Walter, of Bearwood, who purchased the advowson of the living in 1863.

The Manor in 1719 was held by Sir George Waterman, of London, who came to London like Richard Whittington, a poor man, and sold ropes and ironwork in Thames Street. Then he became a wholesale ironmonger at the Sign of the Doublet, which was said to be in memory of the leathern doublet which he brought with him to London and used to show to his friends. He became Sheriff of London and Lord Mayor, being Knighted at Whitehall on June 10, 1665. After Mr. Waterman, the manor belonged to the Pitts of Kingston in Dorsetshire, and then to the Fonnereans. It was purchased of the latter by the Honble. Admiral Leveson Gower, and in 1813 it was the property of his son, Colonel Leveson Gower, of Bill Hill. It was purchased by the late Mr. John Walter, of Bearwood, and is now held by his son, Mr. Arthur Walter.

The following is the list of Rectors as far as we have been able to ascertain them:—

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27th February, 1632-3, inst.
                                       Stephen Rose.
5th October, 1660
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                                       John Sale.
18th October, 1694
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5th November, 1739
                                       William Dawes.
21st June, 1768
                                       John Gabriel.
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27th May, 1782
                                       David Davies.
10th March, 1819
                                       Henry Ellis St. John.
April, 1863
                                       Arthur Roberts.
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July 29th, 1886
                                       Peter Hampson Ditchfield.
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The Rev. David Davies, who was presented to the Rectory by John Pitt, Esq., wrote "The Case of Labourers in Husbandry stated and considered," Bath, 1795.

OLD BELL OF ST. MARY'S, MAIDENHEAD.—We are very glad to hear that through the public spirit and energy of Mr. Alderman Silver, of Maidenhead, the old Corporation Bell, which had wandered away to Cookham School, has been recovered for the town. For 300 years this bell was in use at St. Mary's Church. How it was lost to the town we know not, but happily it has been recovered, and Mr. Silver is to be congratulated for having shown so much zeal in gaining back for Maidenhead a relic of antiquity which it should never have lost.