

## Some Village Notes XII

### The Bridge Parish Register 1579-1760.

There are over three thousand names recorded in The Bridge Church Register during this period and the deciphering depends very much on the calligraphy of the particular Vicar: The Elizabethan are the best and the Stuart's the worst but each period gives some insight into how life was led at that time; the earliest record is to Anne Ryall buried 12 day of September Anno Supra 1580 and the last to the baptism of the son of Mary ~~Kendall~~ and George Kendall (his reputed father) 20th April 1760. Some typical recordings during the seventeenth century are as follows:-

- 1661. Christopher Carter an aged man living 13th August.
- 1663 James Clifton Jordan the Clerk of Bridge buried 21st December
- 1667. Marcus Kasey, late of Pembroke College Oxford Vicar of Patnixborne with Bridge died age 32 years 7 weeks and 4 days and is buried in ye north chancel of Bridge chapel.
- 1668 Died: John Herring a poor house holder of Bridge full house and Richard Adames a poor servant of John Fowler a Butcher at Bridge.
- 1669. Joan Briggs a servant maid brought from Antwerp died October 1st.
- 1672. Samuel Mayhew a stranger ~~stranger~~ was buried in Wooten (as the affidavit doth appoint)
- 1681 Sir Arnold Braenes born in Dover in 1602 was buried on 20th November near the tomb of his two deceased Ladies.
- 1686. John Taylor of Tower Hill London was killed by a fall from a horse on Barlem Downs on March 14th between 3 & 4 in ye afternoon and was buried behind the pulpit at Bridge.