

Notes on Langham Churchwardens' accounts, from 1782 to 1850

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The first churchwardens' accounts we have for Langham Church are dated 1782 (DE2150_15 004 – 006). Unfortunately no Vestry Minutes survive before 1835 so that much of the expenditure tends to be unexplained.

Whilst the country had moved from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, with the year starting on 1st January, in 1752, old traditions die hard and in many contexts the year continued to start on Lady Day, 25th March. However, up to 1825 the financial year used by the churchwardens ran from 26th April to 25th April the following year (with a bit of overflow where convenient!). Thereafter they ran from Easter to Easter.

It has been found convenient to split the period from 1782 to 1850 into two sections: 1782 – 1820 and 1821 – 1850. Whilst the choice of 1820 as a 'half-way' point and indeed the choice of 1850 as a stopping point are arbitrary, this has resulted in fairly convenient sizes for the various tables of comparisons given below.

Full transcriptions of certain particular years' accounts are included; these have been chosen as fairly typical examples ranging across the particular period.

The levy, and other credits

The Levy, collected from parishioners, was the main source of income for the Churchwardens. The 1786 a/c specifies that the levy was then at a rate of 4d per acre.

In 1807, there is an accounting innovation (not repeated) which may indicate the method, even a new method of collecting the levy. We find 'Tho. Chapman & Jno Ryley Constables Account put in the Levy £38 4s 3½d. This is then added to the churchwardens' expenses (£35 7s 8d) and the levy amount (£76 16s) evidently fixed to cover both, approximately. (In the above summary of accounts table, the constables expenses, and their contribution to the levy are omitted). Thereafter the levy is described as the Constables' levy and conveniently exactly equals the churchwardens' expenditure.

In addition to the levy, there is sometimes an annual credit of 18s described as 'The dole' (in 1783, 'Benton Dole' 18s plus deal-poles £1) or 'received from the Church' (1791). Alternatively, the levy and the 'Bainton dole' are lumped together explicitly (1797) or probably implicitly. The Bainton dole was income from the Bainton Poors Land, i.e. from the Charity's land at Bainton. There is also an annual income of five shillings from 'Frisby's dole' in the latter part of the period. There are also occasional, usually small cash credits, unexplained.

In 1804 the town subscribed an additional £20 8s, for some reason, resulting in £15 14s surplus.

Any surplus is described as 'due to town', or something similar; in 1788 the surplus is marked as 'due to Ove-sears'. When there is a deficit, it is far from clear whether or not the churchwardens are recompensed, or how. A deficit appears not to be carried forward to the next year.

Accounts for the period 1782 - 1820

A transcription of the **1782** accounts follows:

Account of Money Disbursed by Wm Sharrad Churchwarden for the year 1782.

			£	s	d
April	26th	Paid the Visitation Fees	0	7	0
		My charges to the Visitation	0	5	0
August	3rd	for fetching the hay home & Ale	0	1	10
Septbr	8th	Paid for three Bell ropes	0	12	0
Octbr	6th	Paid for 6 Strike ¹ of Lime	0	4	0
		For fetching it	0	1	0
		For two Strike of Sand	0	0	8
		For half a hundred of Slates	0	2	0
	18th	My charges at the Visitation	0	5	0
		Paid the Visitation fees	0	5	0
		Paid to a Brief ²	0	5	0
		Paid the Curate	0	5	0
	28th	Paid the hay Silver ³	0	6	8
Novbr	4th	My charges at Empingham	0	3	6
	24th	Paid Stacy	1	5	4
Decbr	23rd	Paid for the Sacrament Wine & Bread	0	6	0
		Paid four Ringing Days	1	0	0
April	20th	Paid the Singers	0	10	0
	25th	Paid for the Sacrament Wine & Bread	0	6	0
		Paid for making the Levy	0	1	0
		Paid for the Jury ⁴	0	7	6
		For serving the Office	0	10	6
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		To	7	10	0

¹ a traditional British unit of volume, varying considerably but usually more than a bushel. A convenient equivalent is 2 Imperial bushels (roughly 2.5 cubic feet or 73 litres). (<http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/units/dictS.html>)

² a legal document relating to the Church Court, perhaps permitting the churchwardens to collect money

³ an extra rental charged on a field if hay was grown on it.; see Further Notes, below

⁴ Church Court costs

The Disbursements of Robt Kilby Church Warden for the year 1782

			£	s	d
26t	Apl	My charges at the Visitation	-	5	-
20	May	pd for Mending the Churchyard Walls	-	1	-
25		Bread & Wine for the Sacrament	-	6	-
29	June	pd for a Brush for the Church	-	1	8
		for a Lock to the Necessary House)			
		belonging to the School)	-	1	-
		Staple & seling iron	-	-	3
		A Band & Nails for Isab. Castertons door	-	-	4
12	Octor	Bread & Wine for the Sacrament	-	6	-
22	Novr	pd Robt Stevens as per Bill	-	18	6
21	Decr	pd Wm Clemence for Basses ⁵ & repairs	-	11	6
24	Decr	pd Jno Withers as per Bill	1	15	-
		pd Wm Sherwin as per Bill	-	6	9
1783					
11	Janry	An Almanack for the Church	-	-	7
12		pd to the Singers	-	10	-
23	March	pd for Ale when we agreed for the)			
		High Isle ⁶ for the Church)	-	7	-
21	Apl	pd Wm Nixon for his Plan & Estimation	-	10	-
		pd for This Book for the Churchwardens Accts	-	5	3
		pd the Reckoning at Humphreys	-	16	-
26		pd Jno Thorpe as per Bill	3	4	6
30	May	my Charges at the Visitation	-	5	-
		pd the Curate	-	5	-
		for Serving the Office	-	10	6
			11	07	4

⁵ Probably runners for kneeling on. (Given that the church bought a bassoon in 1807, is it tempting to wonder whether the 'basses' that are referred to in 1782 and 1804 are also musical instruments: a 'church bass' was an extra-large double bass; but would the church use more than one?)

⁶ Probably the nave, since this was the responsibility of the parish; probably the Busby family of Barleythorpe were still responsible for the chancel

	£	s	d
Mr Kilby's Acct	11	7	4
Mr Sharrad's Acct	7	10	0
	18	17	4
Receiv'd by Levy &c	66	12	5
	47	15	1
Receiv'd by Dole	1	8	0
Due to Town	49	3	1
25 Augt pd to Mr Laxton	48		
Mr Sharrad pd	1	3	1
My 31st 1784 This Accompt Ballanc'd	49	3	1

Received the 25th August 1783 of the Partitioners of Langham the Sum of One Hundred and four Pounds in part of One Hundred and thirty-five Pounds According to Agreement for the High Isle of the Church.

Wm Sharman Thos Laxton

May 31st 1784 Paid Mr Laxton thirty-one Pounds being the Remainder of 135 . 0 the full money for the High Isle of the Church

For the next 30 years or so, there is a good deal of repetition as regards the sorts of items listed as churchwardens' expenses, notably visitation fees, ringers and singers, sacrament wine and bread, 'paid to brief', 'for the Jury', for bell ropes, lime, stone/slabs, sand, brushes, Mr Williams hay silver, fetching the hay or Church grass home, and an almanack each year.

But there is also some variation resulting from periodical exceptional expenditure. It will be helpful to look at such variation as there was under several different headings:

Summary of accounts, 1782 - 1820, to nearest shilling

(In the table below, the year-date 1800 (for example) means the period from 26th April 1800 to 25th April 1801)

	Churchwardens' Expenses		Total receipts inc. levy, dole, etc.		Due To town		jpeg nos. (LVHG)
	£	s	£	s	£	s	
1782	18	17	68	00	49	03	004-006
1783	24	01	35	06	11	05	006-008
1784	64	02	69	05	05	03	008-010
1785	25	19	35	08	09	14	010-011
1786	54	01	44	12	(- 09	09)	012-013
1787	some data missing						014
1788	28	13	27	18	(- 00	14)	015
1789	31	02	28	16	(- 02	06)	016-017
1790	48	15	45	14	(- 03	01)	017-018
1791	36	02	34	15	(- 01	07)	018-019
1792	26	19	33	07	07	17	019-020
1793	63	06	66	19	03	12	020-021
1794	39	18	45	08	05	09	021-022
1795	23	00	23	11	00	13	022-023
1796	24	08	22	05	(- 02	03)	024-025
1797	66	04	67	13	01	09	026-027
1798	32	19	28	14	(- 04	05)	028-029
1799	204	13	205	16	01	03	030-031
1800	114	15	115	14	00	19	032
1801	47	17	35	19	(- 11	18)	033
1802	164	14	170	15*	06	10	034
1803	60	17	52	19	07	18	035
1804	56	19	72	13	15	14	036-037
1805	38	07	38	03	(- 00	04)	037-038
1806	35	12	41	09	05	17	038-039
1807	35	08	40	00	04	12	040-041
1808	24	05	24	05	00	00	041-042
1809	28	02	28	02	00	00	043-045
1810	24	08	24	08	00	00	045
1811	24	8	24	8	00	00	046
1812	37	1	51	13	14	12	047
1813	55	7	52	14	(- 2	13)	048
1814	30	14	30	14	00	00	049-051**
1815	61	9	103	8	41	19	052-054**
1816	43	11	43	11	00	00	055
1817	28	5	28	5	00	00	055
1818	78	9	77	12	(- 00	17)	057
1819	38	17	77	17	39	00	058^
1820	76	4	77	17	1	13	058-059

* includes sales of old lead and old wood, etc. – about £30

** There was a further expenditure by David Hubbard of £42 17s 7d; it is unclear what this was for: see account (jpeg 051). It appears that interest was paid at 6d in the pound on the outstanding bill and a similar amount in credit appears the next year which presumably constitutes the repayment (jpeg 054)

^ The reconciliation is unclear. (See jpeg 058)

The accounts were signed as approved in:

- 1783 (accounts for 1782-3) by no-one;
- 1784 by William Sharrad, William Williamson, Robert Kilby and Richard Sharpe;
- 1785 by William Sharrad, William Hubbard and Richard Hubbard;
- 1786 by William Sharrad, Sampson Ellicott, and William Smith;
- 1787 by William Sharrad, William Smith and Richard Hubbard;
- 1788 by no one;
- 1789 by William Smith, Thomas Sharpe and Charles Hubbard;
- 1790/91 by no-one;
- 1792 by William Smith, John Hubbard, Robert Swingler, Charles Hubbard, Richard Hubbard and William Sharpe Williamson;
- 1793 by William Sharrad, Thomas Sharpe, Robert Swingler, William Williamson and William Sharpe Williamson;
- 1794 by William Sharrad, William Smith, Robert Swingler and John Hubbard
- 1795 by William Sharrad, William Smith and John Hubbard;
- 1796 by William Sharrad, William Smith, John Hubbard and Joseph Chamberlain;
- 1797 by William Sharrad, William Smith, Robert Swingler and Charles Hubbard;
- 1798 by William Smith, Robert Swingler, Thomas Sharpe, Charles Hubbard, John Faulks and John Riley;
- 1799 by William Chapman, Thomas Sharpe, John Hubbard, Joseph Chamberlain, John Riley and William Sharpe Williamson;
- 1800 by Thomas Sharpe, John Hubbard, Joseph Chamberlain and John Riley;
- 1801 by William Smith, Joseph Chamberlain and William Hubbard;
- 1802 by William Sharrad, Thomas Sharpe, William Smith and Joseph Chamberlain;
- 1803 by William Smith, William Hubbard, Robert Swingler and William Sharpe Williamson;
- 1804 by no-one;
- 1805 by William Smith, William Sharrad and Joseph Chamberlain;
- 1806 by William Smith, William Chapman, Thomas Sharpe and Robert Swingler;
- 1807 by Thomas Messing, William Sharrad and William Chapman;
- 1808 by Thomas Messing, Sampson Ellicott, William Sharpe Williamson, William Chapman, John Riley and Joseph Chamberlain;
- 1809 by William Chapman, William Smith, Robert Swingler and John Henry Rudkin;
- 1810 by William Sharrad, William Smith and Robert Swingler;
- 1811 by Thomas Messing, William Smith and Amos Butt;
- 1812 by Thomas Messing, John Henry Rudkin, Richard Sharpe, Thomas Sharpe and David Hubbard
- 1813 by Amos Butt, John Henry Rudkin, Richard Sharpe, Thomas Sharpe and John Riley;
- 1814 by John Henry Rudkin, Richard Sharpe, Thomas Messing and David Hubbard;
- 1815 by Amos Butt, John Riley, Joseph Chamberlain and Robert Swingler;
- 1816 by Amos Butt, Robert Swingler, John Henry Rudkin and David Hubbard;
- 1817 by Amos Butt, David Hubbard, Thomas Messing and Sharpe Barfoot;
- 1818 by Thomas Messing;
- 1819 by Amos Butt;
- 1820 by Amos Butt, John Riley and William Smith;
- 1821 by Thomas Messing; William Smith; John Henry Rudkin and Amos Butt.

Charges in excess of £3, 1782 - 1820, to nearest pound

	John Thorpe	Rob. Steven	Sam Sherwin	Ed. Stacy	J Riley	The Clerk	Thos Faulks	Wm Thorpe
1783	£3							
1784	£11	£19		£9				
1785	£3			£3				
1786	£3	£6		£8				
1787				£6				
1788	£3	£4						
1789		£5		£4				
1790	£4	£12				£3		
1791		£7		£3		£3		
1792								£3
1793		£14					£8	£3
1794				£9		£3		
1795		£3				£3		
1796								£3
1797		£18	£9					£3
1798				£3				£3
1799		£4	£14		£149	£3		
1800		£6			£65	£3		
1801		£3		£4			£4	£3
1802					£25			
1803		£5	£10		£7			£3
1804		£8	£3		£6			£3
1805		£5						£3
1806		£3			£6			£4
1807						£3		
1808							£3	£4
1809						£3		
1810			£4				£3	£3
1811						£4		
1812						£4		
1813			£8			£4	£6	
1814							£4	£4
1815					£3			£4
1816								£3
1817								£4
1818								£4
1819								£4
1820						£3	£5	

There are various, more occasional such payments, viz.

1784	Henry Hawgood's Bill	£11	
1785	Wm Almond's Bill	£6	
1786	Kings Arms and Articles	£4	
1786	for a copy of Mr Hubbars Will	£3	
1790	Glazing the church windows	£3	
1790	Mr Laxons Bill	£9	
1791	Wythers's Bill	£3	
1793	for Lead (15 cwt)	£15	
1795	paid to the seafaring Man	£22	
1797	Mr Marriot' A Bill	£10	
1797	Mr Dane A Bill	£4	
1799	Paid for the Register	£3	
1801	Paid to the Faculty for the Cburch	£11	
1802	Mr Hawleys Bill	£55	
1802	Thos Mippens (?) Bill	£20	
1802	Wm Almonds Bill	£7	
1802	for 40 ?? Lime	£11	
1803	Pd Mr Kitching for 36 Sundays	£4	(£3 12s)
1804	Paid the Scoolmaster	£5	(£4 14s)
1805	The Ripings Bill	£5	
1806	Muffs Bill (or Nuff or Huff)	£3	
1807	A new Bassoon	£4	(£3 15s)
1807	Paid Mr Hack the Schoolmaster	£5	
1809	Paid Mr Hack a Years Salary	£5	
1810	For Diner and Expences for 34 children	£4	(£3 11s)
1810	Wm & Jn Almonds Bill	£6	
1810	Pd Mr Hack for desks &c in the school	£6	(£5 14s)
1810	Pd Jn Wright & Dickens for putting up the weather cock and pointing the Steeple	£7	
1812	Pd Mr Jno Dain Glaziers bill	£4	
1813	(Journey to Stamford at the Confermation (The Expences of 29 Children	£5	(7s), bracketed with: (£4 3s 2d)
1815	Paid Mr Chamblin Constable	£32	
1816	Pd Mr Dain Bill	£13	
1818	Pd Mr Kemp	£16	
	pd Mr Huff (?)	£5	
1819	Pd Mr Dufty (?) a Bill	£9	
	Mr Dain's Bill	£5	
1820	Pd Mr Dains Bill for replacing Church Leads & Spouts	£22	

Whilst there are many entries in the accounts of the type 'Pd Mr Smith', giving no indication what he was paid for, there are also, occasionally, other entries from which the occupations of the recipients of payment can be deduced, in particular those shown below. N.B. The dates indicate only those entries for which the occupation/activity can be deduced; entries apparently for the same person but for which no occupation/activity is shown have been omitted:

Barsby, ('for emptying the necessary at the School' 1805)
William Berridge, supplier of ale (1793, 1798)
Edward Chad, mason, (mending the church walls 1784, 1786)
Joseph Chamberlain ('for parchment and write the Register' 1812)
Humphrey Chambers, supplier of ale (1793, 1800)
Thomas Clarke, ('for a catch at the Church gate' 1795)
William Clemence, (supplier of 'basses' (probably runners for kneeling on) for the church, and also undertook repairs 1782)
J.H.Dain, glazier, (1820)
Davis, supplier of ale, ('a quart of Ale a Davis's' 1791, 1814)
John Faulks, ('for carrage of slabs' & 'for 2 days stone cart' 1801)
Joseph Faulks, (for bell repairs 1820)
Thomas Faulks, carpenter ('for hinging the Church gates' 1791, 'for wood and work' 1796)
Fowler, Sunday School teacher (1813-6, 1818-20)
Ann Goodwin, (for beesoms 1800)
Grice, ropemaker, (for bell ropes 1812, 1815)
Hack, (for teaching Sunday School 1805, 1807-8, 1810)
John Healey, mason, ('for mending the Church wall' 1792)
William Hill, ('thaching the Schule Room' 1820)
Hillam, winemerchant, (1812, 1819-20)
Holmes, ('for spreding gravel' 1800)
William Holmes, (for copying 1791, for teaching Sunday School 1802)
Hubbard, (for brushes 1817)
Jackson, (for lime 1784, for a brush 1787, 1794, 1817, for 'two hundred of Cols for the Church' 1790)
Kitching, (for teaching Sunday School 1803)
Macham, ('for writing' 1789)
Mason, ('for Nails' 1793)
Thomas Messing ('for a book for Church' 1819)
Thomas Osborn, (for 'whitewashing the Church' 1818, for work at Church and Church house 1820)
John Riley, carpenter, ('for building 16 new pews' 1800)
Roc, glazier, (1807)
Snodin of Oakham (repairing prayer book 1807)
Thomas Snodin, (for mending a church gate 1784)
Speed, carpenter, (1812)
Robert Stevens, glazier, ('for new leading and glazing the Church windows' 1789)
Mark Stokes, (for work at Church house 1788)
Tape (?), (for 'new prairer book' 1812)
John Thorpe, ('for cleaning out the steeple and the church' 1785)
William Thorpe, clerk (1789)
Jonathan Walker, Thatcher (1811, 'thaching the Schule Room' 1820)
Warren, (for signing the briefs 1819-20)
Williams, (for handing the Breeves 1790-1, 'for Spining School' 1792, for Breefs/briefs 1796-7, 1803, 1812)
William Williamson (for 'fetching stone' 1786)
Withers & Beever, ('for their plan' 1798)
Thomas Woode, ('for sewing' 1796)
Thomas Worsdal, (for thatching 1796)
John Wright & Dickens, steeplejacks, ('for putting the weathercock & pointing the steeple' 1810)
Various people are also named in connection with weeding or 'labour' of one sort or another, viz.: Augood (1805), Edgson (1805), Hawood (1807), John Ruddle (1820), Mrs Williamson ('for carrying the wood' 1784)

Here is a further collection of intriguing, amusing or unusual entries:

		£	s	d
1784	To a skin of parchment		1	4
	paid for Ale at the Church Loads ⁷		9	0
	paid to Mrs Williamson for carrying the Wood		2	0
1785	pd for a Lock for Hannah Harris			10
	for 3 Load of Stone from the pasture		3	9
	paid for bringing home Church grass (April 13th) ⁸		1	6
1786	for Fetching the Church Grass & Ale (July 24th)		1	10
	Expenses for putting up the King's Arms ⁹		10	0
	Coals for the Church		1	0
	Paid for laying in part of Dole Coals ¹⁰		1	0
	At the Bells with Wm Almond		1	0
	At Receiving the Bilsdon rent		6	
	Paid the Toll Bar		1	6
	Gave to a sailer with a Pass		1	6
	Bricks for the School Fire Place		1	0
	(In this year, particularly, a lot of stone slabs and lime were purchased)			
1787	Paid for 15 Dales ¹¹	2	3	9
	for Carrige of Dale & Reed		6	0
1788	Pd Mark Stokeses for work at the `Church house		7	0
	Pd Mr Williams Hay silver		6	8
	Pd in half pences for Stamps ¹²		2	3
1789	Paid for 24 stamps		1	0
	paid to Mr Macham for Writing		1	0
	John Pickard bound apprentice		2	0
1791	Paid for a Quart of Ale at Davis's for Tolling the Bell		0	5
1792	Paid to Mr Williams for Spining School	1	1	0
	Paid for Marridge Book		12	0
1793	bringing 16 Deals from Stamfd		8	0
	Carriage of (16 cwt of lead) from Nottingham	1	2	6
	(and) bringing it from Oakhm		2	6
	Coals for the church 1 cwt		1	9
	(In 1794, several people are paid for unspecified work by the day, at 1s per day.)			
1795	paid for a Cap of Lead for the Maypole		1	6
	A padlock for the Choolhous		1	2

⁷ It is not clear whether this word in 'Leads' or 'Loads'; if 'Leads', it could refer to ale for those working on the lead for the roof.

⁸ The date seems surprising; compare with 1782 and 1786.

⁹ 'In 1766 it was pointed out at a meeting of the Vestry (of Hampstead Parish Church) that it was a legal obligation to put up the King's arms in the church' (<http://www.hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk/data/history.php>)

¹⁰ The date seems surprising; compare with 1782 and 1786.

¹¹ Presumably the same as deal (e.g. as in 1793, above), viz. 'a slice sawn from a log of timber, in Great Britain 9" wide, not more than 3" thick, and at least 6' long. Usually refers to wood of fir or pine'. (Local Historian's glossary)

¹² See also 1789. This may refer to stamped paper, vellum or parchment on which a duty introduced in 1694 had been levied, to help to may war expenses, and which was stamped accordingly. Also, under the Stamp Act 1783, a duty of 3d was imposed on each parish register entry. The incumbent was given a 10% commission for collection. (Research by Freda Smithson)

		£	s	d
1796	Pd Thos Worsdal for thatching		2	9
	Pd Mr Williams for Mr Chambirln's breefs		5	0
1798	Paid for 23 diners and Ale	1	10	0
	A Pint of Ale for Carrying the Church Ladder from Coles house			6
1802	pd Mr Holmes for teaching 7 Sundays ¹³		10	6
1803	pd Ann Kitching for 36 Sundays	3	12	0
1804	Paid for Bases for the church	1	6	3
	Paid for altering the Surplice		1	0
	Paid for Fast Books		1	0
	Paid for a Grate for the Scool		2	0
	Paid for Pibbles ¹⁴ for the Scool		11	0
1806	Paid Barsby for emptying the necessary at the School		5	0
	Ale for cleaning our the necessary at the school		2	4
	Paid for the Jury at Davises		7	0
1810	Wm Davis painting weathercock		2	6
	For diner and expenses for 34 children	3	11	0
	Pd Jn Wright and Dickens for putting up the Weather Cock and pointing the Steeple	7	3	0
	Balance (of account) paid to Mr Nat (?) Rudkin, overseer of the poor	3	14	10
1811	June 4 th - The Ringers King's birthday		5	0
	Novbr 5 th - Ditto Gunpowder plot		5	0
1812	May 30 th Ringers at King Charles Restoration		5	0
	Pd Mr Snoudin fr 2 new prayer books for the Parson & Clarke	4	10	0
	Stubble for Poor houses by Mr Butt in his office		5	0
	Postage of Letter ...			2
	(Balance of account) pd to JH(?)Rudkin for his Constables Acct	14	11	11
1813	For Shoveling the sonow in church yard			8
1814	Paid Mr Fowler ½ years salary for Sunday School	2	10	0
	3 dozen of candlesticks for ye Church	6	0	
	Paid for a New Wing Joint to the Bassoon	1	0	0
1815	Received of M Frisbys dole		15	0
1817	Nov 5 th Pd Wm Thorp for toling the Bell concerning Prince Chalot Burial		1	0
1818	Pd Orsborn for whitewashing the Church	4	10	0
1820	Pd Half the expences of Richards Confirmation at Oak.(?)	3	1	6

¹³ Mr Holmes was paid for most of this year at 1s/6d per week for taking Sunday School, which appears to have been an innovation in 1802. Mr Kitching took over in 1803, at 2/- per Sunday.

¹⁴ Given the size of the charge, perhaps something similar to cobbles, rather than counters of some sort.

Accounts for the period 1821 - 1850

Some vestry minutes are available for the period 1828 – 1850 (transcribed in another document) and some of these throw light on aspects of the accounts.

As a typical examples of accounts for the period covered in this document, full transcription of the **1822-23** accounts and the **1843-44** accounts follow:

The Disburstments of John Riley Churchwarden from Lady Day to Michalmas 1822.

			£	s	d
May	17	pd for signing the Briefs	0	5	0
		Journey to Vissitation	0	7	0
		pd for the Regesterr	0	6	0
		pd the fees at Vissitation	0	7	0
June	1	pd Thos Bonby & Wm Healey 6 days each for weeding in the Churchyard	0	12	0
		pd for sacrament Bread & wine	0	12	6
		pd Card for he Licence to the Church	0	1	5
July	4	pd Mr Willson year & half hay silver	0	10	0
	6	pd for 2 Brushes for the Church	0	3	0
Sept	16	for work at the Bell	0	3	0
		serving the Office	1	1	0
	30	pd for signing the Briefs	0	5	0
		pd Mr Spreckly for ale at the Bell	0	2	0
Oct	7	pd the Depety Register	0	10	0
		Journey to the Vissitation	0	7	0
		pd The Court fees	0	10	0
	11	pd for sacrament Bread & wine	0	12	4
Nov	9	pd Mr Fowler for Sunday scool	2	10	0
		making a Levy	0	2	0
		pd Mr Willson half year Hay silver	0	3	4
		pd for ale at washing the Church	0	1	0
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			9	10	7

The Disburstments of Thos Swingler Churchwarden Michalmas to Lady Day 1823.

			£	s	d
May	17	Jurney to Stamford to the Visitation	0	7	0
		Paid the ringers on Niewyears day	0	7	6
Decr	23	2 Bottles of wine for the sacrament	0	11	4
		Bread for Do	0	0	4
March	24	Bought 9 yards of Gathing	0	7	6
Do	29	2 Bottles of wine for the sacrament	0	11	4
		Bread for Do	0	0	4
Do	4	Paid the Singers salary	1	1	0
		Paid Mr Fowler half a years Salery For Sunday School	2	10	0
May	6	Paid Mr Grice for 3 Bell ropes	1	2	6
March	28	Pd Mr Parkins Bill for Musick Books and Instrements	2	11	0
May	3	Paid Mr Dains Bill	3	3	7½
Do	3	Paid Mr Jn Almonds Bill	1	11	0
May	3	Paid Mr Joseph Faulks Bill	0	5	0
Do	5	Paid Wm Thorps Bill	3	14	7
		Serving the Office	1	1	0
		Paid Mr Sherens Bill	0	2	6
		Paid Mr Riley Mr Warrens Bill	14	7	0
		Paid the Constables Mr Mantle & Mr Almond	21	2	10
		Paid Humphry Chambers Bill Left on Mr Butt & Mr Barfoots account wen Churchwardens	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
		Thos Swinglers disburstments	61	1	4½
		Mr Rileys Distburstments	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>
			70	11	11½

	£	s	d
Recd by 6d Levy	77	18	0
	<u>70</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11½</u>
	7	6	0½
Recd Frisby Dole	0	5	0
Recd Benton Dole	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
Diew to the Town	8	9	0½

These Accots Exam'd & found right and the balance paid
Pd from self (?) - by us - J Messing

Disboursments of Wm Smith and Thomas Swingler churchwardens from Easter 1843 to Easter 1844

			£	s	d
1843					
May	19th	Journey to Stamford Visitation		7	0
Do.		Paid the fees		10	0
June	24	Pd. Mr Johnson for 5 Cwt of Salt		8	4
		Carriage of Do. and fetching grass to strew the Church		3	0
		Pd. Edwd Ellicott 9 days breaking stone for the Church yard		13	6
	26	Carriage of 3 Ton 6 Cwt of Mount Sorrel		6	0
		Pd. 2 Men sweeping the Church Wall inside		2	6
		Wm Thorpe & Wife, weeding Church yard Cause ways, Cleaning Church Windows & Seats		12	6
July	14	Pd. Visitation fees at Oakham		14	0
		Messrs Smith & Swingler Attending at Do.		5	0
	J	ohn Biddle for making Chris Sewells coat		7	0
		Pd Mr Turner's Bill for Surplice, Sewells Coat, Linnen	3	13	0
June	4	Bread for Sacrament			3½
Oct	15	Bread for Sacrament			4
	27	Pd Sam Sherwins Bill	1	6	0
	30	Pd Mrs Sherwin for making and washing the surplice		7	6
		Postage of a Letter			1
Decr	1	Journey to Stamford Visitation		7	0
	Do.	Paid the fees		9	0
Dec	27	Paid Mr Hall 3½ years hay silver due to the Revd Heneage Finch at Michlemas 1843	1	3	4
1844					
Jan	10	paid postage of 2 Letters	0	0	2
April	6	pd for Bread for the Sacrament			3
Do.	8	pd the Singers Salary	2	0	0
April	13	Pd Sam Sherwins Bill		14	8
Do.	15	Pd Clarke the Blacksmiths Bill	1	3	0
		Pd Mr Johnston for a beesom			4
Do.	16	Pd Thorpes Salary & Bill	3	5	3
Do.	29	Pd Mr Davis for Brushes & mops – 3 years		18	0
	29	Pd Mr Crowson for 4 Bottles of Wine for the Sacrament	1	0	0
		Mr Faulkses Bill	4	17	10
May	16	Pd Mr Dains Bill	4	7	8
		Pd Humphrey Chambers a Bill		4	0
		Pd Mr Fowler for making the Rate & Copying the Rigesters		4	6
		Pd for 3 Ton 6 Cwt of Mount Sorrel, gravel	1	0	0
		Serving the Office	1	1	0
<i>Mr Swinglers Disbursements</i>					
		Journey to Stamford Visitation		7	0
		Serving the Office	1	1	0
		Mr Stimson 4 bottles of Wine		19	8

			35	0	5

	£	s	d
Received by 2d Rate	38	0	6½
Bainton & Frisby's Dole	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
	39	10	2½
	<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
Balance due to the Parish	4	9	9½

June 27th 1844 These Accts examin'd and allowed W Sharrad Chairman

	£	s	d
Pd out of the above Balance of	4	9	9½
To Mr Leach 2 yrs Subscription towards the Fire Engine	2	0	0
To Messrs Johnson & Sewell, Constables expenses	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
	4	5	0
Total Balance in hand & carried over	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9½</u>

For these 30 years, there is a good deal of repetition as regards the sorts of items listed as churchwardens' expenses, notably visitation fees and travel expenses, ringers and singers, sacrament wine and bread, Sunday School teachers' salary, 'paid to brief', for bell ropes, lime, stone/slabs, sand, gravel, brushes, hay silver, fetching the hay or Church grass home and of course a range of bills for repairs of various sorts.

But there is also some variation resulting mainly from the external economic conditions. In particular, the salary for Singers, £1 1s for the first two years of the period, was increased to £2 p.a. until 1828 when economic conditions required drastic action and the salary was scrapped for the next three years, after which it reappears, still at £2 p.a. What is not clear is whether or not the Singers continued to sing when unpaid!

The Sunday School master was paid £5 p.a. until 1828 when his salary, too, was abolished; however the churchwardens contrived to continue to pay him £1 p.a. through until 1834. After this no further payments are recorded and it is unclear whether or not Sunday School teaching continued on a voluntary basis.

Hay Silver was paid at 6s 8d p.a. from 1821 to 1844, after which it disappears and seems to be replaced by entries for 'Fee Farm Rent' settling, perhaps, at 16s 7d p.a.

It had become customary to pay the Clerk about £3 12 6d p.a. and this continued throughout the period.

With occasional lapses and period of catch-up, there is expenditure, over the whole period, of about 6/- p.a. on making a copy of the register of births, marriages and deaths for the parish and for the skins required for this.

Payments to Ringers, for special occasions such as New Year and the King's Birthday ran at about 12/6d p.a. at the start of the period but were abolished in 1828 and not reintroduced properly until 1838-39, after which they continued at 10/- p.a. only until 1842, after which they disappeared again. Did Ringers continue to ring voluntarily?

The Constables' expenses appear as an afterthought in 1843-44 and Christopher Sewell was then one of the Constables; thereafter £2 10s is allocated annually as Sewell's salary. The other constable, Johnson, appears to put in an expenses bill sometimes.

The table below shows the churchwardens' expenses and income from levy etc., and the balance, each year. Comparison with the relevant jpeg is not always straightforward because churchwardens sometimes include debts to them from a previous year as an expense and sometimes add in extra expenses later, etc.

Summary of accounts, 1821 - 1850, to nearest shilling

	Churchwardens' Expenses		Total receipts inc. levy, dole, etc.		Due To town		jpeg nos. (LVHG)	
	£	s	£	s	£	s	DE2150 15	
1821-22	Accounts very unclear; some data apparently missing							060
1822-23	70	12	79	1	8	9	061 & 062	
1823-24	51	12	52	15	1	3	063	
1824-26*	54	14	54	1		11	064 - 066	
1826-27	30	16	40	11	9	15	067 & 068	
1827-28	78	5	89	0	10	14	069	
1828-29	20	2	10	15	(- 9	7)	070 - 072	
1829-30	21	2	2	6	(- 18	16)	073 - 075	
1830-31	15	0	-	-	(- 15	0)	076 - 078	
1831-32	31	16	40	16	9	0	079	
1832-33	27	14	54	1	26	7	081	
1833-34	0	17	40	9	9	12	082	
1834-35	24	17	27	3	2	6	083 - 084	
1835-36	18	9	14	7	(- 4	2)	085 - 086	
1836-37	51	7	40	17	(- 10	10)	087	
1837-38	34	12	39	19	5	7	088	
1838-39	20	12	29	13	9	1	089	
1839-40	20	3	24	0	3	17	090	
1840-41	24	0	20	2	(- 3	18)	091	
1841-42	31	10	33	5	1	15	091a	
1842-43	30	19	29	13	(- 1	6)	092	
1843-44	39	5	39	10		5	093	
1844-45	19	10	29	18	10	8	094	
1845-46	12	16	1	3	(- 11	13)	095	
1846-47	39	13	39	12	(-	1)	096	
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1847-48	32	1	32	5		4	001	
1848-49	44	15	40	17	(- 3	18)	002	
1849-50	21	0	20	19	(-	1)	003	

* Two years' worth of accounts and a change to 'from Easter to Easter' instead of 'Lady Day to Lady Day'. Also we have a parish's churchwarden, William Smith, who deals with almost all the bills and keeps the accounts, and a Minister's churchwarden who incurs minimal expenses only.

The accounts were signed as approved in

- 1822 by W.Smith, J.Chapman and J.Chamberlain
- 1823 by T.Messing
- 1824 and 1826 (covering 2 'years') by H.J.Rudkin, A.Butt and J.Riley
- 1827 through to 1831 by A.Butt and H.J.Rudkin
- 1832 by H.J.Rudkin, A.Butt, J.Riley and T.Dorman
- 1833 by H.J.Rudkin, A.Butt and J.Riley
- 1834 by H.J.Rudkin, A.Butt and J.Faulks
- 1835 by T.Dorman, G.Fowler and someone illegible
- 1836 by A.Butt, W.Sharrad, H.J.Rudkin, J.Chapman and G.Fowler
- 1837 by A.Butt, W.Sharrad, J.Faulks and G.Fowler
- 1838 by A.Butt, W.Robertson, J.Hubbard, T.Swingler, T.Dorman , T.Mantle and G.Fowler;
- 1839 by W.Sharrad, A.Butt, G.Fowler, W.Robertson and J.Hubbard
- 1840 by A.Butt, W.Sharrad, T.Dorman and G.Fowler
- 1841 by A.Butt, J.H.Dain and G.Fowler
- 1842 by A.Butt, G.Fowler, T.Shaw, W.Bellamy and someone illegible
- 1843 by T.Swingler, J.Almond and G.Fowler
- 1844 by W.Sharrad as Chairman
- 1845 by A.Butt as Chairman
- 1846 through to 1850 by W.Sharrad as Chairman

In 1828-29 there appears to have been only a very small levy (not distinguished in the accounts from the other sources of income) and, although the expenditure was unusually economical, the churchwardens were left out of pocket by nearly £10. The first vestry meeting minutes to have survived are fortunately that year's and explain the situation: 'At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Langham held on the 9th April 1828, for appointing Churchwardens for the ensuing year, it was agreed that the Five Pounds a year, given by the Parish for teaching the Sunday school, should be discontinued on account of the depression of the times, also Ringers fees, and Singers salary.' However, in fact Mr Fowler continued the Sunday School that year and the following year for £1.

By the end of the following year (for which we have no Vestry meeting minutes), with that debt carried forward, the churchwardens were owed £28 3s. and by the end of the year 1830-31 they were owed £43 2s. The only income for 1829-30 was two years' worth of the income from Frisby and Bainton; there was none for 1830-31. However economic conditions in 1831-3 evidently allowed agreement to charge sufficient levy both to pay the expenses for those years and to pay off most of the debts owing to them for previous years.

Charges in excess of £3, 1821 – 1850, to nearest pound

	Jo Faulks*	Sam Sherwin**	Jno Dain <	Wm Thorpe <<
1821-22	£4	£6	£6	£3
1822-23			£3	£4
1823-24	£3		£10	
1824-25			£3	
1826-27		£3		
1827-28	£16		£4	£4
1828-29			£4	
1829-30			£4^	
1830-31			£5^	
1833-34			£11	£4
1835-36				£4
1836-37	£17		£3	
1837-38				£4
1838-39			£3	£4
1840-41	£3		£5	£4
1841-42			£10	£4
1842-43		£3		£3
1843-44	£5		£4	£3
1844-45	£3			£3
1846-47		£4	£11	
1848-49	£23			
1849-50	£4			

*Repairer of the bells; **Mason

<Glazier (in the 1830s, the account is in the name of Mrs Dain); <<Clerk

^not in fact paid until 1831-32

Whilst there are many entries in the accounts of the type 'Pd Mr Smith', giving no indication what he was paid for, there are also other entries from which the occupations of the recipients of payment can be deduced, in particular those shown below. N.B. The dates indicate only those entries for which the occupation/activity can be deduced; entries apparently for the same person but for which no occupation/activity is shown have been omitted:

Adcock, Baker ('for bread for sacrament' 1836-7)

J Almond, (for ironscraping and mending ladder 1831-2)

J Almond, Whitesmith (1847-9)

John Almond, ('work at ye Bells' 1821-2, repairing clock 1825-6, repairing lock on chancel door 1831-2, repairing church clock 1833-4)

Ashwell, (repairing church clock 1844-5)

John Biddle, Taylor (for making the constables coat 1843-4)

Briggs, Winemerchant (1821-2)

Brown, (for ladder 1846-7)

Buckland, competent to sign briefs and copy register (1823-5)

Capendale, Viol player, (1829-31)

Humphrey Chambers, Blacksmith (supplying saddle bars (?) 1833-4, 1847-9)

Thomas Clark ('2 stanshils (?) for Church House window 1824-5)

William Clarke, Blacksmith (supplying weedhooks & sharpening 1827-8, 1829-33, 1834-6, repairing bells 1836-7, 1837-8, 1841-5)

Cook, (repairing church clock 1835-6)

J Cook, (repairing tankard 1849-50)

Cort of Leicester (for supplying brass bearing for great bell 1845-6)

J Crowson, Winemerchant (1839-40, 1841-50)

G S Cunnington of Oakham, Bookseller (1847-9)

Mrs Cunnington, ('for 50 dinners & liqueur' 1831-2)

J.H.Dain, Glazier (1821-2, 1824-5, 1831-2, 1833-5, 1839-40)

G.R.Dain, Plumber (1848-50)

Davies (for salt for pavement 1841-2)

Davis of Oakham, Supplier of brushes and mops (1830-6, 1843-4)

Davis, Reed instrument player (1830-1)

Dufty (?), ('for cloth for surplice' 1826-7)

Jonathon Faulks, Joiner (repairing bells 1821-2, repairing bell frames 1832-3, 1833-4, 1847-8)

Thomas Faulks, Joiner (mending churchyard gate 1831-3, ('Mr Faulks')... and church gallery 1835-6)

Fowler, Sunday School teacher (1822-4, copying register 1826-30, 1832-5, 'for fire at School Room' 1836-7, 'for copying' 1837-8, 1839-40, 1842-3, for copying and 'making the rate' 1843-4)

Foxton, competent to sign briefs and copy register (1824-6)

Gibson, supplier of brushes & mops (1823-4, 1825-8)

Grice, Ropemaker (supplying bell ropes 1822-33, 1834-6)

William Halliday, ('for church windows' 1836-7)

Mrs Hillam (?), Winemarchant (1821-2)

William Innocent, Baker (1840-1, 1846-50)

Jackson, (supplying ale & liqueur 1828-9, 1831-2)

P Johnson (for salt 1843-4, 1848-9)

Johns(t)on, (supplying a beesom 1842-4)

J Johnson, Grocer (1847-9)

Joshua Loveday (for basses 1846-7)
 Mrs Lupton (for candles 1838-9)
 Mrs A Mantle, Grocer (1847-8)
 Mantle, ('making surplice' 1826-7, supplying brushes 1832-3)
 Nathaniel Meadows, (repairing churchyard wall 1834-5, for paving and laying drain 1844-5)
 Morriss (for salt for pavement 1841-3)
 Thomas Osborn ('a strike of lime' 1821-2, 'paveing and pointing windows' 1823-4, repairing steeple windows 1827-8, flashing leads & repairing wall 1828-9)
 Palmer, ropemaker ('for bell ropes' 1837-8)
 Parkin, supplier of music books and instruments (1822-3)
 Richardson (supplying bell wheels and repairing others 1834-5)
 Riley, (repairing bells 1823-4, 1825-6, 1830-1, 1832-3)
 Peter Sharpe, Carter (1821-2)
 Mrs Sewell (for washing surplices and linen 1845-7)
 Samuel Sherwin, Mason (1821-2, 1827-8, also supplying stone 1829-30, 1835-7, 1842-3, 1844-6, 1847-8)
 William Sherwin, Mason (1832-3, 1834-5)
 Mrs Sherwin (for making and washing the surplice 1843-4)
 Silver (for a brush 1838-9)
 S Simpson, Clockmaker (1847-8)
 Snodin of Oakham, (repairing Bible 1825-6, supplying copy of Act of Parliament 1828-9), supplying a music book 1829-30, printing bills and advertising in the Mercury 1832-3, supplying skins for copying register 1833-4, 'for Bible and Prayer Book' 1837-8, skins for register 1839-40, 1841-2)
 Speed, (supplying parts for clock 1828-9, repairing churchyard gate, clock and bells 1830-1, ... and bell-frames 1831-2, 1833-4, 1835-6)
 B Stimpson, Joiner (1847-8)
 Stimson, Winemerchant (1840-3)
 Taylor & Sons, Bellfounders (1847-8)
 William Thorpe, Clerk (1821-2, 1829-30, 1836-7)
 G Toon, Rope maker (for bell ropes and clock line 1839-40, 1847-8)
 Turner, ('for church windows and pinnacle' 1837-8)
 Turner, (for material for surplice, Sewell's coat and linen)
 Warren, competent to sign briefs or fill the register (1821-2)
 Chris Williamson, Player of a reed instrument, (1829-30)

Also, the following were employed were employed for weeding or other outdoor labour: Thomas Bird (1829-30), Thomas Bonby (?) (1822-30), William Chadd (1829-30, 1841-2), Edward Ellicott (breaking stone for churchyard 1843-4), Garfoot (1841-2), James Glen (1829-31, 1836-7), William Healey (1822-3), William Hogarth (1829-34), William Hoggard (1848-9), Chris Sewell (1846-9), Henry Sewell (1836-7), William Thorpe (1830-1, 1839-45), Mrs Thorpe (1843-4)

And these were employed for scraping pillars in 1831-2: Widow Faulkes, Mrs Glenn, Robert Hubbard, Christian Sewell

Employed for cleaning church windows and or washing and cleaning pews:

T Clarke (1838-9), Mr &/or Mrs Chris Sewell (1845-6, 1847-50), P Sewell (1838-9), Ann Stokes (1840-1), Mr & Mrs William Thorpe (1843-4), Watts (1838-9)

Here is a further collection of intriguing, amusing or unusual entries:

	£	s	d
1822-23			
Mr Parkins Bill for Musick			
Books and Instrements	2	11	0
Constables Mr Mantle & Mr Almond	21	2	10
1827-28			
Paid Mr Hopkinson, Attorney Stamford ...	12	0	0
pd Wm Clarke for Weedhooks & sharpening		3	6
pd for 55 dinners at the confermation	5		
pd Thos Osborne for repairing the steeple windows	18	10	
1828-29			
Paid Thos Osborne for flashing the			
Church Leads, repairing the yard Wall & Morter	1	4	2
Paid Mr Snodin for an Act of Parliament Roads		7	6
1829-30			
Gave Chris Williamson to buy reeds		1	0
Gave Capendale to buy viol Strings		2	6
1831-32			
Paid Mrs Cunnington for 50 dinners at			
the Confirmation & Liquour	4	0	0
Work scraping the pillars of the church			
... Robert (?) Hubbard 20 days @ 2/-	2	0	0
... Christopher Sewell 17 days @ 2/-	1	14	0
... Widow Faulks 17 days @ 8d		11	4
... Mrs Glenn 14 days @ 8d		9	4
Paid Mr Jackson for Ale given for the above Labourers	13		1½
1832-33			
Paid Mr Snodin for advertising in the Stamford Mercury		8	6
1833-34			
Paid Wm Almond for finding the Iron Chest & Registers		5	0
1834-35			
Gave Tom Walker for ringing the 8 o'clock Bell			
1 lb of Candles			6
1834-35			
Paid for 3 Skins for copying the Regasters		6	0
Paid Mr Forster for Copying the Registers		2	6
Pd Mr Richardson for 2 Bell wheels and repairing others	5	10	0
1836-37			
Paid Mr Halliday as per Bill for Church Windows	14	0	0
1837-38			
Paid Mr Turner for Church Windows & Pinacle	9	0	0
1838-39			
Paid Ringers for Coronation		15	0
1839-40			
Paid ringers at Queens Wedding		10	0
1840-41			
Pd the Ringers Queens Birthday		10	0
1841-42			
Gave the Ringers on the Birth of a Prince		10	0
Pd the do for the Christening of the above		6	0
1842-43			
Paid over to Constables	5	18	0
1843-44			
Pd Mr Turner's Bill for Surplice Sewells Coat,			
Linnen to Cover the Communion, Table Cloth, & Napkin	3	13	0
Pd Mrs Sherwin for making and washing the Surplice		7	6
To Messrs Johnson & Sewell Constables Expenses	2	5	0
1844-45			
Paid Mr Robertson Fee Farm Rent		16	6

1845-46	Paid Mr Cort of Leicester for a brass bearing for the great Bell		10	0
1846-47	P ^d Jos ^h Loveday for Basses &c	2	7	2
	P ^d Chri ^r Sewell for Weeding		13	0
	P ^d Chri ^r Sewell for Washing the Surplices &c		8	6
	P ^d Chri ^r Sewell Salary	2	10	0
1847-48	Taylor & Low (Bellfounders)	11	8	10
1848-49	J Faulks for 6 new pews	22	18	4
1849-50	4 years charges for the Fire Engine	4	0	0

Notes:

1829-30 It is interesting that, during this period of tough economic conditions, when expenditure on singers and ringers was zero, it was still thought necessary to pay expenses for the instrumental group which, presumably, accompanied the congregation at services.

1831-32 Pillar scraping seems likely to have removal of old whitewash which may have been first applied as part of a process of covering decoration in the seventeenth century.

The following copies of documents etc. will be found in DE2150 15 after the accounts for 1846-47 (see photos 097 & 097a-f):

1787 Received the day &c of the Company of Tallow Chandlers Of the City of London, the Sum of five Pounds for the use of the Poor of Langham in the County of Rutland due at Midunmer last being the Gift of Mrs Frances Clarke of London Deceas'd late Wife of Roger Clarke Citizen and Alderman of the City of London

(in a later hand:) The Clergyman must first sign his name

Recd by us { ----- } Churchwardens

(in the later hand:) And Dto at Saint Thomas

1806 The Poors land at Bainton is lett at 17£ pr year –
N.B. the rent taken half yearly & the person who receives it generally spends 1s each time.

1806 The Poors land at Bilsden is lett at 6 guineas pr year –
N.B. the person who brings the rent is allow'd 1 shilling to spend

1842 The Poors Land at Bilsden is lett at Fifteen Pound per year, to Mr John Crowson of Oakham, from Old Lady day, by the undersigned Churchwardens

W^m Smith John Henry Dain

Witness W Sharrad W^m Robertson

1811 Charg'd in Mr Sharps Acco' 5.14.0 for Goods ?? of Mr Hack left in the School Viz.

a long writing desk	1	15	0
a Short writing desk	1	4	0
Beaureu desk		15	0
Cupboard Stool fender & chair		7	0
A Rowe of Peggs	-	10	0
	5	14	0

[The above priced list was incorrectly totalled in the original document – it ought to be £4 11s 0d]

A new house & yd and Parsonage and 1 Close of 9(?)^a & one of 6^a with right of Common without ... on Borough F...

In the Excheq' *(in another hand:)* B Finch – against – Messing

1819 April 22 At the Examination of a Commission for the Examination of Witnesses in this Cause, this Book was shewn to Thos Swingler and by him deposed to at the time of his examination on the defendants behalf before us

James Elderton Tho. Brown Gra(?) Hall W^m Smith

There follows a further double page of notes etc. (see photo 098 & 098a-e):

- 1790 April 5th Thos Sharpe and Jno Bottmly Chose Overseers of the Poor for the year Ensuing
Mr W^m Smith and Daniel Harriss Chose Constables for the year Ensuing
Mr Sharrad and Mr Chl^s Hubbard Chose Churchwardens for the year Ensuing
- 1806 April 7th W.S.Williamson & Joⁿ Ripley are appointed Overseers Poor for the Ensuing year
W^m Davis & Thos Chapman Churchwardens
Rob^t Swingler & Jo^s Chamberlyn Constables
- 1807 W Chapman & R Swingler Overseers of the Poor
T.Chapman & J.Riley Constables
W.Smith & Joⁿ Faulks Churchwardens
- 1808 John Faulks & John Messing Overseers of the Poor
Wm Sharrad Esq & Wm Hubbard Churchwardens
W.S.Williamson Constable
- 1809 Guy Cole & Samson Ellicott Churchwardens
Tho^s Sharp & Rich^d Sharp Constables

(there follow notes of churchwardens' names for 1810-12, already known from elsewhere)