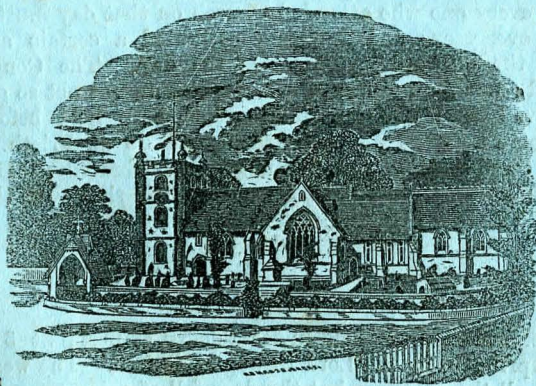


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- April 1st. (Born Feb. 28th,) George, son of William and Jane Plumridge, of Hide.
,, (Born Feb. 3rd,) Alice Ann, daughter of Henry William and Ann Collins, of Hambleden.
April 15th. (Born Feb. 16th,) Theophilus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Hambleden.

MARRIAGE.

- April 7th. William Lathan, and Sarah Elizabeth Leaver.

EASTER SERVICES.

The Easter Festival has come and almost passed away. The Services in Holy Week had been well attended at Hambleden, Frieth, and Skirmett. At the Good Friday Afternoon Services a considerable number of persons came and stayed a part of the time. The congregation at Frieth on Good Friday Evening was unusually large. The Churches were nicely decorated for the Queen of Feasts, and we think every one who attended Church on that day must have felt that the evergreens and flowers contributed a certain amount, if small, to the outward joyfulness of the day. The Congregations were good ; but the number of Communicants was not so great as it would have been, if the Confirmation had been held before Easter Day. There were 83 at Hambleden, and 58 at Frieth. On the following Sunday Holy Communion was celebrated at Hambleden twice, and at Frieth and Skirmett once. On that day there were between 70 and 80 Communicants.

CONFIRMATION.

The Confirmation was held in Hambleden Church, at 3 p.m., on Friday, April 6th, by the Lord Bishop of Oxford. The weather was uncertain all the morning, but the downfall of rain was very decided when the Service was concluded at 4.45 p.m. We fear many of the females must have got very wet in going home.

There were 48 confirmed from Hambleden Parish, 17 from Medmenham, 5 from Ibstone, and 1 from Lewknor. Every one who could see will, we think, bear witness that the young persons were very quiet and devout in their behaviour. They had been under instruction and preparation for a long time, and we cannot but hope that the instruction had proved of great service to some, if not all ; and that great good will have been received by them, though in some cases it may be for a time much clouded over. By far the greater number of our Parishioners who were then confirmed have come to Holy Communion. We hope they will persevere in this good practice, but will take pains to prepare themselves diligently each time before coming to the Lord's Table.

JOAN'S
GRAND PARENTS

(SARAS
COTT)

ORGANIST.

We have gladly welcomed William Canvin as Organist of Hambleton Church. We confidently hope that he will not only relieve the young ladies at the Rectory, of part of a burden which has, nevertheless, been a great delight to them to bear, but will also if he takes pains, as he promises to do, materially assist the Choir in their good work for the Church.

THE CHOIR.

The Hambleton Church Choir had their annual Supper, on Easter Tuesday, at the Rectory. Our readers will remember that it was postponed from Christmas in consequence of Diphtheria having broken out. The number present was small, a few being from one cause and another absent. After supper they played at a variety of games, *e.g.*, General Post, Musical Chairs, Magic Music, "I'll sell you my goose," till nearly 11 o'clock, and went home full of enjoyment, only disturbing some of their aged neighbours in the Village, by singing "God Save the Queen," before they finally dispersed.

The usual Vestry Meeting was held on Easter Tuesday, when the Rector nominated A. J. Deane, Esq., of Colstrop Cottage, as his Churchwarden, and Mr. Lailey was re-elected Parish Churchwarden. The accounts for the year ending Easter, 1876, were produced and passed. There was a small Balance in the Churchwarden's hands. We fear that this Balance will have disappeared when the Accounts are made up to Easter, 1877. The repair of the Churchyard wall involved considerable expense.

LANE END CHURCH.

The following Subscriptions have been promised or received from Hambleton Parish :—

	£	s.	d.
Ridley, Rev. W. H.	520	0	0
Smith, W. H. Esq., M.P.	200	0	0
Ryder, Miss	10	0	0
Deane, A. J. Esq.	5	0	0
Stone, O. E. Esq.	1	0	0

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BIRTH.

April 18th. * Mrs. Hester, of a daughter.

BURIALS.

April 17th. Mary Ann Meads.

„ 26th. Elizabeth Chamberlain.

After having had only three deaths in one year, it is a great change to be visited with two deaths in a week. Both Mrs George Meads and Mrs. Chamberlain have been removed somewhat suddenly from among us, leaving behind them pleasing recollections of their kindness and friendship which will not soon be forgotten. The greatest sympathy is felt in the Parish for their sorrowing relatives. Nor should we omit to notice the admirable example of industry and hard work which has been set to us by both of them.

By the departure of Mrs. Spencer Ryder and her household to another part of the country the Parish has lost a family who were willing at all times to aid in all good works. We wish them every welfare in their new home.

The usual Vestry Meetings have been held on March 26th. Mr. Thos. Dorrell and Mr. John Franklin, were nominated Overseers of the Poor ; Mr. Philip Hobbs appointed Surveyor of the Highways, and Mr. Thomas Dorrell, Joseph Bird, and Joseph Shurvell, named as eligible to serve the office of Constable. On Tuesday, in Easter-week, Mr. Thomas Dorrell was appointed Vicar's Churchwarden and Mr. Philip Hobbs, Churchwarden for the Parish.

At the Confirmation held at Hambleden Church, on the 6th of last month, there were 13 male and 4 female candidates presented to the Lord Bishop, from this Parish,—thus with those confirmed at Great Marlow, on Feb. 3rd, we have had 23 in all.

There are some accounts of interest in connection with the organ which should have appeared months ago, but the Vicar fails as yet to persuade one dilatory person to send in his bill for some things which were wanted for the erection ; so they must stand over. Of course the Organ Builder has been paid in full long since.

On Ascension Day there will be an early Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and a late Service with sermon at 7.30 p.m. A Collection will be made for the National Society.