ASHLEWORTH

BENEFACTIONS, AS RETURNED, 1786

A PERSON UNKNOWN, time beyond the memory of man, the uses not set forth, but generally given to the second poor, gave land, the annual produce of which is fifteen pounds, thirteen shillings, and nine pence. It is now vested in JOHN LANE, as the surviving trustee, who is aged about 70.

Mrs. MARGARET HAYWARD gave, by will, time not mentioned, the interest for the education of four poor children, fifty pounds, South Sea Stock.

The Reverend Mr. JOHN HAYWARD gave, by deed, 1772, for the same purpose, fifty pounds in the same stock. The annual produce of both these sums is three pounds.

Besides the above the poor have a share of commonage in such parts of Corse Lawn and Hasfield as lie within this parish.

	INCUMBENTS	PATRONS.
----	Thomas Meakins, - -	----
1595	Robert Harris (Hannis in the register) -	Queen Elizabeth
----	Richard Thompson - -	----
1671	Edward Tidkin (Fidkin), -	King Charles.
1695	Charles Smith - - -	Bishop of Bristol
1700	Charles Smith, M.A. - -	Bishop of Bristol

The above from SIR ROB. ATKYNS.

PRESENT LORD OF THE MANOR,
CHARLES HAYWARD, Esq.

There does not appear to have been any person summoned from this parish, or its hamlets, by the Heralds in 1682 and 1683.

At the Election in 1776, six freeholders polled from this parish.

ANNUAL ACCOUNT OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND BURIALS, IN THIS PARISH.

A.D.	Mar.	Bir.	Bur.
1781	1	11	8
1782	6	9	10
1783	1	19	7
1784	-	5	8
1785	1	13	8
1786	1	10	9

The increase of population is evinced by the register of this parish, which has been kept with great regularity. It commences as early as 1566, from which time to 1786, a period of 220 years, the entries of baptisms are 2282, burials 1913. The inhabitants have increased 370, averaged annually at 1½.

INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CHURCH

ON FLAT STONES

Here lieth buried the body of SOPHRONIA
PAUNCEFOOTE, wife of JOHN PAUNCEFOOTE,
Gent. She was charitable to the Poore,
And courteouse to all People. She loved
Her husband, with much Reverence, and was
Kind to her children, and brought them
Up virtuously. She had issue by him 15
Children, of which five left living with
him to the pleasure of God, 4 Sones and 5
Daughters. She deceased the XXVIII Day
Of Aug, in the 55 Years of her Age, and
In the Year of our Lord God 1615.

RICHARDUS TOMPSONUS, Vicarus
Hujus Ecclesiæ,
Annis et pietate gravis,
Vita defunctus non Ministerio
Jam clamat mortuus
Anagr.
Surfum, corda si vi nos huc rapit,
Obit 22 Decembris, A* Dom. 1671

MATTHEW, the Son of MATTHEW
TOMPSON, by JANE his Wife,
Departed this Life Mar. 23, 1709,
Aged 37

Here lyeth the Body of MARY LONGE,
Widow, larely the Wife of ANTHONY
LONGE, of this Parish, Gent. To whom
Shee bare 3 sons and one Daughter.
She was formerly the Wife of ALEXANDER
READY, of Maysmore, in this County,
Gent. To whom shee bare 4 Sons
And 3 Daughters. She was the eldest
Daughter of JOHN BRAY, late of Fifield,
In the County of Oxford, Esq. She
Died the 8th January, Anno Dom.
1674. This stone was placed here
At the Charge of ELIZABETH her 2nd Daughter
By the aforesaid ALEXANDER READY,
Who shee left her sole Executrix.

Here lyes the Bodies of
WALTER LONG, Gent.
And JOANE his Wife. Hee
Was buried the 6th day of Novem. 1642;
Shee the 22 Day of July, 1640.

Here lyeth the Body of
ELENOR, Daughter of
HUGH WILLIAMS,
Late of Sandhurst,
First Love and last Wife
Of WALTER LONG, Senior,
Who died 14 November, 1631

WALTER LONG, Esquire,
Deceased the 15 day of Ju . .
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Here lyeth the Body of WALTER
LONG, of Beamonds, who departed
This Life the XI of oct. Aº 1638.

Arms; a Lion passant, on a Chief 3 crosss Croslets.

Beneath this Stone lieth
(in hopes of a joyful Resurrection)
The Body of EDMUND LONG, late
Of the Parish of Stonehouse, in
This County, Mealman, whose Dissolution
Was on the 2nd Day of Jan.
1752, in the 60 Year of his Age.

Here lyeth the Body of JAMES
EVANS, of theParish of St.Mary
De Crypt, in the City of Gloucester,
Who died April 22, 1766, aged 39.

Also here lieth the Body of MARY,
The Daughter of the abovesaid JAMES
EVANS by MARY his Wife, who died
Nov. 1, 1766

Here lieth the Body of
ROBERT SLOPER, Gent.
Who departed this Life
November 23, 1664, aged 28

IN THE CHURCHYARD

JOHN HOBBS
Died Feb. 12, 1747, aged 94

BETTY his Wife
Died March 14, 1755, aged 74.

JOHN their Son
Died March 26, 1769, aged 54

ELIZABETH his Wife
Died Nov. 23 1764, aged 48.

ANN, Wife of WILLIAM ROBERTS, Jun.
Late of this Parish, Yeoman,
Died 11 May, 1715, aged 38.

ANNE, the Wife of
RICHARD BAYLEY,
Died October 17, 1727, Aged 63.

RICHARD BAYLEY
Died 3 Dec. 1731, aged 59.

MARY their only Daughter,
Wife of JOHN CHURCH, of Norton,
Died Feb 8, 1716, aged 25.

WILLIAM HILL, Yeoman,
Died Nov 30, 1685, aged 72.

WILLIAM DRAPER
Died Nov. 5, 1749, aged 42

MARY, Daughter of
THOMAS and ELIZABETH DRAPER,
Died August 7, 1759, aged 4.

MARGARET, Wife of W^{m} CLARKE,
Of Wickeridge, in the Parish of Hasfield,
Died June 4, 1768, aged 46

WILLIAM CLARK
Died Aug. 30, 1773, aged 46.

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ON HEAD STONES

				Aged
Walter LONG - - - - - -	26	Feb	1741	65
Sarah his Wife- - - - - -	28	Aug	1754	68
William VOICE - - - - -	26	Apr	1746	68
Jone his Wife, Daughter of Mary Eldrige, Widow -	27	Oct	1737	70
Hester, Daughter of William and Mary Voice -	1	Oct	1774	19
Stephen COLCHESTER, Gent - - -	1	Nov	1746	49
William COLCHESTER, Nephew to the				
Abovesaid Stephen, - - - - -	12	Nov	1761	50
John LANE, Yeoman - - - - -	14	Apr	1763	80
Jane his Wife, - - - - - -	5	Feb	1747	58
Edward MIDDLETON - - - -	15	Feb	1727	64
Margaret his Wife - - - - -	17	Apr	1717	63
Andrew LONG - - - - -	2	May	1725	77
George LONG, of the City of Gloucester, but late				
Of this Parish - - - - - -	12	Nov	1718	70
J.M. CLARKE - - - - -	22	Jun	1598	--
William AILORD - - - - -	16	Jul	1653	--
Elizabeth his Wife - - - - -	3	Aug	1741	--
William AILORD, the Younger - - -	9	Apr	1667	--
Samuel MIDDLETON - - - -	9	Mar	1729	28
Elizabeth his Wife - - - - -	24	Jun	1771	71
Walter JELF, Yeoman - - - -	28	Apr	1768	75
William, Son of William and Elizabeth GARDNER -	25	Oct	1774	22
Henry ELDRIDGE - - - - -	20	Feb	1774	74
Jane, Wife of John ROBERTS Yeoman - -	14	Jun	1781	85
Giles, Son of John and Jane Roberts, - - -	29	Apr	1765	23
John ROBERTS, Junior - - - -	2	Apr	1785	51
Sarah, Daughter of William and Mary LANE -	--	--	1769	12
William LANE, of the Parish of Hartpury, Yeoman -	2	Jan	1766	50
Joseph LYDIATT, Senior - - - -	19	Sep	1749	78
Sarah his Wife- - - - - -	10	Jun	1747	68