

Sir Stephen Glynne – A Pioneer Church Recorder: A Postscript

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*In volume 17 of this journal the late Lawrence Butler published a fairly full account of Sir Stephen Glynne and his activities as a church visitor and recorder (Butler 2013). He gives no hint, however, that Glynne ever visited Sussex or that any of his church notes for that county were ever published, but he did visit on more than one occasion and there are some seven Notebooks in the Gladstone library which record his observations. A very small selection of the entries in these Notebooks was published in *Sussex Notes and Queries*, a journal which appeared from 1926 to 1971 under the auspices of the Sussex Archaeological Society, but which is not widely known outside the county. Most of the transcripts, with only minor editorial comments, were published in the separate six-monthly parts that became the penultimate volume of the series, with an additional contribution in the final volume (Torr 1963–71).*

The first two extracts are written in diary form and record Glynne's stay in Brighton in the autumn and winter of 1825-26, where he arrived on 28 October. His church visits began on 9 November, when he took a phaeton to Patcham and Pyecombe to the north of the town. Three days later he penetrated what was later to become West Sussex as far as Shoreham by Sea, and apparently visited the intervening coastal villages on 13 January. At the end of January he made an expedition to Lewes, where he recorded seven churches, including South Malling. The next Notebook entry is Rye, undated; this and the remaining visits were in the far eastern part of the county. The editor proposed that Glynne went immediately to Rye from Brighton and that this and most of the other undated visits took

place in 1826 (Torr 1964–67, 55). No conclusion can be drawn from the sequence of the printed entries, since they are presented in more or less alphabetical order from the third extract onward, and no folio numbers are given. It is clear from some of the East Sussex entries that Glynne was in Sussex again in 1836 (Ticehurst), 1845 (Etchingham), 1846 (Battle), 1847 (Jevington), 1863 (Ticehurst again), and 1868 (Beckley, Hastings, Iden, Northiam, Playden and Rye).

The table below lists the Sussex places visited by Glynne and transcribed by Torr. A full alphabetical list, without any transcriptions or commentary, was published in *SNQ* 8 (1940–41), 159–60. Without a critical re-examination of the source material in the Gladstone Library no further analysis is possible.

Location of church	Present County	Date(s) visited	SNQ vol and page
Battle	East Sussex	? and 1846	16, 128–30
Beckley	East Sussex	3 Jul 1868	16, 162–3
Bexhill	East Sussex		16, 130–31
Bodiam	East Sussex		16, 163–4
Brede	East Sussex		16, 164–5
Crowhurst	East Sussex		16, 165
Etchingham	East Sussex	1845	16, 198–200
Ewhurst	East Sussex		16, 165–6
Fairlight	East Sussex	before 1845	16, 234–5
Guestling	East Sussex		16, 267–8
Hastings, All Saints	East Sussex	? and 1868	16, 236–7
Hastings, St Clement	East Sussex	? and 1868	16, 235–6
Hollington	East Sussex		16, 268
Icklesham	East Sussex	1826	16, 268–9
Iden	East Sussex	3 Jul 1868	16, 269–70
Jevington	East Sussex	4 Jul 1847	16, 339–40
Kingston Buci	West Sussex	12 Nov 1825	16, 58–9
Lewes, All Saints	East Sussex	31 Jan 1826	16, 97
Lewes, St Anne	East Sussex	31 Jan 1826	16, 97–8
Lewes, St John sub Castro	East Sussex	31 Jan 1826	16, 98–9
Lewes, St John the Baptist (Southover)	East Sussex	31 Jan 1826	16, 99–100
Lewes, St Michael	East Sussex	31 Jan 1826	16, 96–7
Lewes, St Thomas à Becket (Cliffe)	East Sussex	31 Jan 1826	16, 99
New Shoreham	West Sussex	12 Nov 1825	16, 61–2 (incomplete)
Northiam	East Sussex	3 Jul 1868	16, 340–41
Old Shoreham	West Sussex	12 Nov 1825	16, 60–61
Ore	East Sussex		16, 341
Patcham	East Sussex	9 Nov 1825	16, 57–8
Peasemars	East Sussex		16, 342
Pett	East Sussex	before 1864	16, 342
Playden	East Sussex	3 Jul 1868	16, 343
Portslade	East Sussex	13 Jan 1826	16, 60
Pyecombe	West Sussex	9 Nov 1825	16, 58
Rye	East Sussex	? and 1868	16, 343–6
Salehurst	East Sussex		16, 346–7
Sedlescombe	East Sussex		16, 347–8
South Malling, St Michael	East Sussex	31 Jan 1826	16, 100–01
Southwick	West Sussex	13 Jan 1826	16, 59
Ticehurst	East Sussex	Jul 1836 and Aug 1863	16, 348–9
Udimore	East Sussex		17, 41
Westfield	East Sussex		17, 41
Whatlington	East Sussex		17, 41–2
Winchelsea	East Sussex		17, 42–5

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