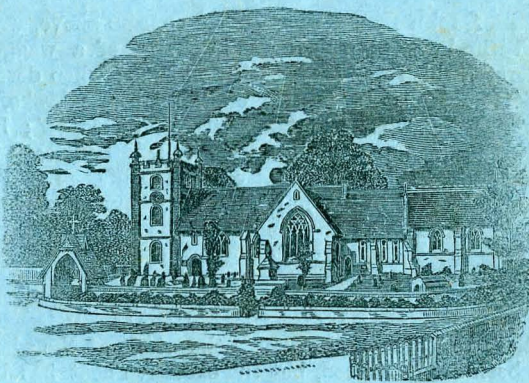


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

July 30th. (Born May 7th.) Frederick, son of George and Charlotte Shervill, of Henley.

Same day. (Born June 17th.) Walter Owen, son of Clara Clark, of Mill End.

Same day. (Born June 1st.) Alice, daughter of Edmund and Caroline Higgs, of Frieth.

August 6th. (Born June 18th.) Ernest Walter, son of Walter and Louisa Bushnell, of Hambleden.

August 16th. (Born June 5th.) Frances Ada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith, of the Howe.

BURIALS.

July 30th. (Died July 27th.) John Higgs, of Rockwell End, aged 63 years.

August 22nd. (Died August 19th.) Annie Elizabeth Austin, of Little Frieth, aged 10 years.

August 26th. (Died August 23rd.) William Harvey, of Henley Union Workhouse, aged 17 years.

The death of John Higgs, whose name appears above, was a great shock to all who knew him. He was in charge of a waggon drawn by three horses, which was loaded with oil cake; when descending a hill near Bottom House, a portion of the harness broke, and the horses, frightened at what had taken place, started off; he rushed to their heads and was knocked down and killed. His death is another warning to us all of the uncertainty of human life. Let us listen to the warning and strive to live in readiness for our great change, for at an hour when we think not the Son of Man cometh.

THE HARVEST AND WEATHER.

During the past three weeks almost the whole of the wheat in this Parish has been safely housed, but the excessive heat has been very trying to those engaged in gathering it in. One man at Burrow has been suffering from sunstroke in a severe form, and others have suffered in a milder form. Little Annie Austin's death was caused by sunstroke. The late thunder rain has been most acceptable.

SCHOOL TREAT AT PARMOOR.

Wednesday, August 2nd, was a bright and happy day to the children belonging to Frieth School. Mr. and Mrs. Cripps kindly invited all the scholars attending either Day or Sunday School to spend the afternoon upon their lawn. Accompanied by their Teachers they arrived at Parmoor about 2 p.m. and right well they enjoyed themselves. Cricket for the boys, and games of different kinds for

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the girls, passed away the time very quickly until 4 p.m., when they all sat down to tea and did justice to the abundance provided. Cake, bread and butter, and tea soon disappeared, nevertheless there was enough and more than enough for all. After tea more games were the order, and many very useful presents were given to the most successful in racing, jumping, &c. At 6 p.m. the children all met in front of the house and partook of more cake and tea before leaving. As they left the gate loud cheers manifested their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Cripps, for their great kindness, and testified to the fact that they had spent a very happy afternoon.

THE SCHOOLS.

The Schools will re-open on Monday, September 4th. Once again we must urge parents to send their children back *at once*, that they may get two months of settled work before the Government Inspector pays his annual visit. If children are sent irregularly, as many are, it is not fair towards the children themselves, it is not fair towards their teachers, and it is not fair towards those who kindly help to support the Schools by their subscriptions. Unless children are kept at school whilst they *are children* when will they learn ?

LABOURERS' FRIEND ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Committee was held at Parmoor, on Monday, August 21st. It was then determined that the Vegetable Show should take place on Tuesday, September 19th, and the Ploughing Matches upon land occupied by Mr. Toovey, on Monday, September 18th.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will (D.V.) be held at Hambleden, on the day of the show as usual, at 5.30 p.m.; and at Frieth on the following Sunday. Collections will be made in both Churches in behalf of Foreign Missions.

CRICKET.

The undermentioned Cricket Matches have taken place during the last few weeks with the following results.

July 24th. Played at Greenlands.

Greenlands v. Messrs. West and Collier's Firm.

Greenlands, 1st Inn. 58. West and Collier's Eleven, 1st Inn. 33.

„ 2nd „ 46. „ „ 2nd „ 32.

Greenlands winning by 39 runs.

August 3rd. Played at Greenlands.

Greenlands v. Hambleden.

Hambleden, 1st Innings 27. Greenlands, 1st Innings 51.

„ 2nd „ 35. „ 2nd „ 16,

with eight wickets to fall. Greenlands winning by eight wickets.

August 21st. Played at Frieth.

Greenlands v. Messrs. West and Collier's Firm.—Return.

West and Collier's Eleven, 1st Inn. 35. Greenlands, 1st Inn. 61.

" " 2nd " 30. " 2nd " 8,

with eight wickets to fall. Greenlands winning by eight wickets.

We congratulate Greenlands upon their victories, and hope the vanquished will meet them another season with greater success.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BIRTH.

August 11th.—At Bockmore End, Mrs. Smith, of a daughter.

BURIAL.

July 31st. Sarah Brown, of Lower Assenden.

The encampment of the Bucks Rifle Volunteers amongst us at the beginning of last month gave some little life to our quiet village. Seeing that there are so many places in the County to choose from, their coming for the second time so soon after 1873, is an evidence that the recollections of Medmenham were popular and pleasing to the corps. We hope that Colonel Wethered and his force have gone away again quite as well satisfied; we hope so because our good will follows them. There can be no doubt that the behaviour of the men reflected the greatest credit upon the battalion; we hear not a breath to the contrary after much questioning of our neighbours. So far as we know no one was in the least put to discomfort by the presence of so many men, strangers for the most part. We think it due to say this.

At the Camp Service on Sunday, August 6th, Archdeacon Purey-Cust preached from Psalm xxxi. 24. There were many besides Volunteers present, and they must have felt that his words were as good for them as for the men he was directly addressing. We thought the Band accompanied the hymns with great precision. The presence of the Archdeacon was too good an opportunity for our own Church to lose. Coming straight from the camp he attended our Morning Service, and preached for the Parochial Fund, from I. Chron. xxix. 9. We thought this especially kind as it is a great physical exertion to preach twice in one morning. The Collections during the day were £4 4s. 4d.

The Organ seems to be really coming at last, it will probably be in its place (at least the builder says so) before this Magazine is circulated. We hope, as we expect, that the instrument will be altogether satisfactory and repay with its sweetness the long waiting we have had to endure. The Fund has received £1 from the Rev. Albert Smith, Vicar of Wendover. A full list of subscriptions will be printed shortly. It is impossible as yet to fix the day for the Organ to be opened, but due notice will be given.