

Account of Purley on Thames

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PURLEY

Purley is a small Parish and retired village, distant four miles from Reading, and in 1851 contained 220 inhabitants.

The CHURCH is a very ancient structure, situate in the park, near which the greater portion of the houses formerly stood. The tower is composed of chalk, cased with brick, and contains six bells. The church contains some fine tablets, and a beautiful antique font. The communion table is covered with a very old and curious piece of tapestry. The Lord Chancellor is patron. Rev Richard Palmer MA, Rector; Mr Thomas Burgiss, Clerk. Service - 11 am and 3 pm

The FREE SCHOOL is supported by the Rector. Average number of scholars, 30. Mrs M Herridge, Mistress.

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