



Account of Purley on Thames

Chronicles 1680-1699

1680 - 31/32 Chas II

1681 - 32/33 Chas II

Thomas, son of Thomas Blagrave, rector of Purley, and his wife Elizabeth was born on April 15th between midnight and one am. He was baptised on 25th April.

1682 - 33/34 Chas II

1683 - 34/35 Chas II

1684 - 35/36 Chas II

Thomas Blagrave died and was buried at Purley on 20th November. He was succeeded by William Gostwyke MA, Master of Reading School, who was inducted on 27th November. This must have been one of the shortest inter-regnums on record.

1685 - 36/37 Chas II / 1 Jas II

Pangbourne School was founded by the will of John Breedon. He gave a half acre and endowed it with £40 of which £25 was to pay a schoolmaster. It took boys aged 7 to 14 and several boys from Purley attended. The building now occupied by Percy Stones was built for the school

Daniel Reynor died. He had become Rector of Purley in 1659 although not instituted until 1661. He was ejected in 1662 and since then had lived in his family home at Egham, Surrey 'wholly on the charity of his friends' He was the son of William Reynor who had also been ejected in 1662. He had registered as a Congregationalist in 1672 under the Toleration Act. He studied at Queen's College Cambridge from 1647, became a scholar at New College Oxford in 1649, taking his MA in 1650, when he became a Fellow of New College. He was rector of Buttermere 1656-57, Vicar of Clyffe Pypard, Wilts 1657-58. He left two sons, William and John and two daughters Ann and Sarah

1686 - 1/2 Jas II

1687 - 2/3 Jas II

Henry, second Earl of Clarendon, replaced Tyrconnel as Chancellor of Ireland on 10th Jan. Interestingly both had Purley connections. Henry was the son of Edward Hyde, first Earl whose first wife Ann was buried at Purley. Tyrconnel was consulted by the Rector of Purley, William Gostwyke in one of his disputes in 1711.

William Gostwyck, rector of Purley, resigned the Mastership of Reading School

1688 - 3/4 Jas II

Francis Hyde died and the Third of the Manor of Hyde passed to his son, also named Francis

Richard Bagley, husbandman of Purley died. His will is preserved

1689 - 1 Wm & Mary

Elizabeth Blgrave, widow of Thomas Blgrave Jr, died and was buried at Purley on April 10th

1690 - 1/2 Wm & Mary

1691 - 2/3 Wm & Mary

1692 - 3/4 Wm & Mary

Joan Childs, a widow, had her will proven.

1693 - 4/5 Wm & Mary

Joseph Child, a bachelor, and Thomas Child, a husbandman, had their wills proven.

1694 - 5/6 Wm & Mary

Sir Walter St John issued a release on Purley Magna on March 30th

1695 - 6/7 Wm III

1696 - 7/8 Wm III

1697 - 8/9 Wm III

1698 - 9/10 Wm III

John Caustin, churchwarden and senior gardener, died and was buried on 25th December. His will is preserved

1699 10/11 Wm III

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