



Account of Purley on Thames

Chronicles 1540-1559

1540 - 31/32 Hy VIII

Thomas Edmundes became vicar of Purley after Richard Davy had died (ref 115)

The Honor of Wallingford was severed from the Duchy of Cornwall by special Act of Parliament. It was linked with the Royal Manor of Ewelme to become the Honor of Ewelme (ref 350)

1541 - 32/33 Hy VIII

1542 - 33/34 Hy VIII

1543 - 34/35 Hy VIII

John Gough, Provost of St Edmund's College in Salisbury, died and the office was given to William St Barbe, a layman of the King's Privy Chamber (ref 276-3-388)

1544 - 35/36 Hy VIII

John Leke became Vicar of Purley after the previous incumbent had died. John Baraby had been acting as his deputy since his death. John Leke had been a Vicar Choral at Salisbury Cathedral (ref 115; 64)

1545 - 36/37 Hy VIII

The assets of the College of St Edmund in Salisbury were purchased by William St Barbe from the king for £400. This included the advowson of Purley. The Mayor of Salisbury had taken possession of the College on June 17th in the name of the king. William held the Advowson until his death, whereupon it reverted to the crown (refs 22; 159; 276-iii-388)

1546 - 37/38 Hy VIII

1547 - 38 Hy VIII / 1 Ed VI

1548 - 1/2 Ed VI

1549 - 2/3 Ed VI

1550 - 3/4 Ed VI

On the 29th July the manor of Purley, Berks, late of Reading Monastery, was granted to John Earl of Warwick. Also ' the common fines and liberties of the townships and hamlets of Pangbourne, Battle,Stratfield Mortimer and Purley etc, late of Reading Monastery ' The grant of all lands and liberties pertaining to Purley were granted for one knight's fee (refs 100-1550-364,265; add ms 28661-171)

1551 - 4/5 Ed VI

1552 - 5/6 Ed VI

1553 - 6/7 Ed VI / 1 Mary

1554 - 1/2 Mary / 1 Philip

John Leke was deprived of the living of Purley, presumably because he was married. Richard

Gatskyll was granted letters patent ' to the vicarage of Pursley in the diocese of Salisbury' by Queen Mary.

He was one of the earliest Marian appointments and had previously been curate at Purley and presumably remained a Roman Catholic (refs 64; 100-1554-39; 115)

1555 - 2/3 Mary/ 1/2 Philip

1556 - 3/4 Mary / 2/3 Philip

1557 - 4/5 Mary / 3/4 Philip

1558 - 5/6 Mary / 4/5 Philip / 1 Eliz

1559 - 1/2 Eliz

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