

NOTES FROM A CARSHALTON VESTRY BOOK.

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A CARSHALTON Vestry Minute Book, now in private possession, contains many entries which are not only of local interest but throw some light upon the social history of the time covered, from 1691 to 1746.

The book has been rebound in buffed calf and with it are bound *A receipt for money collected for briefs* and *a rate made for the Parish Clerk's wages*. Primarily a Vestry Minute Book, it also contains some expenses of the Overseers of the Poor and the Churchwardens.

BRIEFS.

There are many records of the briefs published in Church, with the money collected; and almost the first entries are the following:—

“There was a breefe Leaft with M^r Cade about y^e 24th Jaⁿ: 1691 baring dat y^e 18 day of feba Last And was Gathered bye y^e Church Warden & y^e Minester M^r Cade of our Parrish of Cashalton y^e 1st Feb^a 1691 & deliverd afterward to y^e sade Minester: for y^e releefe of y^e poore distresed Prodistance off Ireland being y^e som of

£ s. d.
04 : 17 : 0

Edw : Burrish } Church : Warden.
Tho : Ball }

“And a Lettor rite to Mr. Sermon in y^e 3 King Cort Lomber Street

“Published a breefe 31th May 1691 for Teignmouth, & Shaldon fyerd by y^e french fleet: the mony Collected: one pounds 2 sh : 4^d & nine shillins 9^d $\frac{1}{2}$ in all—

01 : 12 : 01 $\frac{1}{2}$

pd to Geo : During at y^e Vissitation.

The vicarage was then held by John Nelme, who was also Rector of Beddington and resided there. Mr. Cade was the curate in charge.

The following is a list of these briefs.

1691.	Jan:	3.	for Thirsk, North Riding of York	15 . 10
	March	20.	for Bealt in the County of Brecon	17 . 0
1692.	May	22.	for John Clopton of Noridg	9 . 4
1698.	Aug:	16.	for Millden Hall	8 . 2
	Apr:	16.	for Wolverhamton	6 . 2
1699.	Apr:	16.	for french Prodestants	17 : 11 : 4
	May	25.	for Lancaster	8 . 2
	May	8.	for Newberry & Minhead	1 : 2 : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	June	11.	for affire in Drury Lane London	11 : 11
	July	9.	for affire in Derby Co ^{rt} Westm	8 . 0
1703.	Jan:	23.	for N ^m Brompton's	8 . 0
1704.	Apr:	13.	for Orange-Refugees	29 : 10 : 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	May	14.	for the Inhabitants of St. Giles's in the Fields	7 . 0
	May	28.	for the Inhabitants of St. John Wapping	14 . 2
1705.	June	10.	for the inhabitants of South Morton	9 . 2
1706.	Apr:	28.	for Bampton	8 . 0
	Sept:	15.	for a Fire at Bradmore	8 . 7
	Oct:	13.	for a Fire in Morgans Lane	7 . 9
1706.	Sept:	22.	for a Fire at Chatteris	7 . 7
1707.	Apr:	27.	for Beverly Church	9 . 6
1707.	June	15.	for Albens	6 . 0
1707.	June	2.	for Smiths	9 . 0
1707.	July	13.	for a Fire at North Marston	8 . 8
1707.	July	20.	for Broseley Church	5 . 1
1707.	July	27.	for Shire Lane	4 . 0

1707.	Aug:	3.	for a Fire at Powster	8 . 6
1707.	Sept:	14.	for Torrington	5 . 6
1707.	Sept:	28.	for Bachford	9 . 1
1707.	Oct:	19.	for Dursley Church	9 . 6
1707.	Nov:	9.	for Orford Church	5 . 7
1707.	Nov:	16.	for Heavitree	5 . 0
	Nov:	30.	for Darlington	6 . 6
	Dec:	14.	for Shadwell	5 . 0
	Dec:	21.	for Oberbarmen	5 . 0
	Jan:	3.	for Charles Street	2 . 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Jan:	17.	for Southam	6 . 0
1708.	July	25.	for a fire at Lisburn in Ireland	15 . 0
	Aug:	8.	for Alconbury cum Weston	7 . 0
	Aug:	15.	for Wincanton	6 . 0
	Aug:	22.	for Great Yarmouth	4 . 0
	Aug:	29.	for Bewdley	6 . 9
	Oct:	10.	for Edinborough	6 . 0
	Oct:	17.	for Strand	6 . 6
	Oct:	24.	for Brenchly Church	6 . 0
1709.	May	8.	for Market Rayson	6 . 0
	May	22.	for Harlow	8 . 0
	May	29.	for Redcliff Church in Bristol	6 . 6
	June	19.	for Holt Market	7 . 0
	June	26.	for Llanvilling	5 . 0
	Oct:	17.	for the Relief of y ^e Poor Palitines	51 . 0 . 9
	Nov:	13.	for Stoak	8 . 0
	Nov:	27.	for Rotherhithe Wall	3 . 0
	Dec:	11.	for the protestant church at Mittan	1 . 0
	May	28.	for S ^t Peters Church at Chalfont	8 . 6
	June	4.	for Ashton Super Mercy	6 . 0
	June	18.	for Stocton Church	8 . 6
	Oct:	8.	for Cardigan	3 . 0
	Oct:	15.	for Haughly	1 . 6
	Oct:	29.	for Gwyford	3 . 0
	Nov:	12.	for Cockermouth	4 . 0

	Nov:	19.	for Ensham	8 . 0
	Nov:	26.	for Rotherhithe Church	3 . 0
1710.	May	14.	for North fleet and Durant Church	3 . 0
1711.	Apr:	11.	for Colchester Church	13 . 8
	May	6.	for Edinburgh	3 . 8
	May	13.	for Whishaw	8 . 8
	Aug:	29.	for St. Hellens	6 . 7
	Oct:	14.	for Charles Empson	3 . 11
1705.	Feb:	9.	for Great Massingham in Norfolk	10 . 9
	Feb:	26.	for rebuilding y ^e church of All Saints in Oxon	18 . 4
	Mch:	10.	for rebuilding church of Minshell in Cheshire	10 . 2
1706.	Apr:	21.	for Stony Stratford	7 . 1
	Apr:	28.	for Kirton in Lindsey County of Lincolne	8 . 1
	Sept:	8.	for Basford Church	9 . 1
	Sept:	15.	for Morgans Lane, Southw:	7 . 9
	Sept:	22.	for Chatteris in ye Isle of Ely	7 . 7

The brief for Teignmouth & Shaldon (1691) was left by George Duringe & Phillip Duringe and the money was "pd. to Geo: During at the Visitation." The brief for Thirsk (1691) was left by Robt. Harvy & Will: Blakesley. After this the only Collector named is William Blakesley. Some of the briefs are noted as being paid in at the Visitation at Mitcham.

LETTERS OF REQUEST.

Another form of licensed begging was the "Letter of Request": a number of these appear in this Minute Book, amongst the Churchwardens' Accounts.

1699.	June	22.	for a Fire at Norton in Hartfordsheir	2 . 0
	June	23.	for affire at Walesworth in Gloucestersh ^r	2 . 0
	July	7.	for Cap ^t Cornwalls Sons Redemption taken prisoner by Turkish Pyrates	2 . 6
	July	19.	for a Fire at Wiggan in Yorkshire	1 . 0
	July	22.	for Fire at Upton in Gloucestershire	1 . 0

	July	29.	for a Fire at Kirby in Cheshier	1 . 0
	Aug :	24.	for a Fire at Ellincoe in Hampsh ^r	1 . 0
	Sept :		for an Inundation at Northcott in Lincolnsh ^r	1 . 0
	Sept :	12.	for a Fire at Haley in Devonshier	1 . 0
	Oct :	10.	for a Fire at Reston in Hampshire	1 . 0
	Oct :	21.	for a Fire at Newton North'tons ^h	1 . 0
	Nov :	8.	for a Fire at Broadbridge in Hampsh ^h	1 . 0
	Dec :	20.	for a Fire at Walton in Devonshier	1 . 0
	Jan :	11.	for a Fire at North Wallham in Norfolk	1 . 0
1699.	Feb :	3.	for a Fire at Newtown in Montgomerysh ^h	1 . 0
	Mch :	19.	for a Fire at Javington in Sussex	1 . 0

PASSENGERS.

The number of "passengers" coming through the village appears to have been large, but probably not more so than other villages so near London: they were helped on their way with small doles of money. The following is a list of those travellers who were relieved during 1696 and up to April 1697, with the amounts given them; from which it appears that the average relief was a little more than 1*d*. for each person.

1696.	Passengers.			Paid.
May	...	28	...	2 . 5
June	...	29	...	3 . 0
July	...	36	...	3 . 4
Aug :	...	41	...	3 . 10
Sept :	...	33	...	2 . 10
Oct :	...	32	...	3 . 2
Nov :	...	44	...	4 . 3
Dec :	...	38	...	3 . 6
Jan :	...	29	...	3 . 6
Feb :	...	36	...	4 . 0
Mch :	...	15	...	1 . 6
Apr :	...	6 6

This relief was in the hands of the Headborough acting under the Overseers of the Poor, as appears from the following entry :—

July 8 . 1711.

"Ordered y^t Jn^o Finch y^e pres^t Headborough be paid out of
y^e Churchwarden' Book for this present year for 2 years

Goals and Hospitals ending Lady Day 1710 and an arrear of £1:13s. 5d. for passing of vagrants and other incidental Charges to his office."

Henry Byne
Rich^d Houlditch
John Herringman.

Although Carshalton is away from all the main roads leading from London to the coast, a large proportion of the passengers passing through are described as Seamen or the survivors of Shipwrecks. One is inclined to suspect that a sad story of adventure by sea was used by unprincipled travellers as a ready means of exciting sympathy. Thus, in the Churchwardens' Accounts of 1699, the following items occur:—

1699. May 27.	To 2 passes w th 11 Shipwrackt Passeng ^{rs} & Sick Seamen	2 . 6
June 9.	To a Pass w th 9 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} Landed in Suffolk came frö Hamburg	1 . 6
	To 7 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Kent Shoare	1 . 2
June 11.	To a Pass w th 5 Seamen from Barnstaple	1 . 0
June 19.	To a Pass w th 4 Shipwrk. from Kent to Southampton	1 . 0
June 29.	To a Pass w th 3 Sick Seamen	0 . 6
July 4.	To 4 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Liverpoole	1 . 0
July 8.	To 8 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Ireland	1 . 6
July 16.	To 6 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Essex to Barnstaple	1 . 0
July 18.	To 8 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Burlington comeing from Virginia	1 . 6
Aug: 9.	To 6 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Harwitch to Poole	1 . 0
Aug: 24.	To 4 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Dover	0 . 6
Oct:	To 4 Shipwrackt Pass ^{rs} from Whitby in Yorksheir	0 . 8
Nov: 16.	To 2 Pases w th 18 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Yarmouth to Kent	2 . 6
Dec: 11.	To 6 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} to Sidenham in Sussex	1 . 0
Jan: 13.	To 7 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Rye to Bristoll	1 . 0
Jan: 24.	To 6 Shipwrk. from Bideford to Dover	1 . 0
Jan: 26.	To 4 Seamen Pass ^{rs} from Chattham to Southton	0 . 8
Feb: 17.	To 3 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Southfleet	0 . 6
Mch: 4.	To 7 Shipwrk. Pass ^{rs} from Denmark to Suffolk	1 . 0

1699. Mch: 8. To Jōⁿ Byrch & Family wth a Pass from
Nesson in Chesh^r Shipwrackt from
Ireland 1 . 0
- Mch: 26. To 6 Shipwrk. Pass^{rs} from y^e Canaryes
to Falmouth 1 . 0

Other interesting passengers are disbanded soldiers
of whom we find instances in 1699 and 1700.

1699. June 8. To a Pass wth disbanded Souldiers
from Ireland 00 . 01 . 00

1700. Apr^l 9. To 2 Disbanded Soldiers wth a pass — . 04

THE POOR HOUSE.

During the period covered by this volume the relief
of the destitute and the care of the infirm paupers in
Poor Houses, had been taken from the Justices and was
in the hands of the Overseers. References to the Poor
House are as follows:—

April y^e 11 . 1699.

The names of y^m y^t live in y^e Parish House.

Widd Davis

Widd Rawley

Edwd. Horton.

1699. To Jōⁿ Willson for mending the Church Wall
and the parish house & for Bricks &
Mortar as p^r Bill 00 . 13 . 00

In the Overseers' Accounts at this time and the Register
we read incidentally the short tragic story of Horton
and his daughter.

1698. May 24. given to hortens daughter when she
went to y^e hospettall . 1 . 0

[The Accounts of Robert Dally and William Simmons,
Overseers of the Poor: Money disbursed from the 20th
May 1698 to 4th May 1699.]

- pd. for Repairing the parrish house 02 . 6
- pd. to y^e Releif of Edw^d Horton at Seval times in his
Sickness & his Wifes 07 . 0
- pd. Sar. Hortons car to y^e Hospitall & Charges 09 . 0

[May 4 to July 15th 1699.]

pd. Sar. Hortons Shroud & Coffin & fetching fro. y^e
Ho^ptall & Bur^l fees & Tax

1 . 3 . 6

[From the Register.]

1699. Sarah Horton died at y^e Ospetall—buried.

1700. Edward Horton buried.

The widow continued for some years to receive relief.

The Parish House became in time incapable of receiving all the infirm paupers; and the Churchwardens and Overseers were obliged to board them out, making the best bargain they could. So that we read:—

July 26 . 1724.

“Ordered y^t y^e Churchwardens M^r Sanders & William Henley have a book of two pence per pound.

And y^t they have power to make a bargain wth Walter Oliver at two shillings per week for keeping y^e Widow Day during her Life and y^t they take a Bond of y^e said Walter Oliver for y^e performance of this Covenant.”

This was no doubt an expensive way of looking after the poor. Every year the list of persons receiving alms grew longer and almost every year the rate of the Overseers of the Poor is increased. At Easter 1739, sixteen persons and “Thompson’s children” received weekly donations varying from 1s. a week to 5s.; and the half-yearly poor rates had risen from the 4*l.* and 3*l.* in the pound of 1729 to 9*l.* and 1s.

In the Summer of this year, therefore, a new Poor House was taken.

July 15 . 1739.

“At a Vestry held this day it was agreed to take of Tho^s Scawen Eq^r the house now in the occupation of William Lucas and Robert Gowen for the Term of Seven years to Comēce at Michēlmas next at the yearly Rent of Ten pounds for a house for the poor, the parish to put and keep the pmes. in Good Repair the said Tho^s Scawen allowing them one years Rent.

Decem^r 9 . 1739.

“At a Parish Meeting it was agreed that John Mashall & his Wife shall be House-Keepers of y^e Work-House & that they shall have a Sallary of Forty Shillings a year besides

their Board, & that y^e Church Wardens & Overseers shall buy Furniture Provisions & other necessities, & that They shall give in their Accounts to y^e Parish once a Month.

MORE PASSENGERS AND OTHER POOR PEOPLE.

What a motley crowd of travellers passed through the village is seen by the following list of persons relieved in 1691:—

for mony to a wooman and child by pas	1 . 0
For mony to 6 duch men	. 11
To a man & his wife with there famely cast a way coming from barbados w th a pase	2 . 0
To a gentle wooman with a pase	1 . 0
To 3 Woomen & a Child from Plimoth	1 . 0
To a man Taken by y ^e French & retaken	. 6
To a sicke Souldger	. 6
To a man burnt out	. 6
Toward y ^e releefe of one a Slave in Turkey	1 . 0
To a poor man burnt out by fire	. 2

No doubt these travellers, having received their dole, were passed out of the village without delay. Possibly the following outstayed her welcome:—

pd for caringe a poore Wooman out of Town	00 . 03 . 00
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That those poor people who were genuinely sick or were taken ill in the village were looked after by the Parish officers, who expended more upon them than the usual 1*d.* or 2*d.*, is evidenced by the following entries from the few Accounts in this book:—

1692. pd. for a poore woman being brought a bed in Town	00 . 12 . 00
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1699. pd. y ^e Releef of a poor woman in Travaile } going to Guilford }	01 . 06
pd. the Charges of a poor travailing woman } that lay in at W ^m Barnes's }	01 . 15 . 09

1699. Aug: 21. For a pass & Releif for a Sick } woman that lay at Nich Hicksons to }	01 . 06
pass to Caermarthen	

1705.	Feb: 18. P ^d Keeping one of the Travelling Women with her family being 8 in all 4 weeks at 20 sh. pr week	4 . 0 . —
	Pd. Keeping the other Travelling Woman for 1 week & for Nurse & Expences	1 . 15 . 0
1706.	Feb: 21. P ^d to a Travelling Woman	0 . 3 . 0
	P ^d another Travelling Woman	0 . 1 . 0
	P ^d for the laying in of a Woman	0 . 3 . 0
	Oct: 11. P ^d for a Travelling Woman	0 . 1 . 0
1706.	Feb: 4. P ^d for a Travelling Woman to M ^{rs} Smith	0 . 6 . 0
	Feb : 7. P ^d Goody Killick for nursing a Travelling Woman	0 . 5 . 0

Other charitable aid would be connected with *Burials* : examples of entries relating to various aspects of this are as follows:—

	For A black Cloth to burry y ^e ded under	2 . 10 . 0
1698.	for Elin Drury's Burial Tax	— 04 —
	for Mary Buxton's Burial Tax	— 04 —
	for Rob ^t Squiers Burial Tax	— 04 —
1705.	Rec ^d for Burials in y ^e Church	2 . 5 . 4
	Aug: 31. P ^d M ^{rs} Harris laying a Woman	0 . 5 . 0
	Dec: 10. P ^d M ^{rs} Harris laying a Poor Woman	0 . 5 . 0
	P ^d the Nurse one Week	0 . 5 . 0
1706.	March 22. Pd for Burrying the Widow Davys	1 . 0 . 0
	For Beer	0 . 3 . 6
	For the Coffin	0 . 5 . 0
	For an Affidavit	0 . 0 . 6
	P ^d Church Dutyes for the Burial of Widow Davis & Wid ^o Gilbert	0 . 3 . 0

We learn from the above, that the affidavit that Widow Davys was buried in woollen cost 6d., and also that beer was a necessity paid for by the Overseers. Probably beer is included in the following, paid a few months afterwards:—

pd. for the burial and other necessaryes of the Wid ^o Black	1 . 16 . 6
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and we find that it was drunk also at christenings :—

1706. Feb: 7. pd. for Beer at the Christning of a child 1 . 0

PARISH ELECTIONS.

In 1705 William Finch, the Parish Clerk, died, and his son was elected to the office by the parishioners.

At a Generall Vestry held in y^e Parish Church of Carshalton on y^e 9th of 7ber . 1705, John ffinch & George Ireland, being in nomination for Parish Clarke: The Parishioners unanimously chose John ffinch.

“ At a Vestry held in y^e Parish of Carshalton 9ber. y^e 18th 1705 it was agreed that John ffinch should have the same rates & Clerkes Wages, which his ffather W^m ffinch enjoyes before his Death ; and this to continue dureing the pleasure of the said Parish.”

The then Vicar, the Rev. William Hollier, resented the election of the clerk by the parishioners, and some friction arose. Under the Minutes of a Parish Meeting held June 16, 1707, the following appears :—

Whereas y^e Parishoners upon y^e Death of William Finch Parish Clerk did on y^e 9th of Sept. 1705 Elect John Finch to succeed his Father. And whereas William Hollier Vicar claiming a right of Nominating a Clerk. A dispute thereupon arising, It was tried at y^e Queens : Bench Bar and a Verdict was obtained in favour of y^e Said Vic^r. It is agreed at this parish meeting y^t all further prosecution shall cease.

And whereas y^e said Vic^r did Nominate George Ireland to be his Clerk The Parishoners do Elect and Agree y^t y^e said George Ireland shall keep y^e Clock, and do all other offices w^{ch} William Finch y^e former Parish Clerk usually did. And for so doing they do agree to allow him according to the Rate entered on y^e other side y^e Leaf, during the pleasure of y^e said parishoners. And they do hereby repeal an order made Novem: 18 . 1705 setling y^e same upon John Finch.

Then follow the details of a voluntary rate made for the Clerk's wages, and the amount paid by the principal inhabitants is here transcribed :—

Made the 19th of October 1707 that the said wages to be paid quarterly till it shall be other wise settled by the Ordinary or by y^e consent of the said Inhabitants—

S ^r William Scawen for his House	0 . 1 . 6
M ^r Edward Carleton for his House	0 . 1 . 3
M ^r Cater's House late inhabited by Rawlins	0 . 0 . 5
M ^r John Cater for his House	0 . 1 . 0
M ^r Henry Byne for his House	0 . 1 . 0
Richard Barnes for the Parsonedge	0 . 1 . 0
For the Court lodge House Widow Buxton Tenant	0 . 0 . 6
M ^r John Barett for M ^{rs} Dewy's House	0 . 0 . 9
M ^r Shales for M ^{rs} Dewy's House	0 . 0 . 9
M ^r John Herringman for his House	0 . 0 . 9
John Watson at the Sign of the Greyhound	0 . 0 . 9
M ^r John Mead for M ^r Hamens House	0 . 0 . 9
M ^r John Rason for M ^r Buredges House	0 . 0 . 7
M ^r Thomas Sisson for M ^r Holtens House	0 . 0 . 7
The Widdow of Thomas Hickson for S ^r W ^m Scawens	0 . 0 . 6
Thomas Williams for the Bunch of Grapes	0 . 0 . 6
Henry Stevens for M ^r Harborts House	0 . 0 . 5
William Pope for M ^r Buredges Mills House	0 . 0 . 5
M ^r John Moris for M ^r Carletons Copper Mills	0 . 0 . 5
Charles Goschen for S ^r W ^m Scawens House	0 . 0 . 5

This was not the only instance in which the Vicar stood up for those rights which in the absence of a resident incumbent had lapsed. The history of this dispute can be clearly read in the following entries:—

March 26th 1706.

John Mills was then chosen & continued in y^e place of Churchwarden.

by William Hollier Vic^r.

Mach. 26 . 1706. At a Meeting held on Tuesday in Easter Week y^e Parishioners did agree to choose and continue M^r Tho. Sisson Churchwarden, and to nominate and elect other officers (as follow) for y^e year ensuing.

M ^r Tho. Sisson	} Churchwardens.
Jn ^o Mills	

These Minutes were signed by the following.

John Cater
 Henry Byne
 Edward Carleton
 Thomas Lording
 Robert Hawkins.

This is to Certifie that we underwritten unwarily put our names to the above preamble being unread by us the Officers

being chose and continued by the body of Parishoners as usuall.

John Cater
Edward Carleton
Thomas Lording.

At the Easter Vestry 1708.

“S^r William Scawen & Thomas ffinch were chosen by the Parishoners Church Wardens for y^e year ensuing.”

At the end of the Minutes of this Meeting the Vicar writes

April y^e 6th 1708.

I do Dissent to y^e right of y^e Parishoners chosing two Church-wardens as they have above asserted knowing it to be y^e right of y^e Vicar.

William Hollier, vicar of Carshalton.

This was not allowed of, by the Parish, their Choice being in the same Mannor as heretofore.

Aprill y^e 25th 1709.

Att A Vestry held in y^e Parish Church of Carshalton for y^e Choise of Parish Officers, S^r William Scawen & Thomas ffinch were chosen and continued by M^r Hollier & the Parishioners Church Wardens for y^e year ensuing.

But it is not until the following year that all differences being smoothed the right of the Vicar to elect his own Warden is recognised.

April 11th 1710.

At a Vestry on Easter Tuesday y^e Parishoners did Nominate Robert Hawkins Maltman Church-Warden for y^e year ensuing.

M^r Jn^o Herringman was then Chosen Church-Warden for y^e year ensuing by

William Hollier, Vic^r of Carshalton.

A further note relating to the Election of Church Wardens occurs in 1715, when we read:

July 24th 1715.

Upon y^e Death of Thomas Tegg John Harrison was chosen Churchwarden.

per William Hollier, Vic^r.

THE CHURCH FABRIC.

The most important references to Church buildings are undoubtedly those concerning the raising of the North Aisle of the Church. As they set at rest so much speculation upon the date of this building and incidentally give us the origin of the Fellowes Charity, the entries are here given in full. Sir John Fellowes died in 1724, leaving his brother, Mr. Edward Fellowes, principal legatee.

At a Vestry Held in the Vestry Room in the Parish Church of Carshalton in the County of Surry on Sunday the Eleventh Day of April 1725.

Due Notice for Such meeting being first given.

Ordered and Agreed (Nemine Contradicente) that Edward Fellowes Esq^r a parishoner and Inhabitant of this Parish have leave to Dig, make and build a Vault of the following dimensions viz : Eight foot and a half long and Seven foot wide in the Clear under the pews on the North West side of the middle Isle of the said parish Church with steps to go down into the same, and have the same appropriated for a Burying place for himself his family friends and Relations exclusive of all others whatsoever, upon paym^t of the usual and accustomed Fees due to the Minister and parishoners upon any persons being buried in the Church, when and so often as any Corps shall be Interred in the said Vault. And also upon Condition that the pews and pavement over the said Vault shall at all such times as the said Vault shall be opened be made good at the proper Cost and Charges of the said Edward Fellowes and his Heires. And it is further Agreed that the said Edward Fellowes shall have Liberty to Erect a Monum^t to the Memory of his late Brother S^r John Fellowes Barr^t. Deceased agst. the North Wall of the said Church between the Vestry and the North Door.

Memorand. On Consideration of the abovesaid Order the said Edward Fellowes Esq^r doth promise to settle upon the poor of the said parish the sum of Ten pounds for ever. to be annually paid to twenty poor people being Inhabitants of the said parish at the Feast of St. John the Evangelist and ten pounds Yearly to put out two Boys of the said parish Apprenticis.

The Nomination of the abovesaid twenty poor people and the abovesaid two Boys to be and Remain in the said Edward Fellowes During his Life. And after his demise to be in the Nomination of the Minister and the Churchwardens of said parish for ever.

Edw. Fellowes.

[*Note in margin.*]

Mem^d. March 17. 1727 the Deed of Settlement for y^e s^d
20 p^r Annum was left in Vestry by me

Rob. Rous.

At a Vestry held in the Vestry Room in the parish Church of Carshalton in the County of Surrey on Sunday the twenty Seventh day of February 1725 due Notice for Such meeting being first given.

Ordered and Agreed (Nemine Contradicente) That whereas at a Vestry held on Sunday the Eleventh day of April last past It was Agreed y^t Edward Fellows Eq^r should have leave to make a Vault in the Middle Isle of y^e said Church & erect a Monum^t agst. the North Wall upon y^e consideration of an Agreement then made and Signed by the said Edward Fellows, w^{ch} place being now thought inconvenient. That the said Edward Fellows have leave (upon his settling twenty pounds yearly upon the parish of Carshalton for Ever according to his former Agree^{mt}: And upon further Consideration, that the said Edward Fellows, Do at his own Cost and Charges build and make the North Side of the said Church answerable to and in like manner as the South Side is and also part wth the Seat he now sits in and y^t wherein his Servants now sit to the use of the parish) to stop up y^e North East Window of the said Church and to Erect a Monum^t and have the Seat in w^{ch} Mr Twisden now sits and the two pews behind it in the said North East Corner of the said Church and the Ground under them, in order to make a Seat or Seats for himself and Family and to dig a Vault under the same Seats and to have the said Seat or Seats appropriated to the use of himself and Family Exclusive of all others and the occupiers of his now dwelling house and the Vault appropriated for a Burying place for himself his Family and Relations Exclusive of all others paying the usual and accustomed Fees due to the Minister and parishioners upon any persons being buried in the Church when and so often as any Corps shall be Interred in the said Vault And also upon Condition that the pavem^t shall be made good at all such times as the said Vault shall be opened at his Cost and Charge.

The Day and Year above written It was agreed that the Church Wardens should place M^r Twisden in the pew y^t M^r Fellows now Sits in, during his Stay in this parish.

This monument to Sir John Fellowes was removed from the East end of the North Aisle at the Enlargement of the Church in 1893, and is now placed at the West end of the South Aisle.

March 17th 1727. The Deed of Settlement of Edw^d Fellowes Esq^r of twenty pounds per Ann. issuing out of the Copper Mills now in the possession of M^r Benjamin Boss Ten pounds whereof is to be given to twenty poor people of this parish and ten pounds to place out two poor Boys apprentices yearly (and w^{ch} said Deed is enrolled in Chancery) was this day delivered in the Vestry by M^r Robert Rous and put into the parish chest.

Some further extracts relating to the Church Fabric and Churchyard are also given.

Oct: 23 . 1692.

At a meeting held Oct. 23 . 1692. It is agreed by the Inhabitants of CASHALTON in the County of SURRY that the fence of the North side of the Church yard be removed to the out-bounds & be renewed by a wall of eight foot high above the foundation.

And for the discharge of this & other Charges It is ordered that the Churchwardens shall have a book for 7^d in the pound.

1698. Aprile. payd y^e panter for panten y^e church 3 . 3 . 0

payd John Willson for worke don A bout y^e
Church and whitting y^e Church 1698 3 . 5 . 0

May 24. given to 2 women for Clening y^e
Church after paintin & washin 0 . 3 . 0

Sept. 13 . 1702.

At a meeting held y^s day It is agreed by y^e Inhabitants of Carshalton that y^e Churchwardens employ workmen to repair y^e South side of y^e roof of y^e Church.

1702. Dec. 22. P^d for 1500 of Tyles 1 . 10 . 0

(The next two no doubt refer to the Great Storm of November 26-27, 1703.)

1704. March 23. P^d. for 700 of Tyles 1 . 8 . 0

April 23. P^d Thomas Tegg for Carriage of
Lime Tyles, etc. 0 . 7 . 6

P^d for a Load of Lyme to mend
y^e Church after y^e high wind 1 . 0 . 0

April 29th 1723.

At a meeting of the Parishoners it was agreed that for y^e repairing the South Isle and beautifying the Church the Churchwardens shall have a Book of Eight pence per pound.

August 4th 1726.

Whereas upon a Calculation made of the Church wardens expences for making new the Churchyard Fence and mending the same mending the pavem^t of the church and the Buttrice, and making a paer of stairs out of the Church Yard into the Bellfree that the Book below granted of three pence per pound is not sufficient to defray the charge of the same, it was then unanimously agreed by the parishoners at a Vestry then present that the Church-Wardens have a book of Six pence per pound for defraying the charges of the same and other charges incident to their office.

August 11th 1726.

At a Vestry held then it was agreed y^t the Church-wardens, Sr William Hamond and John Wells have full power to build a Stair Case out of the Churchyard into the Bellfree and to agree with workmen for building the same.

“The Buttrice” probably refers to a massive brick buttress which supported the North side of the Tower. “The pair of Stairs” into the belfry were never built. Until the present wooden staircase was made in 1893, the only access to the belfry was by a ladder.

CHURCH FURNITURE.

An important series of entries are those relating to Church furniture of every kind. We have a number concerning the *Church Books* themselves; for instance:—

1699. July 10. ffor A Box Lock & Key to keep	{	- 01 . 08
y ^e Parish Books & Acco ^{ts} in		

Nov. 3. P ^d for a New Register Book	1 . 4 —
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1711. 3 Locks & Keys for y ^e Chest	0 . 2 . 6
A Book for Entring y ^e Names of Strange Preachers	0 . 0 . 8
A Table of y ^e Degrees of Marriage	0 . 0 . 6

The *Church Plate* is seen in such entries as

Deliverd the 5 Jan. 1692 to Will : Wilson Churchwarden for this this yeare one diap' Table Cloth & one diaper napkin one silver flagine two silver cups & three other peces of silver plate in all six peces belonging to y^e parish of Cashalton—

(all this plate is now in use, with the exception of one "pece of silver plate" (probably a paten) which is missing).

1705. Aug: 15. A Basket to carry the plate 0 . 0 . 5

All other kinds of necessities also occur, from a surplice to a book of homilies, from a pair of hinges to a copy of the Act against profane swearing:—

1769. Oct. 10. For a New Common Prayer Book }
 & an Act of Parliam^t agst Swearing } - 01 —

Jan. 5. To James Callant officer for a
 Proclamaçon agst Imorality & Prophaness - 01 —

1700. May 2. For a Dozen of Hassocks to kneel
 on & carriage fro. Londⁿ - 10 . 06

For a Book of Homyls - 07 . 06

1703. May 12. Paid for a Surplise 3 . 11 . 0

1705. Aug^t 15. Hinges for a Pew Door 0 . 0 . 6

1706. 7ber. 26. A new key and mending the Lock
 of y^e Gallery door 0 . 1 . 6

1707. June 13. A Proclamⁿ for Alteration of
 Prayers 0 . 1 . 6

1711. Ap. 30. paid for the Queens Arms 5 . 0 . 0

While the use of the *Church Bells* is well illustrated in several places:—

1691. To y^e ringers being a Thanks giving day }
 for redussing Irland } 00 . 05 . 00

1695. ped. the Ringars the 2 Thankes Given days 00 . 10 . 00

1698. Oct. To the Ringers when Peace was
 proclaimed 00 . 05 . 00

Nov. 4, 5. for a youe tree 0 . 1 . 0

Given to y^e ringers on A thanks given day 0 . 5 . 0

Given to y^e ringers one day when y^e King
 came A huntten 0 . 5 . 0

MISCELLANEOUS.

A number of other matters of a more miscellaneous character find interesting illustration: for instance, the Chilworth Gunpowder Works.

In the *Victoria History of Surrey* (Vol. II, p. 235), in allusion to Josias Dewey who held these Works in 1656, we read "As to Josias Dewey whether he continued etc." 325

Probably he is identical with the Josias Dewye who audited the parish accounts in May 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695, 1697, and who signs the Minutes on Oct 23. 1692. He died and was buried in Carshalton Church in 1698. In his Will¹ he describes himself as a "Clothmaker": one of the bequests of this Will is—

"Also I bequeath all that freehold messuage and all that those watermills for making gunpowder & all those two meadows called Great Orchard, and pond close lying in the parishes of Carshalton, Beddington and Wallington to my Grandson Josias Carleton."

There are also several references to "powder men" in the Register from 1661.

Other 'miscellaneous' quotations of considerable interest are as follows:—

1701. P ^d for 20 Doz ^s of Bread at Processioning	01 . 0 . 0
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1702. Jan: 5. P ^d for John Drewey's discharge from Prison	2 . 0 . 0
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June 4, 1705. Rec ^d by Book for y ^e Robbery of y ^e Welshmen	12 . 18 . 4
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1707. May 5. To Trophy Mony. The Account of Henry Byne & William Pope Church- wardens of the Parish of Carshalton for 4 years	2 . 9 . 5
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We may perhaps conclude with a few quotations showing the action of the Parochial Authorities in various matters of LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, not of a very definitely ecclesiastical kind. Thus we have:—

¹ P. C. C. 183, Lort.

1692.	pd. for horses 3 times to y ^e Justis of peace before Mr Byns would pay	00 . 05 . 00
1705.	P ^d Mr Hen. Bynd's charges a bout a robbery	01 . 05 . 09
1769.	Sept: 22. For A Warr ^t for Frā Bellfeild & Dan Hamond & charges takeing them before the Justices at Mitcham	- 02 . —

The care of HIGHWAYS is, however, a matter particularly important.

Dec: 26 . 1692.

At a meeting held Dec: 26 . 1692. It is agreed by the Inhabitants of Cashalton in the County of Surry, That Robert Hawkins, Nicholas Hickson, William Killick, Thomas Tegge, Stevn Morphew be nominated to the Justices of the Peace for Surveyors of the High ways.

A Copy of y^e Warrant concerning the Surveyors of the Highway & the Poor.

To the Constable of y^e Parish of Carshalton.

Surr. D.

Wallington D.

Whereas by a statute made in y^e 3^d & 4th year of this King & Queen. An Act for y^e better repairing & amending y^e highways & for settling the Rates of carriage of Goods, It is there amongst other things [*not continued*].

1698.	pd. the high Constable for Chertsey bridge	1 . 13 . 0
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April 23.	P ^d for the rate of the Parish to Foxhall Bridge	3 . 0 . 0
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Until the year 1826, the water of the Upper Town Pond from the Greyhound to the Boleyn Well came almost up to the garden wall of the house now known as "Queen's Well." There was a raised path running underneath the wall for foot passengers only. The following probably refers to this footpath and the present "Honeywood Walk":—

June 2 . 1707.

Memorand. That whereas y^e foot Causey leading from the Summer-house late Mrs. Otghar over Stone-Bridge to y^e Churchyard Gate, is out of repair and the Parishoners

knowing it to be M^r Caters right to repair it, did at a Parish meeting this day desire him forthwith to repair it, to w^{ch} M^r Cater agreed

9ber . y^e first 1708.

M^r Cater neglecting to repaire the Cawsey leading to Stone bridge according to his promise, S^r W^m Scawen doth promise to wharf in the upper part of y^e said Cawsey as soone as M^r Cater shall have wharfed in the lower part of the same, in y^e meane time it is ordered by the Parishoners of Carshalton that the Surveyors of the High wayes doe forthwith put it in repaire for the present.

Valuable local information of a kind similar to that given in the present paper, and in one or two others already published by the Society, must be available in many places in the County; and it seems highly desirable that the existence at least of such Books should be put on record.