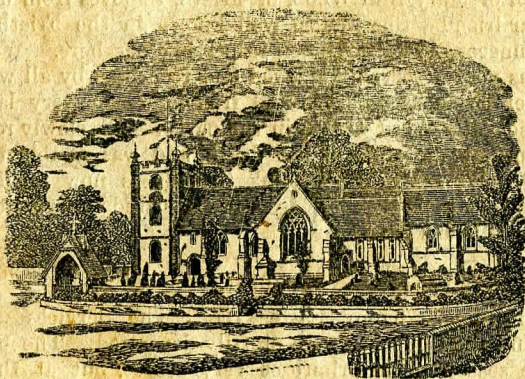


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BAPTISMS.

April 21.—Ellen, daughter of Augustus Edwin and Elizabeth Hobbs, Hambleden.

At Frieth.

March 24.—Beatrice, daughter of Robert and Mary Grimshaw, Pargrove.

April 14.—Edwin George, son of George and Emma Louisa Edwards, Frieth.

„ 14.—Amelia Rose, daughter of James and Annie Higgs, Pheasant's.

„ 14.—Elsie, daughter of Henry and Amy Bond, Perrin's Spring.

„ 28.—Ada Mary, daughter of Walter Henry and Mary Jane Burridge, Bagmore.

At Frieth.

MARRIAGE.

April 13.—George Charles Brazier to Rebecca Elkins.

BURIALS.

April 8.—Anna Deane, Fingest, aged 84.

At Frieth.

„ 12.—Mary Ann Webb, Frieth, aged 82.

The death of Mary Ann Webb, of Frieth, removes from us a very old and dear friend. She was so well known in the Frieth district that it is unnecessary to say much respecting her here. We believe that she was very deservedly beloved and respected by all who knew her, and her circle of relatives and friends was a very large one. Her husband—the oldest person in the parish—was slowly recovering from influenza at the time of her death, and was unable to attend her funeral. We are glad to think that he is now regaining his strength, and we hope that he may still be spared to us a little while longer. He is in his 91st year.

EASTER.

We spent a very happy Easter Day. The Services were well attended, and the Churches were prettily decorated. The backwardness of the season made primroses very scarce, but at the Parish Church the hot-house plants from Greenlands made up for any scarcity of outdoor flowers.

The Evening Service at 6, at the Parish Church, was the best attended of any of the ordinary Services, and we think that the Choirs acquitted themselves very well, the music being far better than it has been for some time. The number of Communicants was larger than usual, in fact the largest on record, this was most gratifying. We give the particulars :

<i>Hambleden</i>	...	7.30 a.m.	...	...	...	...	...	88
„	...	8.30 a.m.	...	...	...	...	...	34
„	...	Mid-day	...	...	...	...	...	44
<i>Frieth</i>	...	7 a.m.	...	...	...	...	...	33
„	...	8 a.m.	...	...	...	...	...	40
„	...	Mid-day	...	...	...	...	...	12
<i>Skirmett</i>	...	8 a.m.	...	...	...	...	...	15
„	...	Mid-day	...	...	...	...	...	17
<i>Privately</i>	...	“ Sick and Aged ”	at Eastertide	...	...	...	...	9

HAMBLEDEN PARISH CHURCH.—CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNT.

Easter, 1894, to Easter, 1895.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>		<i>£ s. d.</i>
Balance in hand...	...	5 9 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	Visitation Fees and Expenses	...	1 8 0
By Offertory Collections—			Half Organist's Salary	...	12 10 0
1st Quarter ...	...	10 0 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	Extra duties ditto	...	3 10 0
2nd Quarter ...	...	11 15 6	Organ Blower	...	2 2 0
3rd Quarter ...	...	9 1 1	Clerk's Salary	...	5 0 0
4th Quarter ...	...	11 2 6	Clerk, for Lamps	...	1 0 0
By payment for Sittings...		35 8 0	Sexton's Salary	...	5 0 0
			Fire Insurance	...	4 4 0
			Coal and Coke	...	14 7 6
			Bell Ringers	...	1 0 0
			Attending Stoves	...	5 0 0
			New Hassocks	...	2 5 0
			Repairs, &c.	...	8 16 7
			Oil for Lamps	...	1 15 0
			Care of Burial Ground	..	3 0 0
			Candles	...	2 2 0
			Brooms & Cleaning Materials	1	11 5
			Sundries	...	0 15 8
			Balance in hand, Easter,		
			1895...	...	7 9 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
		<u>£82 16 5$\frac{1}{2}$</u>			<u>£82 16 5$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

The Church Account for the past year is satisfactory, as it shows a balance in hand of rather over £7. If we can raise on an average a sum of *ten pounds* at each of the quarterly collections, we shall probably be able to keep the Church free from debt. We hope that all who value the Services of the Church will continue to contribute according to their means towards its necessary expenses. We have lately lost one good and kind friend whose liberal contributions helped us much, and we shall sadly miss them in the future.

EASTER VESTRY.

At the Easter Vestry Meeting, which was held on the Friday in Easter Week, there was only one change made in our Church Officers. Mr. Toovey having resigned the duties of Sidesman at Frieth, Mr. James Barkfield was chosen in his place. The present Churchwardens and Sidesmen are as follows :

Rector's Churchwarden	...	...	Mr. Beaver.
Parish Churchwarden	...	...	Mr. Mason.
Sidesman for Frieth	...	...	Mr. J. Barkfield.
Sidesman for Skirmett	...	...	Mr. Powell.

FRIETH SCHOOL.

We are sorry to say that it is now necessary to take steps to enlarge the Infants' Room at Frieth, as it is too small to accommodate the number of children. It seems much wiser to set about this matter at once than to wait until August, when we should be ordered by the Education Department to undertake the work.

Until we have received estimates from builders we do not know what the cost will be, but as it is a work that *must* be done the money to pay for it will have to be found in some way or other.

The School Committee are taking steps to forward the work so that the plans may be approved by the Education Department, and the work carried out, if possible, during the summer holidays.

CRICKET CLUB.

A meeting is shortly to be held at Hambleton to form a Cricket Club. We wish it every success. There has not been a Cricket Club at Hambleton *for adults* for a good many years. There will then be no less than four Clubs in the parish, namely, Hambleton, Greenlands, Frieth, and Skirmett.

MEDMENHAM.

VESTRY MEETING.—The Easter Meeting was held on Tuesday in Easter Week at 7 p.m. The Churchwardens' Accounts were produced, examined, and approved. Balance due to the late Churchwardens, £11 5s. Mr. Frederick Wright was appointed Vicar's Churchwarden, and Mr. James Hobbs, Churchwarden for the Parish. It was unanimously agreed by the Vestry that those liable for the repair of the Chancel be called upon without delay. For some years the late Mr. Philip Hobbs has attended to the needs of the Chancel and had the work done. Some £13 is due on that account to his estate.

PARISH COUNCIL.—On Thursday, the 18th April, a Meeting was held in the Schoolroom, at 7 p.m. The Vicar was elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. James Hobbs, Vice-Chairman. Mr. Henry Barksfield was appointed Assistant Overseer. There was conversation, without any resolution being brought forward, about the Allotments in this Parish. It is very plain that if anything is to be done it must be according to the general wish and support of the Parish.

There will be another Meeting of the Council on May 2nd.

Sincere thanks are due to those who so kindly assisted with flowers and trouble to make the Church have its rightful Easter appearance.

We have had more Communicants this Easter than we ever remember before, *viz.* : 57.

A really popular Entertainment was brought off on the Evening of Easter Monday. It was mainly through the kind exertions of Miss White, who had engaged helpers from far and near, and among them the children trained in the School. The sum taken at the door, after expenses, amounts to £2 1s. 9d., which goes towards the purchase of new Prayer Books and Hymn Books for the school children.

Besides the amount of Offertory mentioned in the Magazine of last month there were collected in the Church the following sums:—

	£	s.	d.
For S.P.G.	1	0	0
In reply to Pastoral Letter	1	0	0
Royal Berkshire Hospital	3	3	0
Marlow Cottage Hospital	1	0	0
Medmenham Church }	6	0	4
Improvement Fund }			