

Some Village Names XII

The Bridge Parish Registers 1580-1760

Some Surnames repeat themselves again and again especially the following which are all Kentish names:

May, Goldfinch, Faard, Maxted, Hugbin, Daddo, Denne, Stringer, Goldup, Philpot, Fagg, Ovenden, Backman, Maple.

There is also the occasional Huguenot name such as Chapleau, Mousquetier, + Martel and the Old Testament is frequently used for Christian names such as Abel, Abigail, Rebecca, Abraham, Hannah + Ambrose.

The Church collections are also carefully recorded and funds were often used for the rebuilding of other churches and cathedrals as wide apart as St Albans and Blandford in Dorset. in 1678 there was a collection ^{at the Great Fire of London} towards the rebuilding of St. Pauls Cathedral in 1681 there was a collection for the relief of French Protestants and in 1671 a collection was ordered by his Majesty's privy Council towards the raising of £3000 for "the redemption of a great number of our ^{Christian} Countrymen from that miserable Turkish infidel whose inhuman slavery and bondage they now groan under."

Sir Arnold Braeres + his Lady £1. 10. 0d

Daniel Ovenden + his wife 0 0 9d

Thomas Denne 0 0 3d.

But the rest of the house holders gave 2d each.