

“Notes and Queries”

RELATING TO BERKSHIRE.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications are invited upon all subjects of Antiquarian or Architectural interest relating to the County. All Literary Communications should be sent to the EDITOR, Barkham Rectory, near Wokingham, written on one side only of the paper.

Replies.

ROMAN CATHOLICS IN KENNET VALE.—Assuming that the inquiry refers to the period since the Reformation, I may mention—The Hydes of Hyde End—The Woolscotes of Woolhampton—The Staffords of Bradfield—The Englefields of Whiteknights, with a residence at Englefield—The Mores of Burghfield. Fairfax, Stratfield Mortimer—Hildesley, Padworth—Vachell, (Coley?) and many others.—F.W.S.

THE OXEN OF IPHICLES (7th S. vii. 168, 276, 433)—The expression “Quid hoc ad Iphicli boves?” occurs in a letter addressed by Thomas Batlow, Bishop of Lincoln (1675–1692), “To the Reverend Mr. John Goodwin, minister of God’s word in Coleman-Street.” The date given is September, 1651, but no name is subscribed. The letter is printed in the *Remains of Thomas Hearne*, second edition, vol. iii, p. 200, and is said to be found in a very scarce book, *The Genuine Remains of that Learned Prelate, Dr. Thomas Barlow, late Lord Bishop of Lincoln*. It was printed for “John Dunton, at the Raven, in the Poultry, 1693.” Hearne, whose pen was always dipped in gall, says of the Bishop, “For as for Barlowe, he was a Calvinistical trimming divine, and tho’ a man of great reading, yet of but little judgment.” A note on p. 204, vol. iii, adds, “For Goodwin’s answer see his *Pagan’s Debt and Dowry*, Lond., 1651.” But this brings us no nearer the origin of the saying, though it seems to have been one in common use.—JOHN PICKFORD, M.A., Newbourne Rectory, Woodbridge. *Notes and Queries*, July 20th, 1889. Page 51.

From the above it is clear that Sir W. Scott did not invent the quotation.—

C. W. P.

CHAPEL AT WOKEFIELD.—This Chapel was dedicated not to S. John, but to All Saints. It had fallen into disuse, but apparently Divine Service was resumed by order of the Bishop of Salisbury in 1505. In 1548 it is thus described, "To it belongs neither land nor rent, nor is any Divine Service done or ministered there, and so it is worth nothing."

Its site was probably Wokefield Green, but of this there is no certainty.

I shall be very glad to receive any information which may throw light on the history of Stratfield Mortimer and Wokefield, especially during the 17th and 18th centuries.—C. LOVETT CAMERON, Mortimer.

Queries.

SEPIA PRINTS OF OLD CHURCHES.—Would some reader give me a list of the names of the Churches of which there are Sepia Prints, date about 1804, taken, I think for *Tomkin's His. of Reading Abbey*. I know there are the following,—Sulham, Tidmarsh, Englefield, Sulhamstead, Tilehurst, Blueberry and Beenham? [I have in my possession two other prints of this series, Pangbourne and Purley.—EDITOR.]

BEENHAM.—Give the authorities for the names Benham or Beenham Valence and Beenham Lovell, and why so called?

DE LA BERE.—Is anything known of the history of De La Bere Court or its Chapel?

HUGH FARRINGTON.—Who was Hugh Farrington, last Abbot of Reading?

MANOR ROLLS.—Can any one say where are the Manor Rolls of Ufton, Tilehurst, Purley, Sulhamstead or Englefield(?) and Aldermaston?—E. E. THOYTS, Sulhamstead Park.

SHERBORNE PRIORY.—Are any papers extant relating to Sherborne Priory and its appendages; if so, where?

MORTIMER HOUSE.—What authority is there for the Tradition that Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn stayed at Mortimer House?

MOUNDS AT MORTIMER.—Is anything known about the two mounds near Mortimer said to be the burial place of soldiers from a battle near? They evidently are barrows or tumuli.

BERKSHIRE SUPERSTITION.—If a corpse is kept over Sunday, another death will occur during that week.

HAUNTED PLACES.—Will any one give the names of places in Berks supposed to be haunted, and the traditions about each?

ROMAN CATHOLICS NEAR READING.—I shall be glad to hear of any local Search Warrants or informations laid for Roman Catholic priests during the time the penal laws were in force, also to receive names and aliases of priests who served the various R. Catholics around Reading during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Private Chapels existed at Whiteknights, Ufton, Woolhampton, Mapledurham, Watcomb, &c.—F.W.S.