

Royal Farmers Office, insurance premium	1 10 0	5/4/1890	J E Eckstein
Cleaning the brass	0 2 6	5/4/1890	R Kirby
Expenses, when no clergyman, to Oxford and back	1 0 0	5/4/1890	W Grimsley
Repairing church windows. Bill head	0 6 6	7/4/1890	F Bannard
[no info]	0 2 0	7/4/1890	William Bolton
Cleaning, half year salary	0 13 0	7/4/1890	M Woolford
Washing	0 14 0	7/4/1890	Ann Proffit
S & L Luig Candles	0 17 6	no year, not receipted	
S & L Luig Candles & a/c delivered	4 14 4+	no year, not receipted	
Clerk, salary	8 0 0		
Ringers	0 5 0		
Blower	0 10 0		
Washing	1 0 0		
Paid Fred Luig for Cox[?]	0 5 0	nd, not receipted	
[Damaged] C Martin, regulating and tuning organ	no amount	5/4/1890	C Martin
Church work 1888-1890	2 11 5	5/4/1890	James Reeves
Work on churchyard walls	1 18 6	5/4/1890	W Grimsley jun
Cleaning and washing	1 4 0	14 & 21/4/1890	H Luig
Richard Coggins, coke & coal	6 7 11	89/1890 not receipted	

1890-1891

Work on church	1 0 6	12/5/1890	Geo Baker
Work on church	0 7 6	16/5/1890	W Baker
One quarter's salary	2 0 0	27/6/1890	H Luig
Sexton's Dues	1 0 0	25/6/1890	Walter Parsons
Washing surplices	0 12 0	2/8/1890	Ann Proffit
?	0 13 4	24/8/1890	W Parsons
Salary	2 0 0	1/10/1890	H Luig
W Sotham, wine. Bill head	0 7 0	30/10/1890	
Cleaning chancel	0 13 0	-/10/1890	M Woolford
Mrs L Luig, washing	0 2 0	11/2/91	signed H Luig
Repairs to church and churchyard	2 10 0	21/7/1890 &	H W Gillam
Spackman & Co. Billhead. Carols for Christmas	0 13 0	25/11/1890	pp Spackman
		3/12/1890	E Gillam
Salary as Clerk, Sep-Dec 1890	2 0 0	30/12/1890	H Luig
4 months salary as sexton	1 6 8	5/1/1891	W Luig
Mrs L Luig, washing	0 2 0	11/2/1891	H Luig
W Sotham, wine. Bill head	0 10 6	2/4/1891	
ni	1 0 0	1/4/1891	W Luig
F P Bannard, zinc bucket. Bill head	0 1 0	3/4/1891	not receipted
M A Woolford, cleaning chancel 6 months and extra cleaning after workmen	0 15 0	3/4/1891	M Woolford
Insurance premium 1891-1892 (for £2000)	1 10 0	3/4/1891	
G Baker, work on church	1 2 6	3/4/1891	G Baker

6, 7 and 8

SETTLEMENT, REMOVAL and BASTARDY

see

STEEPLE BARTON

CHURCH

DOCUMENTS II

Restoration of Steeple Barton Church

APPEAL

Letter from the Committee for the Restoration of Steeple Barton Church Jan 18 1850

Sir, The Committee beg leave to call attention to the state of the Church which is so dilapidated as to require an outlay of £1650 to restore it to a proper state of repair decency and comfort - the parish is entirely an Agricultural one having neither Canal Railway or Factory within its limits and with two exceptions the land is occupied by tenant farmers whose interest in the parish cannot be considered permanent. The Vestry has affirmed the propriety of raising a sum of money by rate but still active and kind co-operation is needed and earnestly invited from every proprietor in the parish and also from all who are able and willing to assist in the good work of providing proper Church accommodation for the 700 inhabitants with a due regard to the decency and solemnity of Divine worship. The subscriptions will be thankfully received by Messrs Robinson & Co at the Old Bank Oxford. Requesting the favour of your reply in time to lay it before the Vestry to be holden on February 6th

Subscriptions already received	£
Henry Hall Esq	500
M ^{rs} Holbech	50
Rev. W C Risley	5
William Wing	30
John Soden	10
William Luing	10
Miss Gale	0 10 0

-1850. 14 notes, from Bishop of Oxford, Archdeacon, Rev W Wilson, Viscount Clifden, Rev Jenner Marshall etc, expressing opinions about the plans or whether donations will be given.

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Mr W Iorns [?] Bloxham, In reply to yours I beg to say that I must altogether decline being a subscriber to Barton Church from various circumstances too numerous to mention.

Rev W Wilson, Worton, I have so much on my hands, in the restoration of my Church in this place, that I must, with sincere reluctance, decline to offer assistance towards the repairs of that at Steeple Barton.

Eliza Townsend, Oxford. I beg to apologise for not answering your earlier, illness alone prevented me. I much regret it is not in my power to respond favourably to your appeal. The fact is the little property I possess in that locality is entirely absorbed in an Annuity and incidental expenses precluding a possibility of my rendering that aid you solicit.

James Saunders. Viscount Clifden's Agent. Lord Clifden is in Paris & I find that he will not be in London till a few days prior to the 1st March, on which day his Lordship commences his attendance at Buckingham Palace. As soon as Lord Clifden returns no doubt he will instruct us in this matter. I am much obliged to you for your note re Hansard & regret I had not applied sooner.

Rev Jenner Marshall, N Aston. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of two letters relating to the intended restoration of Barton Church- if I approve of the plans &c which must be strictly correct & architectural in detail and the seats all open I shall be glad to be a subscriber to the amount which in my opinion the owners of land charged with the maintenance of the Fabric ought to contribute in respect of their individual properties; and if the proposition which I contemplate can be adopted in the parish there will be no need of our making any foreign application and I do think we ought not under any circumstances to ask our neighbours to help us set up the House of God which in our parish has fallen into decay thro' our neglect of duty especially too as I conceive we ourselves are fully able to

restore it to the state in which it ought to be. My proposition is that to the fund? raised? by a rate upon the occupiers the Land? (except the very poor) whether resident or non resident should agree to assign one years rateable value of their interest in the parish & thus meet the deficiency of the sum required.

Rev W Harding, Sulgrave. Immediately on receiving your letter I wrote to the tenant at Barton to enquire what quantity of land he? had at Steeple Barton. I did not get an answer till Saturday when your second letter arrived. I am not the owner of the property but it belongs to two ladies, relatives of mine, one of whom is now a considerable distance from Sulgrave. I will consult them both on the subject and as soon as I know what answer they wish me to send you, you shall hear from me again.

Second letter. I have desired Mr Simmons to pay ten pounds to you for the owners of his farm towards the fund for the repairs of Steeple Barton Church. You can apply to him for it whenever it is required.

1951. Bishop of Oxford. Asks for plans.

1849 Ferrey to Bishop of Oxford?

Letter to W Wing from Bishop of Oxford 24 Dec 1850

Letter to Henry Hall from J C Buckler 16 Jan 1850 "I deemed it essential to maintain the character of the original building as that most becoming a Village Church...It is unfortunately the fashion to alter underline rather than restore underline, & to attach more importance to the finery of Ecclesiastical architecture than value to the unaffected simplicity which is so commonly observed iin the designs of our Village Churches...

ACCOUNTS

-4 Mar 1851 Letter from Buckler to Henry Hall, estimate and plan

1851/2 Messrs Robinson, Parsons & Thomson, Old Bank, Oxford, 8 filled in counterfoils

Notebook Messrs Robinson Parsons & Thomson in a/c with SB Church Committee 4pp filled in

Mrs York, Mitcham. Mr York has given me your Letter to him as he does not consider he as [sic] anything to do with my property - the Land owners have subscribed very handsome & the tenant farmers will I have no doubt as Mr Barnard & others have been in the parish many years. I have very little interest in the parish & in those who reside there who will be benefitted by the Improvements. I have no Obligation to add my mite. I will thank you to deduct from the post Bill one sovering. Mr York desires his Comps. I Remain yours
Respectfully Sarah? York

Archdeacon of Oxford. Trusts that what has been commenced in so good a spirit will be carried on to a satisfactory conclusion but declines to contribute until the plans are matured and receive his sanction. Charles Clerke

Rev R Wright (Vicar's son). Winchester. His father is placed in an unsatisfactory position by his parishioners. He consented to raise the salary of the Curate and appoint a fresh one in the name of one Oakley on the understanding that new payments would commence according to the Commissioner's? statement 2 years ago and he raised the Salary of the Curate from 50 to 80£ to make the ? more efficient. We are informed that in consequence of the delay that has taken place in the confirmation of the appointment the new payments will not commence until this year so that my father has not received the increased payment when he has been giving increased stipend anbd service to the church.

Rev W H Spencer. I called upon you ...in order to confide to your hand the £5 which I promised to contribute towards the rebuilding of the Ch of SB, I have left it with Mrs Luing. I should be glad if on the first Communion Sunday you will offer it on the Alms plate. I have written on the paper in wh the money is enclosed the purpose for wh I intend

it - and lest there sh be any mistake about it I have spoken to Mr Pakenham & he has consented that it shd be so offered and appropriated to the purpose for wh is it offered. You mt? as well mention the matter again to him. Mr S Baker told me that the Vestry had entered my name in the minutes of their Meeting Book as subscribing £5. Against this I protest. I desired particularly that my name shd not be put down among the list of subscribers & I do not consider myself bound by what they have done contrary to my expressed wish. I mean no disparagement to the intentions wh I believe were most kind but I consider that money offered to Almighty God upon His Altar a far different thing from a subscription list Verbum sap &c. Of course the £5 will be added to the fund collecting for the Building. This letter is between you & me & not public. The Workmen are proceeding very rapidly with the building - I shall come again very soon probably next week.

Booklet, pages sewn together, handwritten [by W Wing]. Committee for Restoring the Church, appointed January 9th 1850. The Churchwardens, George Barnard and John Soden, Henry Hall Esq, William Luig and William Wing. Includes extracts from Vestry minutes, minutes of committee meetings, note of expenditure and presscuttings about the restoration. Two letters, from J Fisher (thanks for money) and Henry Hall (cannot attend a meeting) in between pages.

Booklet, as above, 1850, containing letters. Note on front Churchwardens Mr William Faulkner, Mr William Finch

to Churchwrdens Wing & Barnard from Public Works Loan Office enclosing Voucher for £30.14.8. Headed paper Restoration of Steeple Barton Church Committee The Churchwardens George Barnard John Soden [other side Henry Hall Esq William Luig William Wing Jan 18 1850, Appeal and subscription so far

Mortgage, 24 March 1851, of rates to secure £350 Churchwardens and Overseers to Secretary of Public Works Loan Commissioners

Correspondence, Public Works Loan Office

11 Mar 1851 to W Wing from Public Works Loan Office ack August 6 1852 Financial Report Restoration Committee, see also Vestry Minutes Messrs J Fisher's account, with details A 28 Dec 1850 & B 3 Jan 1851 to Public Works Loan Office request from Vestry for loan of £350, William Faulkner William Wing Churchwardens Solomon Baker William Luig Overseers Notice of Vestry meeting to be held 3 Jan 1851 William H Spencer William Faulkner William Wing Churchwardens Solomon Baker William Luig Overseers

Restoration. 1850. Booklet of letters to William Wing.

Bishop of Oxford...suggests employment of a qualified architect and recommends Mr Ferrey, 1 Trinity Place, Charing Cross.

Bishop of Oxford [different handwriting from previous letter, both from Cuddesdon palace]. I have written to Lady Dover requesting her to call the attention of Viscount Clifden to the subject. I regret to tell you that I am quite sure the unecclesiastical character of the plans seen by me will in spite of anything I can do greatly limit any help you would have from Societies in question.

Mears & Son Bellfounders. Representative will call to have a look at bells

Poster, W & J Taylor, Bell Founders

1850 March 25 Estimate for recasting and restoring bells Bellfoundry Whitechapel

Title deeds etc

1 & 2 May 1753 Lease & Release

Copy

1 Thomas Eglestone MB Mason and Francis Sheylor MB Worsted Weaver and Mary his Wife

2 John Mack Clary Rowsham Gent £73 10

Mess Cottage or Tenement in MB wherein Thomas Eglestone doth now or late did inhabit and west part of said Mess containing about Two bays of Building now or late in poss of Francis Sheylor lately part of sd mess which premises were heretofore built on one acre of ground formerly exchanged for another acre with Richard Haynes and Sarah his Wife signed Thomas Egleston Francis Sholer

Note: May 16 1795 Compared with the Original and the foregoing is a true Copy signed William Apletree William Skillman

Indenture of a Fine 20 Geo 2

Copy

Plt John Mack Clary

Def John Hill Francis Sholer and Mary his Wife

21 Nov 1760 Lease & Release

1 John Mackclary Aston Gent 2 Thomas Eager Rousham Victualler £84

Memo of Agreement 31 Mar 1854

2 copies

Parish Officers hire to George Gamage at yearly rent £2 12 in quarterly payments for dwelling house in MB now or lately in occ John Miles.

Signed W Wing Jonathan Strainge Chwardens, Robert Matthews Henry Harris Overseers, mark of George Gamage

Handwritten notice, William Wing, seventeenth February 1842
 Calling meeting at Carpenters Arms 4 oclock on Friday 23rd February to
 let to such of the later Occupiers, parishioners of Steeple Barton,
 who desire to retake the same the several subdivisions of the land
 commonly called the pors allotment and gives notice that at 7 oclock
 on the same evening let to any persons desirous of taking the
 subdivisions not retaken. Said subdivisions will be leet for one whole
 year from 25th March next and the day for payment of rent will be
 Friday 22nd July next.

Draft notice of meeeting to be held on Friday 3rd March next at 6
 oclock at Carpenters Arms to appear in person or by someone acting in
 their several names or they will not be allowed to occupy any portion
 of the pors plot in the ensueing season. Feb [blank] 1843

At a Vestry Held on the sixth of November 1845 in the Vestry Room of
 this parish "Middle Barton" it is ordered by us assembled that Mr Wm
 Wing Agent for the managing the pors plot summons James Castle before
 the Justices unless he gives up possession immediately of a
 subdivision on the pors plot heretofore let to Wm Wren? and now to
 James Mathews
 Thomas Wilkes Chairman
 George Barnard
 John Haynes

28th January 1843
 We the undersigned officers reappoint William Wing to be agent for
 managing pors plot
 Signed George Barnard
 Wm Faulkner Churchwardens
 Thos Wilkes Overseer

Barton Coal Fund
 Coalmerchants are invited to send tenders to undersigned on or before
 July 14th for a Coal load not less than 30 tons of Moira thirds to be
 delivered and stacked at the Barton shed but terms in all other
 respects the same as at Steeple Aston
 William Wing Churchwarden

Middle Barton Pors Plot Abstract of Accooount for 1853

+ Poster Barton Poor's Plot
 Sold by Auction T Sotham July 17 1846
 at Carpenters Arms
 under distress for rent Growing Crops on about 20 allotment Corn and
 potatoes

Jan 13 1840
 Parochial meeting Mr John Campion in the chair
 That it is desirable to form an Institution, having for its object
 "the supplying the Poor of that Parish with Coal at a cheap rate in
 Winter".

That the following gentlemen are appointed a Committee,

1. The Rev. Thomas Oakley, Curate
2. Mr George Barnard
3. Mr John Campin
4. Mr William Finch
5. Mr John Haynes
6. Mr William Luing
7. Mr John Soden

Mr William Wing junr is appointed Secretary to the Committee

Steeple Aston Woodstock

Feby 1840

Sir

I am instructed to request the favor of your/support to the project announced on the other side,/being one which has been tried most successfully in/the parish whence I write, for twelve years; a/supply of coal at a cheap rate in winter is in my/opinion one of the most useful and general of/parochial charities and at the same time a positive/gain to the owners of trees, gates, fences etc, as experience/ shews that the labourer does not quit his cottage at night for the purpose of purloining fuel in those/parishes where such institutions exist, but that such thefts are common where they are not esta/blished.

Poors plot

Extract from Enclosure Award of 1796

1842 Jan 11 Geo P Hester to W Wing. Unlikely to be with him tomorrow because of very heavy cold. I don't think it would be any good sending Hazel & I don't know who else to send if it is at all ? I'll yet come but altho' one is apt to be sanguine in a good cause it is not likely that I could disarm any determined opposition. If there is none I intended to advise the parish officers to take possession & plough up after the frost but this may require consideration. If we are obliged to look up ? to all the Trustees and to have opposition it will cost some hundreds but I proposed to leave it as it was under the management of the parish. If the B? men or such like interfere they should be told tht they will be made Defendents & in any case I advise careful account taken of those who offer opposition. +

July 14th 1848 List of tenants

1854 Insurance premium for 1854, 4/6 on Coal Barn. Insurance of £50

1872 Jul Dormer to Wing, 3 letters re visit from Hall about quit rents

1845 Sep 16 Curme to Wing, thanks for donation

1846 Letters Wing/Hall

Copy: William Wing to Henry Hall, Steeple Aston, Holy Thursday 1846

Dear Sir, On returning from the Morning Service at Steeple Barton Church today by the accustomed path leading from the wicket gate in the southeast part of the Churchyard to the

Liberty of Sesswell's Barton and so on to Hopcroft's holt I found on my arrival at the Dorn stream that the plank which used to form a footbridge was gone though the handrail remained

I am informed that this removal was made by a labourer employed on your farm. It is a matter of considerable inconvenience [importance crossed out] to me and to many others to have this plank replaced. Allow me to request you to give directions to that effect if I am

correctly informed or if I am not to let me know as much that I may invoke the aid of the Surveyor.

Reply: Dear Sir, The footpath to which your letter refers is a private road & not a public one. I contemplate placing a plank & rail across the brook which when finished you are at liberty to walk over.

Note by WW: Though I am satisfied with this civil permission I still adhere to my opinion that the road in question is a public one.

1867 ? from W Millarship?

1871 Mar 30 Rev William Green to William Wing. Appreciation of Wing's work as Vestry Clerk

1887 Letters, Russell, 120 High St Oxford to Rev W G Southwell, about purchase of piano ...regrets that Piano does not give satisfaction..understood he was to send best Instrument he could for the 2/2/0..only too happy to exchange it but cannot make any reduction in charge. ...I beg to say that I am sorry the Piano did not answer your expectations- Permit me to say that the Price was not that of a fine concert Piano... +

1890 Jan 23 Henry Boddington to Mr Marshall about Boddington genealogy and letter from Edward Marshall to Newman.

1893 Sep 9 Majendie (Rector of Woodstock) to Newman

nd Aug 16 C F Hazden?, Edington Bridgwater, to Wing, remembers Barton, his first cure?

nd May 19? E Lathbury? re deserter, Private Chilton?

nd Mar 23 A W Hall to ? no plate of his coat of arms

MISC

1327 taxation -Public Record Office copy, portions of 'Lay Subsidies, - Exchequer, King's Remembrances 1327" Schiptone sup Charwelle, Bartone Ede, Magna Bartone, Middelbartone, Westbartone. Copy made 1866

1855 Perambulation. Original and copy. *

1870 Nov 4th. Charge to the Leet Juries at the Courts of Charles Cottrell Dormer Esq Lord of the Manors of Rousham and Steeple-Barton-cum-Membris, by William Wing, Steward. Spp.

1871 Mar 6. Letter to Bicester Herald by W Wing commenting on vestry meeting and description of Mr Cottrell-Dormer as Lord of the Manor. 2 copies +

Stockford. 22 Aug 1890 Geo Coggins Solicitor to Rev W G Newman. Mrs Stockford to have a summons - three papers to be signed and handed to Police Constable who will arrange for the service upon Stockford in prison +

The Steeple Barton Parish Magazine

- August 1890 Calendar includes a weekly choir practice and weekly band practice both in the evening. Report of Annual Examination of Schools...Upper School awarded "Good" Merit Grant; the Infants School "Excellent"; a distinction which it has achieved for several successive years. Report of Annual Festival of Deddington Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society held at SB on Friday July 11th. The members, about 90, assembled at the Lodge where there were amusements in the shape of swings and roundabouts, the Barton Brass Band being present, and playing Selections of Music in their usual efficient style, during the afternoon. At about five o'clock a start was made for the Pavilion on the Sands...Ample tea and address and then service in the Church.

Letter from the Vicar, W J Hermann-Newman, asking that people should care for the graves in the Churchyard.

- October 1890. Notice about New Code at School, Mrs Hall's Blanket Club, applications to be made to Mrs Howitt, The School from 1st to 5th November. Offertory accounts given in both issues.

1891 Nov 13 Poster for Sale of Work at the Schools Kidlington with entertainment, in aid of defraying the Debt existing on National Schools. +

nd. Note about school examination

Feb 1911. List of Applications by Farmers claiming Exemption from Licence Duty for Dogs owned by them and kept for use in tending sheep or cattle on their farms and by Shepherds...

Bayliss James	Whistlow Farm
Constable Wm John	Middle Barton
Goffe William Henry	Church Farm
Shepherds	
Cleaver George	Whistlow Cottages
Fowler John	Middle Barton
Hoare Joseph John	Shepherd's House
Matthews John	Middle Barton
Mole John	Whistlow Cottages
Proffitt David	Middle Barton, dog kept at Mr Constable's
Proffit James	Dock Cottages
Williams William	Field Barn

all for one dog

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