

History of Little Plumstead.

Date Summary.

The origin of Plumstead is believed to have been by Danish settlement. It was the stede of Plomme the Dane. Settled either c880 A.D. or at the time of Canute.

1004 Danes devastate Norwich.

1060 Plumstede held by Earl Guert, son of Earl Godwin. Ralph de Bello Fago (Beaufoy) had a 'fee' estate in Plumstead. Tovi also held a carucate (120 acres) of land. William Galsagus, Bishop of Thetford also was related to Ralph de Beaufoy.

1085 Domesday Survey. William the Conqueror possessed a carucate of land belonging to two freemen, and 50 acres and 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres with one borberer. Ten socmen held 7 acres of meadow with a carucate before the conquest and at the survey 4 carucates with pannage for 6 swine. The Conqueror held land late of one of the freemen, with 10 acres, also of another with 5 acres and the right of soc (power of holding a court) Godric was the King's steward.

Part of Plumstede was a beruite of Eaton, (hamlet) and was held by Edrick de Laxfield in the Confessor's time, containing half a carucate in the whole and three acres of meadow. The Conqueror held this and Godric was his steward. This land was known as Chaplain's manor and was later held by the Fitz Alan's of Mileham.

12th Century

1146 – 1174 Bishop William Turbe of Norwich.

1146 King Stephen. Siwartus (Siawat) priest of Plumstede.

Mid twelfth century. Robert de Mounteney gives to Norwich Priory his fee in Plumstede to pray for his parents, wife and friends; for William his father and Siwat the priest. William the heir of Siwat confirmed this grant.

1199 Richard I king. Everard de Plumstede held the lordship. For this right he had to provide the king with a crossbow or a ballista.

13th Century

1204 Adam of Plumstede and John his son, exchanged lands with William Prior of Norwich. Time of King John.

1216 King Henry III. Serlo priest. Richard Gurnan of Blofield granted his turbary (peat area where blocks were taken to use as heating) at Hayes Brigg in Plumstede to John, son of William of Plumstede.

1236 John of Plumstede held the manor.

1253 Note of a park in Plumstede.

c1260 Eda de Plumstede was a benefactress of St. Giles Hospital, Norwich.

1272 The turbary (peat diggings) granted to William, priest of Little Plumstede. Gift of Gilbert Gurnan.

1287 Richard, son of William of Plumstede held the manor for 100s. King Edward I. Richard was to provide the king with a ballista for the king's army for 40 days.

16th year Edward I the de Mounteney's held the manor of Chaplains.

14th Century

1303 William de Hoveden, priest.

1304 William de Wallop, priest.

1315 Sir Arnulph de Mounteney, John de Plumstede and the Bishop of Norwich held lands here.

1329 Walter le Claver, priest.

1330-33 Sir John de Plumstede living. The manor transferred to Sir Edmund de Illney.

1340 Walter Peck, priest.

43rd year Edward III. Robert de Plumstede and his wife sold 140 acres of land, 6 of meadow, 30 of heath and 5s rent in Plumstede Magna and Witton to Walter Bron of Norwich.

1348 The Black Death.

1356 Walter of Helbec, priest.

1360 Thomas Clyver, priest.

1381 Watt Tyler's rebellion, the Peasant's Revolt. The Bishop, Henry le Despenser involved in putting down the rising.

1399 John Walsingham, priest. Thomas Saltmerse (Saltworse), priest.

15th Century

- 1417 Lady Catherine Illney made her will. Buried in Little Plumstede church
- 1438 Walter Burford, priest. Rebuilt the chancel in the church. Died 1469.
- 1439 Chaplain's manor held by Robert Luthun.
- 1461 James Hobart bought Chaplain's manor for £200.
- 1465 – 79 John Lestrom presented the priest from Chaplain's manor.
- 1469 Richard Bonet priest presented by Robert Lestoun.
- 1471 Robert Moore priest, presented by Robert Lestoun.
- 1479 Thomas Harneys presented by John Lestoun
- 1486 James Hobart, Attorney General to Henry VIII. Also a member of the Privy Council. Knighted 1505. Died in the thirteenth year of Henry VIII's reign. Buried in Norwich Cathedral.

16th Century

- 1506 William Clarke, priest presented by Sir James Hobart.
- 1511 – 1565 Sir Edward Warner married Etheldreda (Audrey) Hare, widow of Thomas Hobarte who died 26th March, 1560.
- 1514 William Woodruff priest.
- 1517 John Knight, priest.
- 1532 The manor of Illney's conveyed by Francis Thurkell to Miles Hobart. Miles was the second son of Sir James Hobart. He died in 1557, gave his wife the Lordship of Plumstede for life. He was buried in the chapel on the North side of the church.
- 1536 Arnold Witton priest presented by Miles Hobart.
- 1544 Edward Warner knighted at Leigh, Scotland.
- 1549 Edward Warner, Marshal of the Field in Northampton's army to put down Kett's rebellion.
- 1554 Warner imprisoned in the Tower.
- 1557 Francis Garth priest presented by Miles Hobart.
- 1559 Adam Baker priest presented by Miles Hobart.
- 1567 Plate and chalice in church of this year. Made in Norwich.
- 1572 Edward Bishop priest, presented by Wm. Blennerhasset.
- 1576 Miles Hobart, son of Miles, Lord of manor 1576 and 1595.
- c1591 Edmund Bentley A B. priest.

17th Century

1603 J Youngs, guardian (churchwarden). Magr. Bentile, rector.

1613 Ralph Barlow, priest.

1620 Andrew Hayward, priest.

1623 Sir Thomas Hobart left land, 'for the poor'. 1 acre.

1626 Miles Hobart created Knight of the Bath, February 6th.

1628 Sir Miles Hobart, Member of Parliament.

1636 Plumstead Magna to pay £13 16s 0d ship money.

1643 Cromwell's men took possession of the Cathedral.

Covenant of Parliament written in full in the parish register. The Hobart family were supporters of the parliament.

1653 Manor mortgaged by the Hobarts to Edward Myleham and Dickson. Further mortgage in 1654.

1663 Henry Pierson, priest, rebuilt rectory house. Invited to be priest of Witton by Henry Cory. Buried 6th July 1700, age 68.

1670 and 1680 Money collected for the relief of prisoners in Algiers.

18th Century

1700 John Cornwall, rector, died 21st May 1716, presented by Wm. Hewer.

Bell re-hung by Wm. Hewer to commemorate the coronation of George I.

1701 William Hewer of Clapham, Surrey, presented the priest.

1715 Bell made by Thomas Newman. See above.

1716 Robert Cubit presented by Samuel Edgerley, clerk.

1719 Hewer Edgerley Hewer, lord and patron. John Russel priest.

Died 12th February 1746, aged 51.

1745 William and Ann Jackson presented the priest.

1746 Norwood Sparrow priest. Also rector of Witton.

1750 Hall rebuilt.

1753 The population over age 16 is 40 males and 38 females.

1779 William Leigh D.D. priest. Also Dean of Hereford. Died 1808. Witton annexed.

1784 Terrier of church lands written.

1788 William Leigh bought the manor from the heirs of the Blackbourn family.

1789 – 1805 Robert D.R. Spooner, curate.

19th Century

1800 The Brickmaker's Arms (The Brickilns) in existence. c1800 Plumstead common enclosed. Between now and 1820 the Hall and the rectory were exchanged.

1808 Paul Colombine rector until 1821.

1811 Norfolk Charities Report. An almshouse for the use of the poor plus 2 acres 18p of land. Also 3 plots of land totalling 34 acres 1r 22p.

c1820 Robert Crowe owns farm. Site of Crowe's Loke. Later owned by Walter Crowe.

1821 Charles Penrice, rector.

1824 Hall enlarged.

1829 Monument to Thomas and Mrs. Penrice by W. Hardy of Norwich.

1834 C. Penrice, rector.

1845 Charles Penrice, Lord of the manor. Hall occupied by Admiral Philip Stephens.

1851 East window of the church moved to the South side; new one inserted by family in memory of Admiral Stephens. Prior to 1830 this window contained the arms of the Hare family.

1853 The parish discounted from Witton.

1854 John Leatherdale, rector until 1861.

1855 Sale of the Hall estate. School held in a home near the site of the Mission hut. The house occupied by Thomas Newson. (Cottage with schoolroom).

1863 Charles Berners Penrrice, rector; presented by Major John Penrice.

1864 School erected. Cost £241. Attended by 100 children.

1872 Chancel rail erected in church in thanksgiving for the recovery of Edward, Prince of Wales, from appendicitis.

1881 School enlarged to take 120 pupils. (Village population 329).

1883 Executors of William Stannard, Lords of the manor.

1890 Edward Steward, Lord of Illney's Manor and Chaplain's.

1897 Newly erected model farm (Home Farm) sold. Also Little Octagon Cottage, Water Lane.