She was soon joined by other enthusiasts whose numbers grew until it was decided to form the society.

Old documents, maps, photos, personal reminiscences and many other sources are now being used to piece together the past of the people, places and buildings of the parish. Anything from earliest times to today is of importance and interest.

There are three levels to members' activities. First there are regular monthly meetings usually with a talk, but often during the summer taking the form of a walk-about. Second there are project groups where a few members get together as a team to work on a particular subject or facet. Finally there are the individual researchers doing their own thing but able to draw on the resources and experience of other members.

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The editor would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be notified of Project Purley publications as they become available.

Other publications are:-

- 2 Sources for the History of Purley on Thames (items 24-38)  
July 1988
- 3 Monumental Inscriptions at Purley Church (in preparation)
- 4 Index to Sources (in preparation)