

Proceeding along the main-street westward we pass, south side, a set of Almshouses, surrounding a little court, which were built by Sir William Drake 1657. A little further, on the same side, is a gabled house called *Little Shardeloes*.

*Shardeloes Park* is one mile from the Church to the west. It runs up onto the hills. The house, designed by Adams, stands in the centre. It has small square windows and a portico, with pediment, on the north side; and contains portraits of Queen Elizabeth, Sir Francis Drake; Sir Christopher Hatton, Elizabeth's dancing Chancellor, by Cornelius; and landscapes by Vernet.

The Misbourn has here been dammed up to form a lake. The gardens were constructed by Sir William Drake out of a morass. They were afterwards altered by Richmond.

The house cannot be seen from the railway which runs through a cutting on the other side of the valley, but the road divides the park in two, and one mile further reaches **LITTLE MISSENDEN**.

The Church (St. John Baptist, register 1559) contains two brasses to the Styles family of Holmer, which lies one mile to the south. It has also a Norman font.

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**RELIC OF OLD BERKS YEOMANRY.**—In “a List of the Officers of the Militia, the Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry, and Volunteer Infantry of the United Kingdom,” published by the War Office, 31st March, 1807, page 48, under head of “Aldermaston Cav.” the following officers are given:—

Captain William Congreve, 13 Aug., 1803.

Lieutenant William Thoyts, 13 Aug., 1803.

Lieutenant William Stone, 15 May, 1804.

Cornet Charles Blagrove, 15 May, 1804.

At this date the various troops do not appear to have been embodied as a regiment, but are named separately:—1st Berks Cavalry under Lt.-Col. Dundas apparently consisting of four troops, the Maidenhead Cav., Capt. Payn; the Thatcham Cav., Capt. Croft; the Wargrave Cav., Capt. Sir Morris Ximenes; the Windsor Cav., Capt. Sturges; and the Woodley Cav., Capt. Viscount Sidmouth.—R. J. FYNMORE, Sandgate, Kent.

**PARISH REGISTERS.**—We understand that the transcripts of Berkshire Parish Registers made by Mrs. Cope (Miss Thoyts), of Sulhamstead Park, will not be published by Messrs. Phillimore & Co. They number already some 30 parishes and are indexed, so are an exceptionally good collection.