

## NOTES.

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[Under this heading the Editor will be pleased to insert notes and short articles relative to discoveries and other matters of interest to the history and archæology of the County. All communications intended for this section should be addressed to the Castle Arch, Guildford.]

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### ABINGER REGISTERS.

Churchyard Fencing, and Lease of Ground for a Pew.

The Abinger Registers date from 1559—in the *Victoria County History* an unfortunate misprint says 1599—but the first forty-four years are a copy from an older book, now lost, made in the handwriting of Edward Griffith, the rector, instituted in 1603, and buried in 1637. In the same hand, at the end of the book, is a Table of the part to be taken by the several properties in the parish in fencing the churchyard. A similar apportionment exists at Ockley, made in 1628. This was printed by Mr. Bax in our *Collections*, Vol. X, p. 24. The Abinger arrangement was made in Elizabeth's reign, and must have been copied by Mr. Griffith from the old book. In it appear the names of Emery Dalton, who was buried at Abinger in 1585, and of William Burchett, who was buried in 1593. There may have been other persons of the two names, but it is probable that the list dates from before 1585, and no doubt after 1559. Against the earlier names of persons and properties a later hand has written in other personal names, clearly the inhabitants, rather after 1678. The determining name is "Widdow Kerrell, the Clerk's widdow." Kerrell, the parish clerk, was buried in 1678. As "Widdow Caryll" was buried in 1683, it is probable that these names were written in before that year. They are here distinguished by italic type. The local names can generally be identified with present names of farms and land.

The second extract here given, from the end of the book, bears its own date, 1654, and purpose upon it. A lease of land in the church for 1,000 years, for building a pew, is not usual, and, I speak subject to correction, doubtfully legal. The pew has vanished, and the pepper-corn rent also. Thomas Hussey, of London, was buried at Shiere, his real parish, in 1655. Peter Hussey, his son, of "Linkhorne Inn" (Lincoln's Inn), had acquired a third part of the Manor of Sutton in Shiere in 1646 (*V. C. H.*, III, 116), and Thomas, his father, is said to have acquired the whole. At any rate, Peter Hussey lived at Sutton in Shiere, and was visited by John Evelyn. He died in 1684. The manor house of Sutton has long been pulled down; it stood near the bottom of Sutton Lane, and marks of its gardens survive. Though it was a stiff pull up hill from it to Abinger Church, that church was

nearer to them than their parish church of Shiere. Stephen Geree, the minister, was the Puritan incumbent put in 1646, *vice* Nathaniel Durant, who only a year before had succeeded Antony Smith, deprived as scandalous; Smith's "scandalous" conduct was preaching rather vehemently against the Parliament. Stephen Geree conformed in 1662, he had been episcopally ordained originally,<sup>1</sup> and died as rector in 1665. He is not, therefore, the Stephen Geree to whose widow letters of administration were granted in 1685 (*Surrey Arch. Collections*, IX, pt. ii, 240). Four illiterate witnesses append their marks.

Henry Spooner, the churchwarden, may have been the son of Mr. Henry Spooner, who left a benefaction to the parish in 1624, and the same as, or father of, the Mr. Henry Spooner who is entered in the revised fencing list, 1678-1683.

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The Enclosing of the Church yard of Abingeworth alias Abinger.

Imprimis to begin att the South west ende the Lorde shall make for his part there		xxxiiii pedes
Item William Byrchatt	<i>Mr. Henry Spooner</i>	xxi pedes
Item Mr. Edmund Hill		iii pedes
Stubbets [ <i>in margin</i> ] The same Edmund for Vulvans	<i>Henry Spooner of the wood</i>	xiii pedes
Item the Fyshefolde	<i>Richard Lilly</i>	xvi pedes
Item for Turners land	<i>William Elliott . now sold .</i>	vi pedes
Item for Goldens land	<i>John Hampshire</i>	vi pedes
Item for Hychests lands	<i>John Constable of the Cawseway</i>	xi pedes
Item the Goore and Hethe Hylls (or Land) [ <i>inserted between the lines</i> ]	<i>Mr. Evelyn's cops</i>	iiii pedes
Item for Upfolde	<i>Robert Lane</i>	viii pedes
Item the Easte parke lands	<i>Widdow Constable</i>	viii pedes
Item the Symes	<i>Mr. Oakeshead</i>	vii pedes
Item Dunley	<i>Robert Lee tenant William Cooke landlord</i>	vi pedes
Item Lawrence and Peretts	<i>Mr. Brooker</i>	viii pedes
Item Wats deane	<i>John Hampshire</i>	ix pedes
Item Cocks lande	<i>John Hampshire</i>	vii pedes
Item Fullers lande	<i>Henry Rogers</i>	ix pedes
Item Peratts and Shortmylls	<i>Henry Loveland</i>	xiiii pedes
Item Semans	<i>Phillip Mihell</i>	v pedes
Item Boullslande	<i>Mr. Hussey</i>	vi pedes
Item Frolberis	<i>Widdow Goddard</i>	v pedes

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<sup>1</sup> See, on Mr. Geree, Woods, *Athenæ Oxonienses*, III, 427.

Item Holis Stones		iiii pedes
Item Danyells lanes	<i>Mr. Dibble</i>	vi pedes
Item The Clauworthe		iiii pedes
Item Uptons		vi pedes
Item Longe Mylles	<i>Mr. Griffith</i>	vi pedes
Item The Hackers	<i>John Slarkes</i>	ix pedes
Item The Heryatte and Chyndens	<i>Robert Rogers tenant</i> <i>Mr. Hussy</i>	vii pedes
Item Robertt Cowper for Pollingfolde	<i>Widdow Pricklove</i>	ix pedes
Item Hygh hobes	<i>Stephen Penfolde</i>	vii pedes
Item Collens lande	<i>Edward Wheatland</i>	v pedes
Item for Water lande with <i>Lickfeilde</i>	<i>David Tydy</i>	ix pedes
Item The Fygges and Tylles lands	<i>Mr. Rogers</i>	vii pedes
Item The Fyggs and Bullmores	<i>Mr. Rogers</i>	vi pedes
Item Worsfolds land	<i>John Worsfold</i>	xii pedes
Item for Pinkhurst two panes	<i>Richard Worsfold and</i> <i>George Giles and</i> <i>William Steening</i>	xviii pedes
Item The Bourdryden	<i>Thomas Worsfold</i>	xi pedes
Item for Bennats	<i>Nicholas Hooker of</i> <i>Okeley</i>	vi pedes
Item for Furnerers	<i>Richard Kemp</i>	vi pedes
Item for Pollingfould	<i>William Wellet Wil-</i> <i>liam Longhurst</i>	ix pedes
Item for Ockwood Pynkhurst and Bushryden	<i>Richard Worsfold</i> <i>George Pricklow</i>	x pedes
Item for Luts	<i>Thomas Floate</i>	vii pedes
Item for Freekes	<i>John Lipscomb</i>	ix pedes
Item for Bridghame	<i>John Tidy Nicholas</i> <i>Hooker</i>	x pedes
Item for Wolwards land	<i>John Lipscomb tenant</i> <i>Mr. Evelyn</i>	iiii pedes
Item for Abinger Hawe	<i>Widdow Kerrell the</i> <i>clerk's widdow</i>	iiii pedes
Item for Douse Ryden	<i>Bartholomew Rumming</i>	vi pedes
Item for Greene House	<i>Peter Farny</i>	iiii pedes
Item Emery Dalton for Rydeford	<i>John Worsfold</i>	xiiii pedes <i>Wm. Mardeson.<sup>1</sup></i>
Item for Parsones Styll		viii pedes
Item for Weste Parke lande	<i>Richard Short</i>	xiii pedes
Item for Padyndene	<i>Mr. Brooker tenant</i>	xi pedes

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<sup>1</sup> William Margesson, overseer at Ockley 1683. Redford is in Abinger, not Ockley.

Item for Butleres	<i>William Lipscomb</i>	v pedes
	<i>Daniel Lipscomb</i>	
	<i>Thomas Tidy</i>	
Item for Exfoulds	<i>William Amey tenant</i>	vii pedes
	<i>Cooper landlord</i>	
Item for Hopwicke	<i>Thomas Worsfold tenant</i>	vii pedes
Item for Weste Rake lande	<i>Phillip Mihell</i>	xi pedes
Item for Easte Rake land	<i>William Morth landlord</i>	xi pedes
Item for Burchet	<i>Walter Longhurst tenant</i>	ix pedes
	<i>Richard Wood</i>	
Item for Highe Ashes	<i>William Beldome</i>	ix. pedes
Item for Abrahams	<i>George Worsfold</i>	ix. pedes
Item for Halle lande		xv. pedes
Item for Smythes	<i>John Worsfold</i>	x. pedes
Item for Hardings	<i>Thomas Worsfold</i>	vii pedes
Item for Cobbets Hoole	<i>John Dendy Thomas</i>	vii. pedes.
	<i>Worsfold tenant</i>	

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ABINGER, SURREY.

Register book,

written on the last page.

The fower and twentieth day of June 1654 att a Vesty or meetinge of the parishoners of this parish of Abinger

It is ordered and agreed upon by the said parish that Thomas Hussey of Sheire Esquire and Peter Hussey of Linkhorne Inn Esquire his sonn shall have a lease granted them for one thousand yeares of the Peece or parcell of ground or Seate roome in this Church of Abinger aforesaid on the south side thereof adjoyninge to the Pulpitt the reading place and the clerkes seate contayninge in length North and South seaven foote and in breadth East and West five foote and an halfe beinge for the putting twoe Pewes and libertie to build a new pew on the said ground and to repaire alter and amend the same and free ingresse egressse and regresse there unto

And that Mr. Stephen Gerie our now minister and Henry Spooner yeoman and Abell Vargis husbandman Churchwardens shall grant a lease of the premisses to the said Thomas and Peter Hussey their executors administrators and assignes for one thousand yeares from this day att the yearely Rent of one pepper corne the said Thomas and Peter Hussey paying five pounds in consideracion of the said lease for the use of the said parish.

(Signed) Stephen Gere minister

Henry Spooner	} Churchwardens	Francis Pellatt
Abell Vargis		John Amy +
John Lee	} Overseers for	John Elliott +
John Lipscomb ju :		Willem Dene
John Worsfold	} the poore	William Mersh +
Henry Goddard		Philip Mihell +
Thomas Webb, Register		

## Memorand :

that this lease was sealed the nine and twentieth day of November 1654 by Stephen Geree Henry Spooner and Abell Vargis unto Thomas Hussie thelder and Peter Hussie according to the order above said in the presence of Lawrence Coles, John Geree, Daniell Dible and Philip Soper.

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The two extracts from the Register have been transcribed by Mrs. H. E. Malden.

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## EARLY NORMAN WINDOW AT WITLEY.

Early in November, 1916, the Vicar brought to light one of the original windows in the south wall. This is the oldest part of the Church, which is mentioned as in existence in *Doomsday Book*. About 1250 A.D. the window was built up and half of it destroyed to make way for a larger early-English window. The sill of the old window is 10 feet or more above the floor level. There is a deep splay on the inside and a shallower splay on the outside, which may help experts to date the building more accurately. The painting of the south wall is continued round into the splay, where two figures and a tower (perhaps Mary and Joseph coming to Bethlehem) are quite clearly preserved, never having been whitewashed over as the paintings on the wall proper. At present, despite much search, no sign of a second window has been discovered anywhere else along the wall.

Rev. E. J. NEWILL.

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## CHIPSTEAD CHURCH.

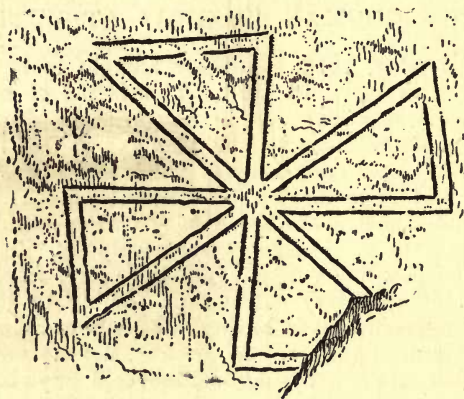
There is on the outside of the present north aisle wall of Chipstead Church a Norman doorway. This Norman doorway was re-erected there when the Church was repaired and enlarged in 1885 (by adding a north aisle) by Mr. Norman Shaw, the architect, at the expense of Mr. J. G. Cattley, the resident squire of the parish, who lived in Great Shabden House.

The body of the Church, which was cruciform, originally consisted of a nave and a lean-to south aisle with a west wall, but no north aisle. The Norman doorway was in the north of the nave, and was exactly opposite the doorway in the south side aisle, and together with the arcade and the clerestory windows, showed the date of the Church somewhere about or after 1185. A good many of our Surrey churches were built or rebuilt then.

When the Church was enlarged a north aisle was added and the Norman door rebuilt outside into the north aisle.

Just before the wall of the nave near the door was pulled down, I observed, in a stone near the doorway in the nave wall inside, a cross which, I think, must have been a Consecration Cross. I, unfortunately, had no heel-ball with me, but I took as much of a rubbing as I could with a coloured pencil.

The next time I went to the Church I found the wall of the nave pulled down, and I found the doorway preserved and the stone with the cross upon it lying on the ground near it, and begged the builder, Mr. Carruthers, of Reigate, to preserve it and replace it, and he said he would. However, I suppose he forgot it, and the next time I went the door was replaced, but not the stone with the cross. The door is a blind door, with no opening into the Church. I enclose two rubbings



SUPPOSED CONSECRATION CROSS.

Formerly at Chipstead.

I made, and I think it possible that the cross, which is a Maltese cross, was in a circle. It was on the east side of the door, nearly level with the spring of the round arch of the door.

One other thing I found, that the south wall of the south aisle was part of the original building though some later windows had been inserted, and I had so much of the eastern part of the south wall preserved as to show a portion of the original windows. One of them had some traces of coloured roses in red panel on the side of the window, a usual ornament at that date. They have not entirely faded, but, I suppose, they will in time. The wall was covered with plaster, some of which still adheres, and the colour was on it. Chipstead Church was consecrated in 1185, on the same day as St. John's, Clerkenwell. There were round and pointed arches in both.

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