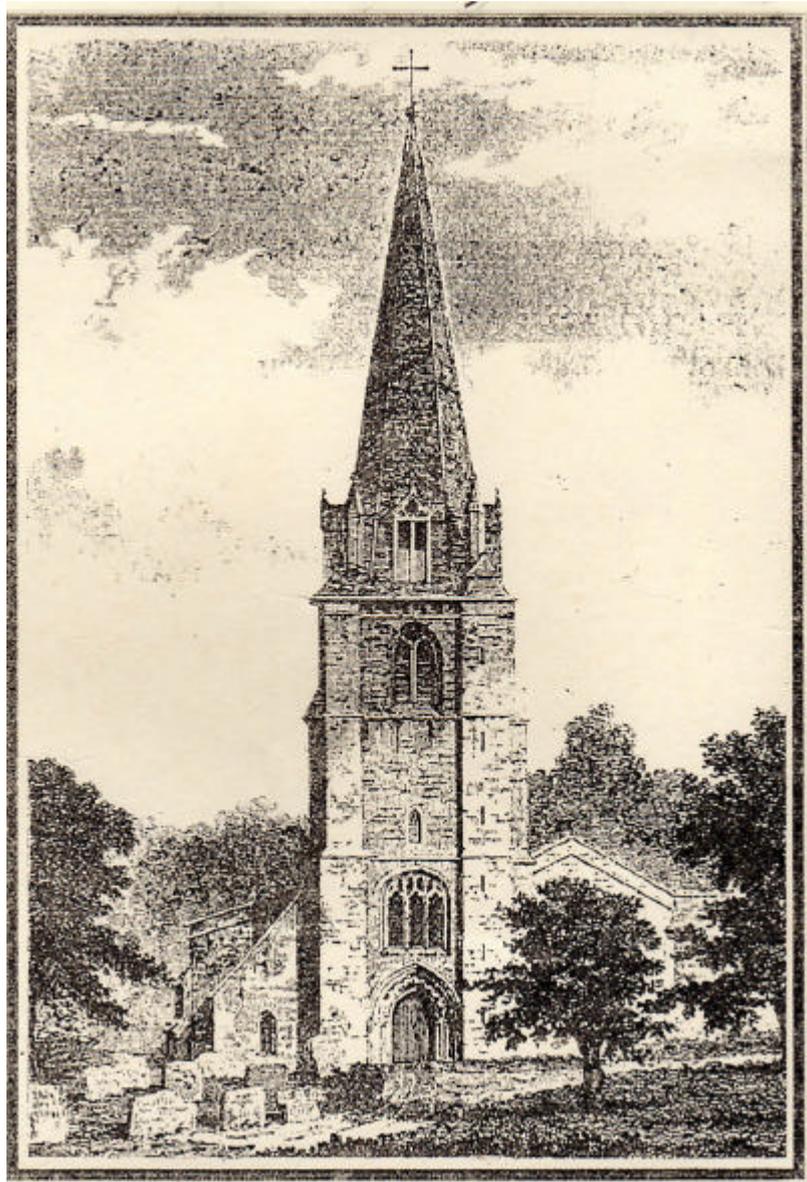


THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN
SHIPTON UNDER WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE
CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

1554-1696

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Preface

At the end of the seventeenth century the churchwardens of Shipton under Wychwood in Oxfordshire took a case in the Bishop's Court in Oxford against Henry Godfrey of Burford, a lawyer who had land in Milton under Wychwood and had refused to pay his share of the cost of repairs to the church.¹ The churchwardens won their case but Godfrey appealed and the case went to the court of appeal, the Court of Arches, in London.² As part of the evidence the current Shipton churchwardens' account book was sent to London and was never returned. It found its way to Lambeth Palace Library and was among the 10,000 documents damaged during the Second World War. It came to notice in 1997 among the last documents to be repaired

The accounts were not well kept and considerable re-arrangement and editing of the text have been necessary to reproduce the information in the accounts in readable form.³ Spelling has been modernised. So too have place names and Christian names but surnames have not been standardized. Some punctuation has been introduced. The year is taken as beginning on 1st January. Illegible text is indicated by '...' or '?'.⁴

These accounts will add to the comparatively small number of such accounts for the Oxford diocese. Ronald Hutton in *The Rise and Fall of Merry England* (1994) produced a list of extant accounts for the period c.1558 to 1660. Out of 662 for the whole of England and Wales he found 16 in the Oxford diocese.⁴

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Shipton under Wychwood

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¹ At the time Shipton Church was the church for the then large parish of Shipton of which Milton was part. See main text.

² Jack Howard-Drake, 'The Godfrey Case', *Wychwoods History*, Number 23, 2008, pp. 40-52

³ Mike Brown, *Guide to Churchwardens' Accounts* (Dartmoor Press, 1997), hereafter 'Brown, *Guide*' has been a most useful aid in compiling this booklet.

⁴ I am indebted to Anthea Jones for this reference.

Introduction

The parish

The modern parish of Shipton under Wychwood lies at the eastern limit of the Cotswolds some twenty miles north-west of Oxford in the valley of the river Evenlode. Burford is four miles to the south, Chipping Norton seven miles to the north and Witney about eight miles to the south-east. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the parish included the villages of Shipton, Milton under Wychwood, Lyneham, Leafield, Ramsden and Langley, with the church in Shipton, originally a minster church, serving the whole parish. The villages were administered as separate units and independent churchwardens were chosen for each village with Shipton taking overall responsibility. When a levy was approved in 1616 the entry in the accounts reads 'This levy is to be collected by the churchwardens of every village and to be brought in to the churchwardens of Shipton ...'.

That the churchwardens were anxious to make the independence of the villages clear is shown by an entry in the accounts for 1577 when wardens were named for the 'parish of Shipton' and the word 'village' was written over the word 'parish'.

The account book

The account book covers the period 1554 to 1696, that is it covers the Reformation, the Civil War and the Restoration, but, as will be seen, there is little evidence that these major events had much impact on the daily life of the parish.

The entries in the book are not all in chronological order and some appear to have been made wherever there happened to be a space on the page. The early accounts are in narrative form with varying amounts of detail, some merely recording no more than the discharge and appointment of the churchwardens, the total amounts of money collected and paid out and the balance in hand. For some twenty of the years covered by the accounts there are no dated entries. There are tabulated accounts for 1557(?), 1601(?), 1613, 1616 and 1641 and a continuous run from 1672 to 1696 some of which are incomplete. They have been brought together at Appendix A.

The 1696 account was marked 'entered in the new book'. Evidently a new book was opened with a copy of the account for that year when the book described here was sent up to London for the Godfrey case, but no trace of it has been found.

The accounts

In 1585 the accounting year was the year ending on 19 December. In 1588 it was decided 'by the consent of the whole parish that the account hereafter shall be ever made upon All Souls Day [2 November] if it be not a Sunday and then on the next day following'. In 1591 the account day was changed to St Andrew's Day [30 November] and it was decreed that every churchwarden who failed to bring in his account then should put twelve pence in the poor box. In the sixteenth century the annual meetings were in practice held at various dates at the end of the year. In 1593 when the life of the area, particularly in Milton, was disrupted by the plague, the accounts were not made up by St Andrew's Day, 'by reason of the plague', and the parish meeting was held the following April. In the seventeenth century meetings were regularly held around Easter, usually on Easter Tuesday.

If the parishioners were satisfied that the wardens had carried out their duties properly, the wardens were discharged. The money in hand, the 'church stock', was put into the church box⁵ or passed on to the incoming wardens. Sometimes the wardens for each village were

⁵ Parishes were required to provide a box for parishioners to put in their offerings and alms for the poor. (Brown *Guide* p. 45). Shipton wardens seem to have used it to hold their cash in hand as well.

shown as making their separate accounts and passing cash in hand to their successors. For Leaffield there are separate surviving churchwardens' accounts from 1654 to 1772 covering payments for the upkeep of its chapel.⁶ An extract for the period 1654-1683 is at Appendix A.

From 1640 when George Selfe became vicar, the vicar and some of the churchwardens signed off the accounts. Previously the accounts were unsigned although an entry in 1569 (ff. 16-17) reads 'Written by me, vicar there, in such order as the ancient of the parish uttered the promise, William Master'. For the most part those who signed were able to write their names with only a small minority making marks.

Income

The major part of the income of the church came from an annual tax called a stipend supplemented by occasional levies. In 1576 the stipend was fixed 'by the consent of the whole parish' for the maintenance of the church at £1 for Shipton, 16s. for Milton, 13s. for Lyneham, 5s. for Ramsden, and 1s.10d. for Langley. Leaffield was at first rated at 5s. but this was reduced to 3s.4d. The rates were unchanged throughout the period covered by the account book. The inhabitants of the villages 'should amongst them all make up the sum ...', and some of the accounts show the amounts paid by individuals. In 1612 it was agreed that the stipends should be 'brought in in full' to the annual settlement of accounts without any charges being deducted, and that the charges incurred at visitations should be collected in every village in addition to the stipends. There was a good deal of irregularity and the full amounts were not always paid on time. In 1583, for example, the parish meeting decided that 'Langley must be sued to contribute to the maintenance of the church as it is most reasonable they should for diverse considerations etc'.

The churchwardens sometimes met the costs for which they were responsible out of their own pockets, being reimbursed when the accounts were made up the following year. In 1585, for example, the churchwardens had received a total of £4:12:7 but had spent £5:11:6, leaving them short by 16s.11d. The parishioners therefore agreed that each of the villages should pay 'proportionably' according to their stipend to cover the deficit.

Levies were made as the need arose and were fixed at so much per yardland. They were made at the same rate throughout the parish. The first to appear in the accounts was in 1616 when it was fixed at 12d. a yardland and the number of yardlands in each village was listed, 46 in Shipton, 56 in Milton, 50 in Lyneham, 16 in Leaffield, 12 in Ramsden and eight in Great and Little Langley, (The relative importance of Lyneham in the old parish is noteworthy.) In addition 'the cottagers and all those of ability' were called upon to help with the levy 'before the ordinary stipend'. At 12d. a yardland the levy should have brought in £9:8:0. There is, however, a detailed account for the year which confusingly records a rate of four shillings the yardland. This would have brought in £37:12:0, but the total was given as £35:10:0. The levy was agreed at the church on behalf of the whole parish of Shipton by fourteen parishioners who signed the record in the accounts, including Charles Bramsbie on behalf of Sir Thomas Lacy, the owner of Shipton Court, and by Henry Mills, the vicar.

In 1676 the vicar and the churchwardens decided that a levy of 1s.6d. the yardland should be levied. Six days later, notice having been given in church the previous Sunday, this was changed to 2s. the yardland. From then onwards there were frequent levies. A levy of 12d. the yardland was agreed in 1679 but there is no reference in the accounts to the receipt of a levy until 1681. Later levies were agreed at nine and twelve pence the yardland.

The villages each contributed to the cost of bread and wine for communion in addition to the stipend but there is nothing in the text about the way in which the amounts were calculated.

⁶ Oxfordshire Record Office, MSS. DD. Par. Leaffield c.4. There are further accounts from 1787 to 1863 which include the transformation of the chapel into an independent church, MSS. DD. Par. Leaffield e.2.

The parish had some income from money let out at interest. There are 55 entries in the tabulated accounts showing the receipt of interest. The amount of the loan is not always given but where it is it varies from £21:3:4 to £20:6:8. The rate of interest works out at about six percent.

The names of the holders of the loans were given in most references. They were people of some standing in the parish such as the Wisdams and the Brookses. Some interest was on money 'in the hands of the churchwardens'. It looks as though the churchwardens were themselves borrowing money from the parish for their own ends, perhaps for meeting church expenses, perhaps for personal use. That this is a possible interpretation can be seen from the story of William Master's legacy which is told in *Wychwoods History* (1992)⁷. The legacy, dating from 1591, provided money half of which was to go to the support of two poor scholars in Merton College and the Queen's College in Oxford, and half to the relief of the poor in Shipton. Some payments for this were made but it is a tangled tale of maladministration which was the subject of several enquiries. At one point the money for the poor scholars was in the hands of two prominent parishioners in Shipton and the money for the poor was in the hands of various other parishioners and of the churchwardens. In 1637 Queen's College won a case in Chancery against the parish but there is only one reference to the money being paid to them before 1672 from when regular payments, usually of £1:13:4, were made to 'two poor scholars in Oxford. In 1684 the payments were made three years in arrears.

An enquiry into the legacy in 1702 said that in the last thirty years of the seventeenth century the poor of Shipton got nothing. In 1674 and 1678 the accounts show that parish was getting interest on 'the poor money' and the 'use of Master's money'.

The parish had a little money from the rent of church properties. Mary Rawlins paid 2s.6d. in 1674 for a chamber in the church house. From 1678 to 1689 she paid the same amount for her house. For two years James Hope rented church land for 13s.4d. a year. The few other entries were for unspecified properties at various annual rents between 2s.0d. and 10s.0d.

In 1675 the parishioners agreed that Thomas Kemmer should be excused his previous year's rent 'by reason of his poverty' and that in future he should pay 'but 20s. per annum for the church estate which he now has'. He had been recorded in 1672 as paying £1:10:0, with Mrs Kemmer paying 2s. 0d. Kemmer's poverty must have been relative if he could still afford to pay a pound a year rent.

There was a charge for 'breaking up the ground in the church' for burials at what appears to have been a standard charge of 3s.4d. per burial. There were charges for laying and washing flagstones in the church and presumably these were lifted and replaced after the graves were dug.

Surprisingly there is only one reference to church ales in the accounts. This is dated 1608 when the cost of repairs to the church had been such that in spite of cash in hand, the proceeds of a levy and the profits from the previous year's midsummer ale, the parish was £20:13:4 in debt so that another levy would have to be made; but there are no details of a levy being made or collected before 1616.

The parish also benefited from occasional small legacies and gifts.

Expenditure

The maintenance of the church was a constant demand on parish finances. An undated list at the end of the accounts sets out what were considered to be church repairs (see Appendix B). The fact that this entry is undated, appears at the end of the accounts and emphasises that

⁷ Jack Howard-Drake, 'Henry Mills, Vicar of Shipton under Wychwood 1593-1641', *Wychwoods History*, Number Seven, 1992, pp. 45-52.

non-residents were liable to pay their share of repairs to the fabric of the church, the pulpit and the pews, but not of other expenses, suggests that it was hastily written in before the book was sent to London as evidence of the rightness of the parish's cause in the Godfrey case.

The churchwardens paid for building materials, timber, laths and lath pins, lead, slates, lime, nails, gravel and so on. They also bought moss and powder but there is nothing to say what these were used for. They paid plumbers [for work with lead], smiths, carpenters, glaziers, masons and others. One entry, which is unfortunately not detailed or fully legible, records the expenditure in 1663 of the substantial sum of £9:10:0 for the repair of the steeple and the weathercock. They paid for clearing the ditches round the church and repairing fences. They paid for making a bier and for mending the hearse cloth, washing the church and the church linen, painting the sun dial, a cushion for the pulpit. In 1695 they paid £3:5:5 for 'ten ells of Holland' to make a surplice and £1:0:0 for making it. They paid the clerk's wages.

After the Restoration in 1660 it became compulsory for churches to display the Royal Arms but as early as 1616 a levy had been made not only for the cost of painting and repairing the church but also for 'making' the King's arms. In 1679 the painter was paid £2:2:0 for 'setting up the King's arms', presumably for repairing them. There is no trace of the arms in the church today.

The 1616 levy was also to pay for unspecified jewellery work and to buy the King's bible and a communion book. The parish paid for various books which the apparitors brought to the parish, bibles, prayer books, homilies, special prayers for particular occasions and so on. Several of the books were 'for the fast'.

One of the more frequent charges on parish funds was the cost of visitations. These were the regular inspections of their parishes by the bishop and archdeacon or their representatives. The holding of a visitation at a named time and place was announced in advance and the appropriate parish officers and others were ordered to appear. Visitation articles were issued listing the subjects to be enquired into, such as the condition of the parish church, the behaviour of the clergy and the conduct of the parishioners. The churchwardens brought their reports to the visitation as required by the articles and presented those allegedly guilty of various misdemeanours. The parish had to pay the apparitor for bringing the notice of a forthcoming visitation and cover the expenses of those attending. It is an interesting indication of the independent administration of the villages in Shipton parish that the churchwardens representing them presented their own delinquents and claimed their individual expenses. From 1612 charges resulting from visitations were collected in every village in addition to the stipend. The places where the visitations were held are mentioned only occasionally and were either Chipping Norton or Deddington.

Another regular charge on parish funds was for the purchase of wine for communion. Parishioners were expected to take communion three times a year and the accounts show wine being purchased for services at Easter, Whitsun and Christmas, the largest quantities at Easter. The amounts for Easter varied between 15 and 20 quarts and for other occasions between one and three quarts. The average price between 1672 and 1695 was 2s.2d. a quart, bought in quart bottles.

Another charge on parish funds was the cost of bell ropes. Between 1672 and 1696 there were 23 payments for ropes, at about three shillings a rope at the beginning of the period and between three and four shillings at the end.

There are few scattered entries in the accounts about the cost of maintaining the church clock. A rope for it was bought in 1557 for 6s.8d. about twice the price of a bell rope a hundred or so years later; and in 1585 old John Smith, the clerk, was paid nine pence that was owing to him for looking after it. He also received another 3s.4d. for doing so from the parishioners of Leafield who handed this amount to him in payment of their stipend. There

were only five relevant payments in the seventeenth century, four for mending the clock, one of which was of five shillings to widow Colls, and one for ‘shutting’⁸ the clock rope.

Parishes were responsible for the welfare of ‘travellers’ or ‘passengers’ passing through their neighbourhood. These were the people carrying removal orders requiring them to return to their parishes of origin. Shipton made a number of payments to people in this category, on three occasions to those who had for some reason suffered loss by fire. One payment was to a poor minister who got 1s.4d.

Parishes were required to contribute to the relief of poor prisoners in the King’s Bench and Marshalsea prisons in London and to the care of maimed soldiers. Shipton paid a regular rate of 6s. 6d. a year which was paid over to the constable. Churchwardens were expected to pay towards the extermination of vermin but there is only one reference to this in the Shipton accounts when in 1694 they paid a shilling for a fox’s head.

Bells

There is currently a peal of eight bells in Shipton church. The fifth is recorded as being made by James Keene of Woodstock in 1628 but there is no mention of a bell in the accounts for this date. However, in 1685 there was a levy of six shillings in the yardland for ‘paying for the casting of the Great Bell and additional metal and other necessaries belonging to the church’; and a charge for ‘money out of pocket’, £1:4:0 for ale at the churchwardens’ meetings in Shipton and Woodstock ‘at the casting of the bell, at her taking down, loading and hanging up...’. The bell had been cast by James Keene at a cost of £40:12:0. The accounts for 1685 show that the levy was collected at the rate of 6s. the yardland from Leafield, Milton, Lyneham, Ramsden and Langley but not from Shipton and there is no record of the bell being paid for. It was not one of the peal of five bells in the tower in 1893 when two of them were melted down and recast to form the present peal of eight. Its fate remains a mystery, but something seems to have been going on in the bell tower in 1685 and 1686 as there were no payments to bell ringers in those years.

Presumably to help towards paying for the maintenance of the bells, the churchwardens decided in 1613 that ‘strangers’ could ring one peal for free but would have to pay a shilling for other peals, so it seems that bell ringing was a hobby as well as a duty.

Smoke farthings

Smoke farthings had their origin in Peter’s Pence, a tax established in 787 A.D. and paid to the Pope. They were also known as Pentecostals. They were abolished in 1534, were appropriated by the Crown and became an offering to the cathedral church made at Whitsun by parishioners according to the number of their chimneys. It does not seem to have been collected with any consistency in Shipton. There are no named individuals or count of chimneys but the parish paid lump sums on four occasions, 10s. in 1625 for five years arrears, 3s.4d. in 1641, 17s.2d. in 1679 for ten years arrears and £1:5:6 in 1688. In 1625 the money was paid to Isaac Biggler of Wootton.

⁸ The meaning of this is not clear. The nearest relevant definition in the Oxford English Dictionary is the welding or splicing of metal. Here, perhaps, it means splicing or whipping.

Briefs⁹

Briefs were letters issued by the Government commending a charitable appeal. They were addressed to the minister and churchwardens and were read from the pulpit. At the end of the service the clerk stood at the church door to take the collection, saying as the congregation left, 'Please to remember the brief'. The collection was later handed to an authorised collector.

Very few original briefs have survived as they were returned with a parish's contribution but records of them occur in churchwardens' accounts throughout the country. They were usually entered on spare pages in the account books. With one or two exceptions they are to be found grouped together in the Shipton account book and cover the period 1658 to 1687, but are not in chronological order. For convenience they have been arranged in date order and are at Appendix C.

In 1634 Shipton contributed 5s. towards the building of St Paul's in London. Of the 65 collections recorded 35 were for towns that had suffered by fire. One collection in 1661 was for a fire in Oxford 'in the year forty-four'. In 1667 Shipton twice contributed to the relief of those who had suffered during the 'great fire of London' in 1666. There were seven collections for the rebuilding of churches and one for rebuilding the quay and houses in Watchet in Somerset. Another was for rebuilding the town of Bridgenorth in Shropshire. One was to help John Davis and Isabel his mother rebuild their house in Hereford. Another was for the relief of widow Rose Wallis in Oxford. One wonders how Davis and his mother and the widow Wallis qualified for a national appeal. One brief, enigmatically, was for 'forth of fishermen'. Two were for the relief of Protestants, one in Poland where the churches had been driven out; one in Bohemia where 20 families had been driven out. One was for the poor captives in Algeria, that is those who had been captured by Barbary pirates in raids on the south coast, and one for Hungarians in slavery. There were 15 for which no reason was given.

The churchwardens

A list of churchwardens during the period covered by these accounts is at Appendix D. No attempt has been made to standardise surnames. Until 1580 churchwardens were named only for Shipton, Milton and Lyneham. A warden for Leafield, Ramsden and Langley was appointed that year to represent all three villages. Thereafter none were appointed for Langley, which was presumably represented by Shipton, and each of the other five villages had its own wardens.

The accounts are somewhat ambiguous about how the churchwardens were chosen. Some references are to them choosing their own successors. A typical entry is 'Churchwardens Chamberlayne and Thomas Huckes have made their accounts before the whole parish and have chosen new churchwardens William Carlis and Richard Comesbie ...'. Other entries use the phrase 'there is chosen' as in 'Richard Shailer being discharged there is chosen William Chapman for Milton'. One entry reads, '[t]he inhabitants of Milton and the whole parish and the churchwardens there have chosen ... Milton churchwardens ... Thomas Collyns and William Mychell'. It looks as though the new men, however chosen, had to be acceptable to the parishioners although no doubt the outgoing churchwardens, being men of consequence, influenced the selection.

For the most part churchwardens served for a year and were then replaced although they might sometimes serve for two or three years before new men were appointed. The exception was Leafield where it was the custom for them to serve for more than a year, sometimes for several years in succession.

⁹ This section draws on W.E. Tate, *The Parish Chest*, third edition, pp. 120-125. An example he quotes is of a collection of 3s.11d. in Norton-le-Moors, Staffordshire for Uffington in Lincolnshire in October 1678. Next April Shipton collected 4s.2¼d. for Uffington as well as 5s. for a fire at Pittingham in Staffordshire.

Other parish officers

Sidesmen generally helped the churchwardens to carry out their duties but there is only one reference to one in Shipton when Master Thomas Rawlins was chosen sidesman for Leafield.

Overseers of the poor were established by statute in 1597. They were appointed by the justices of the peace and the parish had no say in their nomination. The office originated in the earlier office of collectors of the poor¹⁰ and there is one reference to collectors in the accounts when in 1567 Henry Poaree and Alexander Gardiner were collectors for the poor 'according to the statute this year past', and John Cox and Richard Smith of Shipton were appointed their successors. The entry for the year records that Poaree and Gardiner had received 'only' 14s.1d. from their neighbours in Shipton and with their consent the money was given to the poor of Shipton village. There are a few other references to payments to the poor from parish funds. In 1555 responsibility for the upkeep of the King's highway was transferred from the manors to the parishes. Until 1691 the churchwardens appointed surveyors of highways for the parish but thereafter they supplied a list to the justices of the peace who made the appointments.¹¹ A list of surveyors appointed in Shipton from 1669 to 1692 is at Appendix E. For Shipton itself there were named appointees for every year to 1683 except for 1680, and for 1688 and 1692; for Milton there were appointees for every year to 1691 except for 1678-1680, for Lyneham only to 1677, for Leafield only for the years 1675 and 1676 and for Ramsden only to 1676. Some of the missing years were perhaps covered by surveyors continuing in office.

Religion

Shipton was a staunchly protestant parish during the period covered by these accounts and does not appear to have been overmuch disturbed by national religious events; but there is some evidence of the parishioners involvement in them.

The most striking of these is an entry dated 14 December 1589 from which it appears that they had suddenly woken up to the fact that they were paying old Nicholas Becket £2 a quarter to remove popish symbols from the church when there were none there to be removed, not surprising in the thirty-first year of the reign of Elizabeth I. Old Nicholas was obviously at death's door because the vicar and the parishioners decided to do nothing until he died and then to use the money to pay for a schoolmaster.

A detailed account in the early part of the records suggests that Nicholas may originally have had work to do. In this account, the date of which cannot be read but which somewhat ambiguous internal evidence indicates might be 1557, there are two payments for frankincense, one at Christmas, and four payments to the summoner, one 'for a book which he brought, of novenas¹² out of Ireland'. The catholic Mary Tudor was on the throne in 1557 and these payments suggest that Shipton was conforming to the state religion. The ambiguous evidence as to date is the entry of four pence for 'writing out Chapman's will', the text of which is included in the records.

Chapman wrote his will in 1557, the last year of Mary Tudor's reign. Among his other legacies he left ten shillings to be given to the poor at his 'month's tide', or month's mind, the requiem mass celebrated thirty days after death or burial. In addition he instructed his executors to provide twenty sheep from his estate, the profits from which were to pay for masses and dirges for him and his friends to be said at Easter and Christmas. But he seems to have seen what was coming. If, he said, the law in future will not permit masses and dirges, the profit from the sheep was to go to the poor.¹³

¹⁰ S. and B. Webb, *The Parish and the County*, 1906, pp. 30-31.

¹¹ *The Local Historian's Encyclopedia*, 1974, p. 179.

¹² A nine-day prayer for a special reason.

¹³ Jack Howard-Drake, 'John Chapman's Legacy', *Wychwoods History*, Number Fourteen, 1999, pp. 16-19.

There is no obvious reason why the parish should have paid for writing out Chapman's will in 1557; but in 1603 there was a case in the Oxford Church Courts¹⁴ about the sheep and the version of the will in the accounts is marked 'Examined by Henry Mills, vicar, and James Cooke 1 March 1601/2'. It is headed 'The will of John Chapman *verbatim* as follows', which suggests that it was not written out in 1557 but was a copy made in 1602 in preparation for the court case. This would seem to date the account to 1602, but it is extremely unlikely that the then protestant vicar, Henry Mills, was into buying frankincense and novenas.¹⁵ The vicar in 1557 was Ralph Willett, whom John Chapman appointed his overseer. There is nothing to suggest that Willett had any catholic sympathies, although he survived Mary Tudor's reign, perhaps because he was unmarried and was prepared to conform. The question remains open.

At the other end of the religious spectrum there is a hint of trouble over Quakers in the accounts for 1648 when a number of parishioners are said to have refused to pay for bread and wine. The group included Robert Seacole and his wife and some of the Seacoles were prominent Quakers in Milton¹⁶. Quakers were very active in Shipton parish in the seventeenth century as can be seen from *Bishop Fell and Nonconformity* edited by Mary Clapinson.¹⁷ There were regular conventicles in Shipton and both Leafield and Milton were centres of Quaker activity. There were 42 nonconformists including Quakers in Shipton in 1676. In 1660 a Quaker meeting in Milton was broken up and most of those taking part were sent to Oxford gaol. About 80 Quakers are recorded as meeting at a monthly conventicle in Robert Seacole's house in Milton in 1669 and in 1675 Quakers from Milton were fined for attending a meeting in Alvescot. In 1695 and 1696 the vicar and the churchwardens charged for their expenses for going to Doctor Allworth 'about the proceedings against the Quakers' and for 'carrying the presentment'. There were further charges for a warrant from Allworth and for payment to a proctor.

There are no Roman Catholics listed for Shipton in *Bishop Fell and Nonconformity* as there are for other parishes but in 1613 the churchwardens spent 8s.10d. 'about the recusants', those Catholics who refused to go to the parish church.

In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries certain dates in the calendar were marked by local celebrations, including bell ringing and bonfires, to demonstrate the country's essentially protestant culture.¹⁸ The most important dates were 17th and 5th November, the anniversaries of the accession of Elizabeth I and of the Gunpowder Plot. We have only one detailed account for the sixteenth century and that is for the last year of Mary Tudor's reign so we do not know whether the citizens of Shipton were enthusiastic about celebrating Elizabeth's accession during that century; nor do we have anything relevant for the first three-quarters of the seventeenth century; but any enthusiasm they may have had certainly disappeared by 1672 as no payments for the 17th November are recorded in the accounts from then on. There were however regular payments to the ringers for ringing on the 5th November which shows that the protestant ethos was still strong.

In 1641, with the country on the brink of civil war and anti-catholicism rising¹⁹, Shipton rang the bells to celebrate Charles I's birthday. From 1672 there were regular payments for ringing the bells for the return of Charles II and his coronation day, 23 April. These payments cease abruptly in 1685 when the catholic James II came to the throne.

¹⁴ Jack Howard-Drake, *Oxford Church Courts, Depositions 1603-1606*, pp. 5-6.

¹⁵ Jack Howard-Drake, 'Henry Mills, Vicar of Shipton under Wychwood 1593-1641' *Wychwoods History*, Number Seven, 1992, pp. 45-52.

¹⁶ There were Seacoles among those who signed the Protestation Returns in 1641-42 thereby confirming their allegiance to the Protestant faith. *Oxfordshire Protestation Returns 1641-2*, Oxfordshire Record Society, 1955.

¹⁷ Mary Clapinson ed., *Bishop Fell and Nonconformity: Visitation Documents from the Oxford Diocese 1682-83* Oxfordshire Record Society Vol. LII, 1980.

¹⁸ David Cressy, *Bonfires & Bells*, 2004.

¹⁹ op.cit. p. 157

No expenditure on bonfires to accompany celebratory bell ringing, a common practice, was recorded in the accounts.

It is unfortunate that the Shipton churchwardens entered so few itemised accounts in their account book. There are only four such before 1672 and it is to these few and to the run of tabulated accounts from 1672 that we are dependent for the details of the parish's income and expenditure and the day-to-day work of the churchwardens. It is perhaps unwise to draw overmuch in the way of generalisations from the evidence we have but such as it is, it suggests that Shipton and the other Wychwood villages were never much disturbed by the major national events of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries even though they were aware of them. They seem to have ridden the religious and political turmoil of the period with minimum disruption; but there is a hint of some involvement. When Mr Thomas Rawlins, Leafield churchwarden, cleared his account in 1654 he had become Captain Rawlins.

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I am indebted to the Lambeth Palace Library for the following description of the account book as it now is. (Court of Arches, MS. Ff.11.) The original manuscript measures 25.5 x 30.5 x 3.5 cm. The pages have been repaired and are now conserved in a modern binding. There were musical endpapers in the original binding but these form no part of the modern binding.

We acquired a film of the book from the Library and my wife Joan transcribed a hard copy of it. Much of the book was difficult to read and I am greatly indebted to her for her skill and patience in copying it out so that I could work on it and also for her help with research and proof reading and for her constant support.

THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS 1554-1696

2 December 1554

Shipton churchwardens ... made their accounts before the parish of that and laid forth and of their receipts which was ... and their charges laid forth was ...

Milton churchwardens ... made their accounts the foresaid day ... all their receipts which was ... there remains in ... box of Shipton ...

... December 1555

... their accounts before the whole parish of their receipts for their time ... chosen new wardens Thomas ... and Thomas Wysdom and have ... it into the church box.

... made their accounts before the whole parish that they made this present ... and have chosen new wardens ... Parat the farmer and Edward Welkens and ... into the church box five nobles [£1:13:4].

... have made their accounts before the ... and delivered into the church box ... and chosen new wardens John Geffes and William Coke ...

29 November 1556

Shipton churchwardens, Thomas Wisedome and ... Harys, and they have made their account and delivered into the hands of the churchwardens for this year Peter Denche and Simon Chamberlene £1:3:0.

Lyneham, William Cocke and John Welkens chosen wardens and in their hands 15s.6d.

5 December 1557

... churchwardens Richard Collett and Peter Denche and have made their account before the parish of that they received and what they laid forth and have chosen for their new churchwarden Thomas Altaffes.

Milton churchwarden ... John Sessions.

Lyneham churchwardens John Welkens and Thomas ... bard have made their accounts and have delivered to the church box 9s. and stand churchwardens still and have repaid the said 9s. out of the box for that there remains nothing in it.

Tabulated accounts for 1557 – see Appendix A

4 December 1558

Shipton churchwardens Thomas Altofes and Thomas Sheller.

These churchmen have made their account the fourth day of December and have delivered to the hands of the new churchmen £3:13:4.

Shipton churchwardens, George Colle and Harry Parot.

Milton churchmen John Sessions and Thomas Showell and the new chosen ... churchmen ... Richard Wheler and Robert Hyat ...

Lyneham churchmen, Thomas Sheller and John Welkens and they have made their account and delivered into the church box 8s.

... wardens Austen Tenand and Harry Hyat.

Sum total is £5:6:8.

... 1559

Shipton churchwardens George Colle and Harry Parat have made their accounts before the whole parish and have chosen new wardens Thomas Huckes and Simon Chamberlyne and

there being in the church box £4...

15 September 1560

Churchwardens Simon Chamberlayne and Thomas Huckes have made their accounts before the whole parish and have chosen new churchwardens, William Carlis and Richard Comesbie and have delivered into the church box £1:17:3.

... 1562

Churchwardens of Shipton, William Carlis and Richard Camebrie, have made their accounts before the whole parish and have chosen new wardens, Thomas Wisdom and Alexander Gardener, and have delivered into their hands £2:10:8.

Churchwardens of Milton, Simon Hyatt and John Chapman, have made their accounts before the whole parish and have chosen new churchwardens, Martin Paratt ... and have delivered into their hands £1:8:4.

[*crossed through* – churchwardens of Lyneham, Christopher Whyting and Henry Wyatt have made their accounts before the whole parish and have chosen new churchwardens – 13s.4d.

... ... 1563

Churchwardens of Shipton, Thomas Wisedome and Alexander Gardener, have made their accounts before the whole parish and have chosen new churchwardens, Mr Power and George Haris, and have delivered into their hands £4. [*crossed through* – 16s.8d.]

Churchwardens of Milton, Martin Paratt and Nicholas Tommes, have made their accounts before the whole parish the same year and have chosen new churchwardens, Thomas Edwardes and Peter Weyver, and have delivered into their hands £2:2:0.

Churchwardens of Lyneham, Christopher Whyting and Robert Castell, have made their accounts before the whole parish the year before said and have chosen new churchmen, George Smithe and John Hebbesworth, and have delivered into their hands 12s.

... 1564

Churchwardens of Shipton, Mr Power and John Harys, have made their accounts before the whole parish and have chosen new churchwardens, Richard Smythe and Thomas Grene, and have delivered into their hands £2:16:9.

Thomas Edwards and Peter Wever of Milton have made their accounts before the parish and have brought in £3:4:0 and have chosen William Parret and Thomas Shewell who ... and ...
... so remains in their hands £2:14:0.

10 December 1565

Churchwardens of Shipton, Thomas Smythe and Richard Smythe, have made their account the tenth day of December before the whole parish and in the year of our Lord 1565 and ... in the seventh year of our dear sovereign ... Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God, Queen of England, France and Ireland ... and received the day above named £10:6:8 in their hands. And so they do continue churchwardens still.

27 January 1566

The same day and year were chosen churchwardens of Shipton aforesaid, John Cockes and Thomas Tailour, who received within their box £1:0:5 whereof laid out 3s.4d. by them so that they have made their account and delivered the rest to the next churchwardens viz. 18s.1d.

The same day and year were chosen churchwardens of Milton, Michael Phipps of Milton and Phillip Barrit.

The same day and year were chosen churchwardens of Lyneham, John Collyn and William

Woollyng, who have received of George Smyth and John Ebswoorth the sum of nineteen shillings.

15 January 1567

For this year were chosen churchwardens for Shipton, George Cooke and Henry Parot, who have received of the churchwardens, John Cockes and Thomas Tailour the year before going, the sum of 18s.1d. mentioned the year before.

6 July 1567

Master Henry Poare and Alexander Gardiner were collectors for the Poor according to the statute this year past, yielded up their office and their account the day above expressed: wherein it appears that they received of their neighbours of Shipton only the sum of fourteen shillings and one penny whereof they delivered to the poor of Shipton village by the consent of the neighbours the whole sum aforesaid. The same day were chosen, according to the statute, collectors for the year following, John Cox and Richard Smith of Shipton.

... December 1567

George Cook and Henry Parot, churchwardens of Shipton, have made their account and have laid out of the money before mentioned, 18s.1d. The sum of 6s.1d. as appears by their bill for the reparations of the church: so remains 12s. whereof again laid out for bread and wine is 2s.6d. and remained in their hands 9s.6d. which they have delivered unto the new churchwardens to the behalf of the church.

14 December 1567

For the year to come were chosen as churchwardens for Shipton, Simon Chamberlayne and Thomas Greene, and received 9s.6d. before mentioned.
In like manner there were chosen for Milton, Robert Hyat and John Parot.

28 February 1569

The said churchwardens Simon Chamberlayne and John Cox in the stead of Thomas Greene have made their accounts and delivered up into the hands of the new churchwardens the sum of 5s.10d. as is mentioned in the next side.

Milton – Robert Hyat for himself and John Parot deceased have made their account and nothing appears received or paid and have chosen churchmen for their village, Richard Symes and Nicholas Toms, for the year following.

Lyneham, the churchmen John Collyns and William Woollyngs are ... of the ... sum of £1:5:3.

John Collyns and William Woollyngs have made their account and have remaining in their hands £1:5:3. and they continue churchmen for the next year.

For the year to come were chosen and appointed churchwardens for Shipton, Thomas Wisdome and William Careles, and have received the said sum of 5s.10d.

Written by me William Master, vicar there, in such order as the ancient of the parish uttered the promises.

11 December 1569

Shipton – the account of Thomas Wysdom and William Careles, churchwardens, is for one year before going ended at this present as follows.

They have received left last year in the church box 5s.10d.

Of Robert Hyat of Milton towards the finding of the communion 5s.6d.

It is agreed that they two shall continue one year more and then make that full account.
Milton - Richard Symes and Nicholas Toms do continue churchwardens for the next year.
Lyneham - John Collyns and William Woollyngs do appoint churchwardens for the year following James Sheylar and John Wylkyns.

23 December 1570

Thomas Wysdome, churchman of Shipton, has made his account for him and William Careles deceased, also churchman for two years past and all costs paid have delivered up to the hands of the other churchmen which are Mr Ashfield and John Whytinge £1:10:7.

1572

Mr Ashfield and John Whyting appointed churchwardens of Shipton as above and did make their account before the parish and did choose William Palmer and William Huckes churchmen and did deliver unto them in the church box 10s.5d.

Milton - Michael Phipps and Simon Hyat appointed churchmen for Milton the year following as others of Shipton.

1573

Shipton - the same William Palmer and William Huckes have made their account before the parish and have appointed churchmen Mr Henry Poare and young Thomas Huckes and have delivered unto them the sum of £1:10:4.

Milton, Thomas Sewell and John Baret churchwardens.

24 December 1574

Shipton - Mr Henry Poare and George Harys the younger churchwardens.

Milton - Richard Symms and Nicholas Toms, churchmen of Milton, have made their account and have brought into the behalf of the church 16s. delivered to the churchmen of Shipton, Mr Ashfield and John Whyting.

Milton - they have appointed churchwardens Peter Phipps and James Mychell.

Lyneham - John Wylkyns and James Sheylar have appointed Austen Tenant and his fellow to be chosen by him.

30 December 1574

Shipton - Mr Poare and George Harrys do continue churchwardens for this year.

27 November 1575

The same Mr Poare and George Harrys have the same day accounted before the parish and have brought in £2:6:0 which sum is delivered to the new churchwardens as underwritten. It appears by the said Master Poare's and Harrys's account that Thomas Smyth has received of them (of debts that were owing to the church) towards the payment of the bell £3:8:3, viz. of Thomas Sewell and William Parot of Milton £3 and of the same Henry Poare 8s.3d.

There is owing to the church firstly by Thomas Sewell and William Parot of Milton 13s.4d.

[*crossed through* – by the executors of Elizabeth Altoffe £5:14:0 for debt of her late husband]

The same Thomas Smith has received of the benevolence of the parish (besides the debt above said) £4:11:2.

The said Mr Poare and George Harys have chosen churchwardens in their stead Thomas Smith and Henry Parot who have received as well the foresaid £2:6:0 as also 16s. of old debts, ... whereof they have paid again for glazing of the church done in the year before £1:13:4 and also they have paid to the said Thomas Smith for his charges about the bells 3s.2d. and there remains in their box and in their hands hereafter to be accounted for by the said Henry Parot

and Thomas Smyth to the whole parish at the next account £1:4:6.

1 April 1576

Thomas Smith has received by the consent of the parish the sum of four pounds of lawful money paid by William Tompson in full satisfaction of a debt of £5:14:0 due by Thomas Altoffe which sum of £4 is paid to Thomas Smyth in consideration of the payment of the bell.

22 December 1576

It was concluded by the consent of the whole parish at this account that all the inhabitants of the village of Shipton should amongst them all make up the sum of £1 yearly hereafter to the maintenance of the church, and Milton likewise should yearly contribute 16s. And Lyneham should yearly contribute as above 13s. ..., and Langley should yearly contribute as above 1s.10d., and Leafield should yearly contribute as above 5s but afterwards it was brought to 3s.4d., and Ramsden should yearly contribute as above 5s.

The sum of Langley was concluded upon about ... save after ... determination ... the payments of all the villages towards the maintenance of the church ... before specified.

Harry Parot and Thomas Smyth of Shipton, churchwardens, have made their account before the parish the day and year above said and after their reckonings made it ... appears to the same parish that they have ... their duties duly, whereupon the parish has discharged them. They have chosen for the year following churchwardens in their stead Simon Chamberlayne and Richard [Cook].

Milton - Peter Phippes and James Mychell have paid to the maintenance of the church according to the rate for this year 16s. and have made their account and are thereof discharged by the parish; and have chosen in their places Thomas Hyat and William Whyting.

Lyneham - Austen Tenant and Richard Shealar have paid to the maintenance of the church according to the rate for this year 13s.4d. and have made their account and are thereof discharged by the parish and have chosen in their places Richard Hyat and Thomas Castle.

8 December 1577

Shipton - Simon Chamberlayne and Richard Cook, churchmen there as is before noted have made their account before the parish who have discharged them of all things concerning their said account because upon the same it appeared that they had laid out all sums that they were charged withal and therefore the parish acquit them as appertains.

Also they have chosen churchmen in their room there Thomas Wysdom and Richard Willat of and for the parish ('village' – *inserted above* 'parish') of Shipton.

Milton - Thomas Hyat and William Whyting have paid to the maintenance of the church according to the rate for this year 16s. and have made their account and are thereof discharged by the parish and have chosen in their stead Andrew Mychell and Thomas Collyns

Lyneham - Richard Hyat and Thomas Castle have paid to the maintenance of the church according to the rate for this year 13s.4d. and have made their account and are thereof discharged by the parish and have chosen in their places Simon Wilkyns and Robert Hyat.
Leafield

21 December 1578

Shipton - Thomas Wysdom and Richard Willat have brought in the £1 for the church as above and have made their account and are thereof discharged by the parish and have chosen in their stead ...

Milton - Andrew Mychell and Thomas Collyns have brought in there 16s. and so have made their account and are of that discharged by the parish and have chosen in their room William Parot and James Barret.

Lyneham - Simon Wilkins and Robert Hyat have brought in their 13s.4d. and so have made their account and are thereof discharged by the parish: and have chosen in their stead John Collyns and Hugh Harrys.

14 February 1579 according to the reckoning of the Church of England.

Thomas Wysedom, Richard Wyllat. For 1580, William Tompson, William Sessions, John Ebswoorth, Giles Fitchet.

Thomas Wysedom and Richard Willat of Shipton village, churchwardens there, have made their account to the whole parish, the day above named for two years before going and are by them discharged quite of the same office and of all manner of duties belonging to the same: And they and the said parishioners have chosen in their stead churchwardens for one year following to be ended on the Feast of St. Andrew [30 November] next coming, William Tompson of and for Shipton village, William Sessions for Milton, John Ebswoorth for Lyneham and Giles Fytchet for Leafield and Langley and Ramsden.

At this account the officers of Shipton, Milton and Lyneham brought in and paid such sum of money towards the maintenance of the church, as was concluded upon mentioned before folio 11, but the officers of the Leafield and Ramsden are as yet in debt of their duties mentioned in that place. And so when those payments were made and certain allowances considered and debts satisfied, there remained and was put up in the church box, towards the reparations of the said church of Shipton, other necessary charges concerning the same, forthwith by the said William Tompson and the other churchwardens above named to be bestowed the sum of £2:18:8.

Ramsden has now paid their sum allotted to them (in that leaf specified) and so are thereof discharged for that year 1579 as is above noted.

13 January 1583 according to the computation of the almanacs.

William Palmer and William Hux, churchwardens of Shipton under Wychwood in the County of Oxford the year last past, have upon this day prefixed made their account before the parish; and when they had declared their full receipts, which was £4:4:9 and proved their former payments which was £3:15:11 together with a driblet or two more then presently, before the parish paid and allowed by the same parish ... then remained 9s.4d. which was then put in to the church box and certain other old debts paid by other of the parish, amounting all together to the sum of £2:0:3, so that at this present day, the village of Shipton have paid by the hands of William Palmer and William Huckes all manner of payments due for the year last past, concerning both the maintenance of the church, as it was set down in the above folio 11, and also for the holy communion. And the said William Palmer and William Huckes were by the parish dismissed quite and thoroughly discharged. Whereupon they did choose in their stead churchwardens for Shipton for this year following and beginning at the 13th of January first above mentioned, Mr Ashfield and John Whyting who presently received and were charged with the foresaid sum of £2:0:3.

George Altoffe and Richard Syms, churchwardens of Milton in 1582, did, upon the foresaid 13th of January deliver in the presence of the said parishioners into the church box all the money for Milton village (except 1s.10d. wherewith they charge Mr Ashfield for two years last past) as well concerning the maintenance of the church as it is mentioned in folio 11 above, as also all the money for the holy communion ... last year, which money is part of the £2:0:3 put into the church box, as is before said: and thereupon also the parish ... discharged

the said George Altoffe and Richard Syms, who in their stead have chosen for this year, viz. 1583 to come, churchwardens for Milton, Simon Hyat and Robert Wylls.

Likewise upon the foresaid 13th January, Christopher Whyting and Simon Wylkins, churchwardens the last year for Lyneham, were by the said parish clearly discharged after that they had their allowance for certain charges the last year, and had delivered all the rest into the church box, as well touching the maintenance of the church accordingly to that order mentioned folio 11, as also all the money for the finding of the holy communion. Whereupon they put into the same box 12s.3d. so that there is presently therein the sum of £2:2:6 wherewithal Master Ashfielde and John Whyting is charged: and then in their stead they did choose and appoint churchwardens for Lyneham for the year to come, viz. 1583, Richard Hyat and Thomas Castle.

Furthermore the inhabitants of Ramsden the foresaid 13th January paid all their duties both touching the maintenance of the church determined upon folio 11 above and also of the holy communion, and were discharged for the last year before said. These duties were brought and allowed in the account of William Palmer and of William Huckes first before mentioned. Finally the inhabitants of Leafield, the said 13th January, paid all their duties (saving 3s.4d.) both touching the maintenance of the church, determined upon folio 11 above and also of the holy communion, and then they were discharged according to their payment. These duties also were brought in and allowed in the former accounts of William Palmer and William Huckes.

The owners of Langley must be sued unto to contribute to the maintenance of the church as it is most reasonable they should for divers considerations etc.

8 December 1583 according to the foresaid computation.

Mr Arthur Ashfield and John Whyting, churchwardens of the township of Shipton under Wychwood have for the year past made their accounts to and before the parish. Whereby it appears that they received in all manner of receipts the sum of £3:12:9; total receipts as above £3:12:9. But their payments for the church and the parish amounted to the sum of £5:6:3½ as appears by their bills exhibited, received and allowed at that present by the parish; total payment as above £5:6:3½. So, there was due to them after their account made, the sum of £1:13:6½, which sum of £1:13:6½ was presently paid to them after that the stipend for the maintenance of the church before mentioned and the money for the communion behind unpaid, was delivered to them. So that then they were discharged by the parish and utterly set quiet. And thereupon they chose as churchwardens in their stead to serve after the foresaid 8th December for the next year following, that is to say, Richard Wysedom and James Cook who then received the church box and in the same 6d.

Simon Hyat and Robert Mylls, churchwardens of Milton, likewise the last year then made their account and were likewise discharged by the parish and did presently choose in their stead for the next year following Philip Wydowes and William Parot.

Richard Hyat and Thomas Castle, churchwardens of Lyneham for the said year, made their account, and were likewise discharged by the parish and did presently choose in their stead for the next year following Robert Hyat and William Woollyng.

The church owes to Nicholas Smythe for mending of the clappers and such things 6s.

There is owing to the church as follows.

First Leafield owes to this day to the church their stipend appointed as is before remembered due for two years, total 6s.8d. For their charge was afterward mitigated.

They owe for the communion money for this one year next past, viz ...

Ramsden owes their stipend money for this one year last past, viz. vs.

They owe for the communion money for this said last year ...

The township of Lyneham owes for a part of the stipend 12d.

The township of Milton owes for a parcel of that stipend 10d.

They owe for a parcel of the communion money due presently 6d.

At this last account all other churchwardens whatsoever before charged with certain debts and driblets that in convenient time before their accounts they could not receive (and therefore their accounts are before omitted and not here engrossed though it did otherwise in papers and notes sufficiently appear) therefore all churchwardens before this day were by the parish utterly for ever discharged.

Written by Mr William Master, vicar of Shipton under Wychwood.

20 December 1584 according to the computation before written.

Mr Richard Wyshedome and James Cook, churchwardens of the parish of Shipton under Wychwood (as is before written) have upon the day above noted made their full account for their time the whole year past, before the parishioners. Whereby it appears that in all they receive, £4:8:3 during the time of their office.

Sum of the receipts as above £4:8:3; but their payments for the church and the parish amounted to the sum of £4:16:6. as appears by their bills received and allowed at that present by the parish. Total payment £4:16:6. So there was due to them after their account made, 8s.3d. which sum of 8s.3d. is to be paid to them hereafter, viz. the next year following, by Thomas Smith and John Hedgies, whom the said Mr Richard Wyshedome and James Cooke have chosen in their stead, to be churchwardens for Shipton this next year immediately now following viz. to begin this foresaid 20th December 1584 and to end in December 1585. And so the parish promising to see them paid and satisfied of the same 8s.3d. have discharged them and do allow for churchwardens for the next year as is before specified.

Churchwardens of Shipton for this year 1585, Thomas Smyth and John Hedgies, and these two are charged with the church box and with 1s. received in the same.

They be charged with 4s.4½d. with 2s.

Sum of their charge is 14s.8½d.

Philip Wydowes and William Parot churchwardens of Milton for this year past and ended now at this 20th December 1584 have likewise made their account before the parish and are by them discharged for all manner of payments due to the behalf of the church; and have in their stead chosen churchwardens for the next year following to be ended in December 1585 (whom also the parish have allowed). Churchwardens for Milton 1585 Nicholas Toms and John Barret.

William Woollyng, churchwarden for Lyneham for the time above and before noted has likewise made his account (after the death of his fellow Robert Hyat) and the parish has likewise acquitted and discharged them and theirs of all things as above and he has chosen churchwardens for the next year following as above, churchwardens for Lyneham 1585, John Collyns and Henry Lane.

The churchwardens of Leafield for the whole village there have made their account and paid all manner of duties due to this day prefixed; and therefore they are by the parish also discharged quite and remain churchwardens after that custom; churchwardens of Leafield 1585, John Toms and Thomas Taylour.

The churchwardens of Ramsden and the whole village have paid all manner of duties due to this day above prefixed and therefore they are by the parish utterly discharged and have chosen for this year following churchwarden of Ramsden, Walter Lardener.

The stipend for Shipton (for maintenance of the church) was paid then, viz. 20th of December 1584 at that time due £1.

Money for the communion was also then paid 8s.2d.

They of Milton have also paid their stipend due as above 16s.
They have paid towards the communion as above 7s.1d.
They of Lyneham have paid their stipend due as above 13s.4d.
They paid towards the communion 4s.4½d.
They of Ramsden have then likewise paid the stipend (with all the arrears due as above) 5s.
To that day (viz. above prefixed) they paid the money for the communion ...
Leafield to and for the day above prefixed have paid (besides the communion money) their stipend 3s.4d.

19 December 1585

Thomas Smith and John Hedgies chosen churchwardens the day and year above said for this village of Shipton, to continue one whole year (as was mentioned in the last account) have upon the said 19th of December made their account before the parish there for the whole year last past, ended upon the foresaid 19th of December 1585 in such order as follows.

They have received in the church box 1s. as was before noted.

They received the four sums before specified viz. 13s.8½d.

They received for the communion money of Shipton 12s.4d.

They received for the communion money of Milton 8s.2½d.

[*crossed through* They received for the communion money of Lyneham 4s.4d.½; they received more of the churchmen of Lyneham 4s.]

They received for Ramsden, Leafield and Langley 7s.

They received for old debts of the churchmen of Milton 7d.

They received the stipend for Shipton due for this year £1.

Received for part of the stipend of Milton due as above 13s.2d. The rest was allowed them for certain charges.

Of Lyneham for part of the stipend 12s. The rest was allowed them for certain charges.

Of Ramsden for part of the stipend 4s.10d. The other 2d. Saunder's widow owes.

Received more afterward in the box 12d.

[*crossed through* received more of the old debts for Lyneham 2s.]

They received more of old debts for Leafield 3s.4d.

Total receipts £4:12:7 but their payments amounted to the sum of £5:8:6 so that the parish owed them 16s.11d.

Whereupon it was concluded (by the consent of the parishioners) at the end of this account made (as above) that every of the five villages of the parish should contribute of their own cost, proportionably according to the rate of their stipend, to the discharging of the debts before noted, and also to the payment of 9d. due of old to John Smythe, the clerk, for keeping of the clock to whom there was paid immediately after this account for the keeping of the same clock 3s.4d. by them of Leafield for their stipend then due. And thus also is Leafield's stipend fully hitherto paid (as above) viz. 3s.4d.

Upon the foresaid promise of the parish made to Thomas Smythe and John Hedgies, they dismissed them of their office and they chose in their stead for this next year following, churchwardens for the village of Shipton beginning 1585 and ending 1586 according to the old custom, Simon Chamberlayne and Henry Parot.

The inhabitants of Milton and the whole parish and the churchwardens there have chosen in their stead for this year aforesaid (after that they had acquitted and discharged them, viz. Nicholas Toms and John Baret) Milton churchwardens as above, Thomas Collyns, and William Mychell.

The inhabitants of Lyneham and the whole parish have discharged and acquitted John Collyns and Henry Lane, and there have chosen in their stead for this said year Lyneham churchwardens as above, George Smyth and William Harrys.

The inhabitants of Leaffield and the whole parish have acquitted and discharged John Toms and Thomas Taylour who, according to their custom, do continue and have chosen Thomas Taylour, and John Toms Leaffield churchwardens as above.

The inhabitants of Ramsden and the whole parish have acquitted and ... Walter Lardener and he has chosen in his stead Humphrey Weyver, Ramsden churchwarden as above.

There is owing to the church 4d. for Shipton.

The forenamed Thomas Smyth, and John Hedgies have (since the account) received of the parish 14s.7d. so that now the parish owes them only 2s.4d.

(fo. 19) 1586

Simon Chamberlayne and Henry Parot churchwardens have made their account before the whole parish and are discharged of their office. They have chosen also to succeed them for the whole year following to be ended December 1587, Thomas Wysedome and George Cox, churchwardens for the village of Shipton.

The parish owes to the foresaid Simon Chamberlayne and Henry Parot 13s.4d.

Nicholas Toms and John Barret, churchwardens this year for the oversight of Milton (as is before said) made for this year their account before as above and were clearly (as the former) discharged by the whole parish and they chose in their stead churchwardens for the year following as the other before did, William Whyting and William Toms for the village of Milton.

George Smyth, and William Harrys, churchwardens for Lyneham this year, have made their account before the whole parish and are quite discharged; and have chosen in their stead for the year following as the other did, William Woollying and Walter Benet churchwardens for their village of Lyneham.

John Tomms and Thomas Leonard *alias* Taylour do continue churchwardens of Leaffield according to the custom of Leaffield and were discharged as the former.

Humphrey Weyver, churchwarden for Ramsden, is likewise utterly discharged and has chosen in his stead Richard Coates, churchman for Ramsden.

1587

Thomas Wysedom and George Cox, churchwardens this year for Shipton, have made their account before the whole parish and are utterly by them discharged and have chosen in their stead for the year following Thomas Whyting and Thomas Greene churchwardens of Shipton.

William Whyting and William Tomms, churchwardens for Milton, have done likewise and are utterly discharged in like manner, and have chosen for this year following Justin Caree and William Phyppes churchwardens of their village of Milton.

William Woollying and Walter Benet, churchwardens of Lyneham, have done likewise, and are likewise utterly discharged and have chosen for the next year, James Shealar and Hugh Harrys churchwardens for the village of Lyneham.

James Hall and Thomas Taylour, churchwardens of Leaffield, have done (as above) and are likewise discharged and continue their custom of the church ... James Hall and William Rush, churchwardens of the village of Leaffield.

Richard Coates, churchman for Ramsden, has done (as above) and is likewise discharged, and has chosen as above Ellis Kyrbee *alias* Kenkham churchman there.

The parish owes as yet to Simon Chamberlayne and Henry Parot as before is mentioned 13s.4d.

It owes to Thomas Wysedome and George Cox 1s.7d.

To William Woollung and Walter Benet 2s.1d.

(fo. 20) 8 December 1588

Thomas Whyting, and Thomas Greene, churchwardens as above, have made the account and are discharged and have chosen in their stead for Shipton as above John Cox and Richard Cook churchwardens for the year following.

Justin Caree and William Phyppes have done likewise and are also discharged and have chosen as above John Parot and Giles Phyppes churchwardens (as above) for Milton.

James Shealar and Hugh Harrys, churchwardens that have done likewise and are also discharged, and have chosen as above Thomas Castle and William Harrys churchwardens there for Lyneham.

James Hall and William Rush churchwardens there have done likewise and are quite discharged, and continue the churchwardens according to their order thus *viz.* James Hall and William Rush churchwardens (as they were wont) there for Leafield.

Ellis Kenkham *alias* Kyrbee churchman there has done likewise and is likewise discharged and has chosen in his stead there as above William Hands churchman for the time for Ramsden.

Thomas Whyting, and Thomas Greene have yielded up to John Cox above named and his fellow 11s. and so they were discharged as is above said.

There is still owing by the church to Simon Chamberlayne and Henry Parot, as was before noted 13s.4d.

There is also owing to Thomas Wysedome and George Cox 1s.7d.

There is also owing to William Woollyng and Walter Benet 2s.1d.

[It] was concluded at this account, by the consent of the whole parish that the account hereafter shall be ever made upon All Souls Day [2 November] if it be not Sunday, and then upon the next day following.

14 December 1589

John Cox and Richard Cooke have made their account for the office and are discharged and have chosen in their stead for Shipton churchwardens Mr Ashfeeld and William Whyting. Likewise John Parot and Giles Weyver as above have chosen in their stead Thomas Sewell junior and Edward Foowler for Milton.

William Harrys and Thomas Castle of Lyneham, discharged, have chosen in their stead for Lyneham Richard. Shealar and William Turner.

[William] Hands of Ramsden being likewise discharged has chosen in his stead Richard Lardener there.

James Hall and William Margetes of Leafield, being discharged, remain still for the year following the churchwardens.

There remains in the box in the churchwardens' hands of Shipton 4s.6d.

There is owing to William Master, the vicar, 8s. for a new common book or the Book of Common Prayer.

There is owing to the church certain debts due ever since all the villages of the parish were set to their rated stipends as appears before in the leaf 11 of this book as follows: William Bond for Langley Mill yearly 4d., Nycholas Bradshaw of Langley yearly 1s., Richard Cooke of Langley yearly 4d., John Smyth's house there yearly 4d.

Upon this present account day made the 14th of December 1589 as is above said, the constitution following was agreed upon by Mr Richard Wysedom, farmer of the parsonage there, and the parishioners, *viz.* that whereas of old time hitherto, there was appointed from time to time by the vicar of this parish a certain officer called (though falsely) the deacon, to serve in the church as to bring out popish and idolatrous books, vestments, copes, and to light

tapers, and to ring certain peals, and to do other like ceremonial trifles and superstitions now by the mercy of Christ swept out of his Temple in England; which deacon (falsely so called) enjoyed yearly £2 paid him quarterly by the [present] tenant: now for as much as the parishioners understand that foresaid office to be vain and that they need always a schoolmaster to train up their youths in virtue and learning, therefore by the consent of the present vicar, William Master, and Mr Richard Wysedom, now farmer of the parsonage of Shipton, and the rest, they have all concluded and determined to confirm the foresaid £2 (quarterly to be paid) upon a schoolmaster there for ever immediately after the decease of old Nicholas Becket (lying now at the mercy of God) to the end that the said schoolmaster may by that certain be then better aided, helped, cheered and comforted in that function.

(fo. 2) Emanuel 5 December 1591

Ralph Smyth and William Altafe made their account for their office and are discharged and have chosen in their stead for Shipton churchwardens Master John Lane and Thomas Chamberlen.

At the same time there was put into the box 11s.5d.

Thomas Hyat and Thomas Barton also have made their account and are discharged and have chosen in their stead Edmund Secol and Richard Sessions for Milton.

Thomas Riche of Ramsden being likewise discharged has chosen in his stead Ambrose Lardner.

Richard Hyat and Thomas Lyddiat being likewise discharged have chosen in their stead Thomas Hooper and John Collins for Lyneham.

That at this present account day being the fifth day of December 1591 this constitution was made by the parishioners of Shipton as follows *videlicet*, that the churchwardens of Shipton parish shall yield up their accounts upon St Andrew's Day [30 November] and that day yearly shall be the account day for ever.

Also it is decreed that every churchwarden that does not that day bring in his account shall for his default pay 1s. to the poor man's box.

1592

[The entry for 1592 is obscured by a note of a brief dated 3 April 1678 – see list of briefs, Appendix C. Only part of the record is legible.]

[There is] owing to the old churchmen of Shipton 2s.9d.

Master John Lane and Thomas Chamberlen made their account and are discharged and have chosen in their stead John Coxe and James Cooke churchwardens for Shipton.

Lyneham - Thomas Hooper and John Collins have made their account and are discharged.

Shipton - as given above.

Lyneham - as given above.

Milton - Edmund Secol and Richard Sessions have made their account and ... are discharged.

24 April 1593

The account was made and not on St Andrew's Day [30 November] by reason of the plague. Shipton - John Cox and James Cooke made their account and are discharged and have chosen in their stead John Parrat and Arthur Huckes.

Ramsden - Henry Lardener being likewise discharged has chosen in his stead Edmund Strange.

Lyneham - James Shailer being discharged has chosen William Michael in his stead.

(fo. 22) There remains in the church box delivered to the new churchwardens John Parrat and Arthur Huckes £1:14:11.

8 December 1594

Shipton - John Parrat and Arthur Huckes made their account the day and year next above written and are discharged and have chosen in their room Richard Cooke and Thomas Hobbey.

Milton - William Michell being discharged has chosen Nicholas Toms.

Lyneham - Richard Shailer being discharged has chosen Thomas Shailer.

(fo. 22) There remains to the new churchwardens Richard Cooke and Thomas Hobbey as appears in a bill in the church box £1:6:11.

26 December 1595

Shipton - Richard Cooke and Thomas Hobbey made their accounts the day and year above written and are discharged and have chosen in their room Henry Rawlins and Gilbert Peasley.

Milton - Nicholas Toms being discharged has chosen Richard Symmes.

Lyneham - Thomas Shayler being discharged has chosen Thomas Hooper.

Ramsden - Edmund Strainge being discharged has chosen William Byshop.

There remains to the new churchwardens Henry Rawlins and Gilbert Peesly in the church box 2s.2d.

28 November 1596

Shipton - Gilbert Peesly and Henry Rawlins made their account the day and year above written and are discharged and have chosen Thomas Chamberlaine and Thomas Greene.

Milton - Richard Symmes being discharged has chosen William Parrat.

Lyneham - Thomas Hooper being discharged has chosen Thomas Tennant.

Ramsden - William Byshop being discharged has chosen Owen Lardner.

13 November 1597

Shipton - Thomas Chamberlaine and Thomas Greene made their account the day and year above written and are discharged and have chosen Thomas Parrat and John Hux.

Milton - William Parrat being discharged has chosen Robert Harrice.

Lyneham - Thomas Tennant being discharged has chosen Richard Hyat.

Ramsden - Owen Lardner being discharged has chosen Richard Baddam.

10 December 1598

Shipton - Thomas Parrat and John Hux made their account the day and year above written and are discharged and have chosen John Cox and James Cooke.

Milton - Robert Harrice being discharged has chosen John Barrat.

Ramsden - Richard Baddam being discharged has chosen William Lardner, the son of Ambrose Lardner.

There remains to the new churchwardens 15s.

9 December 1599

John Cox being dead James Cooke made his account the day and year above written and there was chosen in their stead Mr Ashfield and William Whiting. John Barrat has chosen William Sessions. William Lardner has chosen Thomas Cotterill. Richard Hyat has chosen Thomas Ebsworth ... There remains to the new churchwarden £1:17:?

14 December 1600

Mr Ashfeild and William Whiting made their account the day and year above written and there are chosen in their stead Simon Chamberlaine and Arthur Hux *alias* Reason for Shipton.
William Sessions being discharged has chosen Robert Marton for Milton.
Thomas Ebsworth being discharged has chosen Robert Bennet for Lyneham.
John Hix being discharged has chosen John Harrice for Leaffield.
Thomas Cottrell being discharged has chosen Michael Greene for Ramsden.
Nicholas Barnes has paid £1 for the rent of his house for the year past.

Tabulated accounts for 1601 and 1602 – see Appendix A.

3 April 1608

John Greene and James Cooke junior made their accounts the day and year above written and John Greene is chosen again but James Cooke discharged there was chosen in his stead Mr Ashfeild (Shipton).
Edward Seacole being discharged there is chosen in his stead Master Thomas Whiting (Milton).
Arthur Whyting being discharged there is chosen in his stead Master Tennant (Lyneham)
Thomas Wrist *alias* True having made his account is chosen again for Leaffield.
Ralph Leech being discharged there is chosen Harry Lardner for Ramsden.

The church at this account by reason of the reparations and leading thereof notwithstanding that which remained at the last account the year before with the money made of the midsummer ale and a new levy is above £20:13:4 in debt so that there must of necessity be made a new levy.

1609 and 10 April 1610

Mr Ashfeild and John Greene made their accounts the day and year last above written and are discharged and Thomas Parrat and Thomas Hobby are chosen in their stead (Shipton).
Thomas Whiting being discharged there is chosen William Sessions for Milton but not appearing at the visitation Thomas Whiting was chosen again.
Mr Tennant being discharged there is chosen Thomas Ebswoorth for Lyneham.
Thomas Wrist *alias* True being discharged there is chosen Harry Fitchet for Leaffield.
Harry Lardner being discharged there was chosen Richard Joyner for Ramsden.

31 March 1611

Thomas Parrat and Thomas Hobbey made their accounts the day and year last above written and Thomas Hobbey is discharged from his office, but Thomas Parrat is chosen again and with him there is chosen Alexander Cooke for Shipton.
Thomas Whiting being discharged there is chosen in his room Phillip Barrat for Milton.
Thomas Ebswoorth being discharged there is chosen in his stead James Hyet for Lyneham.
Harry Fitchet being discharged there is chosen Leonard Marten for Leaffield.
Richard Joyner being discharged there is chosen Ambrose Lardner for Ramsden.

19 April 1612

Thomas Parrat and Alexander Cooke have made their accounts the day and year last above written and the church being 11s. in debt to them they are chosen anew again for Shipton.
Phillip Barrat being discharged there is chosen in his stead John Seacole the elder for Milton.
James Hyet being discharged there is chosen in his room John Brookes for Lyneham.
Leonard Marten having made his account is chosen again for Leaffield.

Ambrose Lardner being discharged there is chosen in his place William Bysshop for Ramsden.

Alexander Cooke and Thomas Parrat have brought in for the stipend of Shipton without deducting anything for charges £1.

Phillip Barrat has likewise brought for the stipend of Milton without any charge thereat deducted 16s.6.

James Hyet brought in like manner the full stipend for Lyneham not part thereof impaired for any charges 13s.4d.

Leonard Marten brought in for the whole stipend Leafield without withholding any penny for charge 3s.4d.

Ambrose Lardner brought in at this account likewise the entire stipend of Ramsden no penny thereof withheld for any charge of visitations or otherwise the sum of 5s.

It was generally agreed at these accounts that from this time forwards these former stipends should be paid fully and wholly without deducting anything of the stipends aforesaid for any manner of charges whatsoever. The charges for the apparitor and for visitations is to be collected in every village every time above these said stipends.

18 April 1613

Thomas Parat and Alexander Cooke have made their accounts the day and year above written and there are chosen in their stead John Greene and Arthur Cox for Shipton.

John Seacole being discharged there is chosen William Foster for Milton.

John Brookes being discharged there is chosen Thomas Shailer for Lyneham.

Leonard Marten being discharged there is chosen Mathew Payne for Leafield.

It is generally agreed by the whole parish at this church accounts [13] April 1613 that all strangers that shall ring above one peal shall give 1s. for every peal afterwards towards the maintenance of the bell ropes and the clerk shall be answerable for the same.

Tabulated accounts for 1613 – see Appendix A

1 May 1614

John Greene and Arthur Cox have made their accounts the day and year above written and there are chosen in their stead William Whyting junior and Thomas Reason *alias* Hux for Shipton.

William Foster being discharged there is chosen William Sessions for Milton.

Thomas Shailer being discharged there is chosen Thomas Tennant for Lyneham.

Mathew Paine being discharged there is chosen Simon Margetes for Leafield.

Peter Huet being discharged there is chosen Richard Lardner iu. for Ramsden

At this account the church was discharged of all debts and there remains to the new churchwardens above said 6s.8d.

(fo .26) 11 April 1615

William Whiting and Thomas Reason *alias* Hux have made their accounts the day and year above written and the said William Whiting is chosen again and Thomas Chamberlaine for Shipton.

William Sessions being discharged both of his life and office there is chosen Andrew Hiet for Milton.

Thomas Tennant being discharged there is chosen John Collins for Lyneham.

Simon Margetes being discharged there is chosen William Cox for Leafield.

Richard Lardner being discharged there is chosen William Joyner for Ramsden.
At this account the church being discharged of all debts there remains to the new churchwardens aforesaid 7s.6d.
Also they received 12s. given by Elizabeth Haule of Ramsden to the church upon her will.

2 April 1616

William Whiting and Thomas Chamberlaine have made their accounts the day and year above written and the said Thomas Chamberlaine is chosen again and John Whiting for Shipton.
Andrew Hiet being dead there is chosen Robert Wilkins for Milton.
John Collin being discharged there is chosen Richard Baker for Lyneham.
William Cox being discharged there is chosen Thomas Wrist for Leaffield.
William Joyner being discharged there is chosen Richard Twitcham for Ramsden.
There remains to be gathered by the new churchwardens aforesaid £1:5:8.

It is agreed the day and year written above at the church by those whose names are under written in behalf of the whole parish of Shipton under Wychwood that for the buying of the King's Bible and a communion book, jewellery work, the making of the King's arms and a new painting of the church with reparations necessary, a levy shall be collected of 12d. in the yardland throughout the whole parish; and the cottagers and all others of ability too assisting to the same before the ordinary stipend.

This levy is to be collected by the churchwardens of every village to be brought in to the churchwardens of Shipton before mid-summer day next.

Shipton 46, Milton 56, Lyneham 50, Leaffield 16, Ramsden 12, Langley Great and Little 8.
Charles Brambsie on behalf of Sir Rowland Lacy, knight, Henry Mills, Edward Tenande, Richard Shaler's mark, William Whiting, Thomas Chamberlain's mark, Thomas Chapman's mark, Richard Miller, Mathew Paine's mark, Nicholas Underwood, Thomas Wrist's mark, William Lardner's mark, Richard Green, John Green's mark, Ambrose Lerner.

Tabulated accounts for 1616 – see Appendix A

22 April 1617

Thomas Chamberlaine and John Whiting have made their accounts the day and year above written and the said John Whiting is chosen again and Thomas Reason *alias* Hux for Shipton.

Robert Wilkins being discharged is chosen again for Milton.

Richard Baker being discharged there is chosen John Hooper for Lyneham.

Thomas Wrist being discharged there is chosen Henry Fitchet for Leaffield.

Richard Twitcham remains being new chosen for Ramsden.

There remains in John Whiting's hands £6:6:6.

7 April 1618

John Whiting and Thomas Reason *alias* Hux have made their accounts the day and year above written and are discharged and there are chosen John Parrat and Arthur Smith for Shipton.

Robert Wilkins being discharged there is chosen Andrew Sessions for Milton.

John Hoper being discharged there is chosen Arthur Whiting for Lyneham.

Henry Fitchett being discharged there is chosen Thomas Steevens for Leaffield.

Richard Twitcham being discharged there is chosen Richard Fillis for Ramsden.

At this account the church remains indebted to John Whiting £1:3:0 whereof Lyneham owes 17s.

30 March 1619

John Parrat and Arthur Smith have made their account the day and year above written and are discharged and there are chosen Leonard Camden and Arthur Smith again for Shipton. Andrew Sessions being discharged there is chosen Phillip Barrat for Milton. Arthur Whiting being discharged there is chosen Edmund Whiting for Lyneham. Thomas Steevens being discharged there is chosen Nicholas Underwood. for Leaffield. Richard Fillis being discharged there is chosen John Norton the elder for Ramsden. There remains at this account to the new churchwardens which Arthur Smith has received £1:15:3 and there is owing to be received from Langley 3s.4d. and from Thomas Hobby 3s.4d.

18 April 1620

Leonard Camden and Arthur Whiting have made their account the day and year above written and are discharged and there is chosen Mr John Ardes and William Whiting for Shipton. Phillip Barrat being discharged there is chosen John Nix for Milton. Edmund Whiting being discharged there is chosen [John] Bailis for Lyneham. Nicholas Underwood being discharged there is chosen Bennet Peirce for Leaffield. John Norton being discharged there is chosen Andrew Grove for Ramsden. There remains at this account to the new churchwardens which William Whiting has received £2:12:2.

(fo. 27) It is agreed that at this church account the day and year above written that Mr Box, William [Altoff], Richard Baker Richard Shailer shall bring in Mr Master's whole stock, that is twenty marks [£13:6:8] apiece at midsummer next ensuing the date aforesaid ... John Toms paid at this account 6s.8d.

8 April 1621

Mr John Ardes and William Whiting have made their accounts the day and year above written and are discharged and there is chosen Thomas Parrat and Alexander Cooke for Shipton. John Hux being discharged there is chosen Thomas Thorne for Milton. John Bailies being discharged there is chosen Richard Shailer for Lyneham. Bennet Peirce being discharged there is chosen Robert Badnol for Leaffield. Andrew Grove being discharged there is chosen Thomas Frances for Ramsden. There remains at this account to the new churchwardens £3:2:4 whereof Thomas Parrat has received 11s. And is moreover to receive of Maurice Cox £1 due to be paid at this account and for both the Langleys 2s.4d.

28 April 1622

Thomas Parrat and Alexander Cooke have made their accounts the day and year above written and are discharged and there are chosen John Greene and William Smyth for Shipton. Thomas Thorne being discharged there is chosen William Chapman for Milton. Richard Shailer being discharged there is chosen James Hyet for Lyneham. Robert Badnoll being discharged there is chosen Edward Rawlins for Leaffield. Thomas Francis being discharged there is chosen William Lardner the eldest for Ramsden. There remains at this account to the new churchwardens 16s.

27 April 1623

John Greene and William Smith being discharged there is chosen William Cowling and Nicholas Chapman for Shipton. William Chapman being discharged there is chosen Andrew Sessions for Milton.

James Hiet being discharged there is chosen John Hooper for Lyneham.
Edward Rawlins being discharged there is chosen George Minchin for Leaffield.
William Lardner being discharged there is chosen Henry Leeche for Ramsden.
At this account the former churchwardens left the church stock 10s.8d.

30 March 1624

William Cowling and Nicholas Chapman being discharged there are chosen William Whiting and Thomas Reason *alias* Hux for Shipton.
Andrew Sessions being discharged there is chosen Thomas Munday for Milton.
John Hooper being discharged there is chosen James Hiet for Lyneham.
George Minchin being discharged there is chosen John Harrice the younger for Leaffield.
Henry Leech being discharged there is chosen John Lea for Ramsden.
There remains at this account to the new churchwardens £1.

27 April 1625

William Whiting and Thomas Reason *alias* Hux having made their account are chosen again for Shipton.
Thomas Munday being discharged there is chosen John Mathew for Milton.
James Hiet being discharged there is chosen John Collins for Lyneham.
John Harrice being discharged there is chosen William Barsey for Leaffield.
John Lea having made his account is chosen again for Ramsden.
At this account the churchwardens paid out 1s.10d. more than they received.

Paid by Mr Holland to Isaac Biggler of Wootton for five years arrears for smoke farthings which the parish was behind with at 1s.10. the year - 10s. paid the 16th of May 1625.
Given by Mr Richard Kennar to the poor of the whole parish £5 whereof £1:5:0 is given to Shipton and to Milton £1:5:0 and to Lyneham 5s. and to Leaffield £1:5:0 and to Ramsden £1.

(fo.28) 17 April 1626

William Whiting and Thomas Reason *alias* Hux have made their accounts and by reason they have not gathered up all their money they stand charged withal; they are new chosen for Shipton.
John Mathew for the same reason is chosen again for Milton.
John Collins being discharged there is chosen in his room Richard Castill for Lyneham.
William Burdsey discharged, Nicholas Underwood is chosen for Leaffield.
John Lea discharged John Lardner is chosen for Ramsden.
There is due to the churchwardens of Shipton 6d.; to William Whiting upon his account at these church accounts £1:18:9.

30 September 1627

This year there was no account made until the last of September 1627, howbeit there were churchwardens chosen before, as William Whiting was new chosen but Thomas Reason being discharged there was chosen Simon Tomson for Shipton.
John Mathew discharged there was chosen Robert Wilkins for Milton.
Richard Castill was new chosen again for Lyneham.
Nicholas Underwood discharged there was chosen Mathew Paine for Leaffield.
And John Lardner discharged there was chosen Humphrey Lardner for Ramsden.
The 30th day of September 1627 William Whiting, one of the churchwardens of Shipton, for himself and Thomas Hux, made his account and there remains due to him 3s.3d.

27 April 1628

William Whiting and Simon Tomson being discharged there are chosen Mr Thomas Wisdom and Thomas Chamberlaine for Shipton.

Robert Wilkins being discharged there is chosen Mr Thomas Averie for Milton.

Richard Castill being discharged there is chosen William Beard for Lyneham.

Mathew Paine being discharged Nicholas Underwood is chosen for Leafield.

Humphrey Lardner being discharged there is chosen George Weston for Ramsden.

There remains to the new churchwardens at this account £1:7:8.

26 May 1629

Mr Thomas Wysdom is new chosen and Arthur Hooper for Shipton.

For Mr Averie there is chosen Andrew Sessions for Milton.

For William Beard there is chosen Thomas Joyner for Lyneham.

For Mathew Paine there is chosen Steven Surman for Leafield.

For George Weston there is chosen William Byshop for Ramsden.

There remains at this account 12s.7d.

30 March 1630

Thomas Wisdom and Arthur Hooper having made their accounts Mr Thomas Wisdom is discharged and Arthur Hooper is chosen again and Arthur Smith for Shipton.

For Andrew Sessions there is chosen Edward Turson for Milton.

Thomas Joyner is chosen again for Lyneham

For Steven Surman there is chosen James Maior for Leafield.

For William Bishop there is chosen Thomas Lardner the younger.

For Ramsden ...

There remains at this account to the new churchwardens £4:11:1.

14 April 1631

Arthur Smith and Arthur Hooper having made their accounts Arthur Smith is chosen again and James Cooke for Shipton.

Andrew Sessions discharged Edward Turson is chosen for Milton.

Thomas Joyner discharged there is chosen John Brookes for Lyneham.

Thomas Lardner discharged there is chosen Richard Alder for Ramsden.

At this account the church stands indebted 1s.11d.

1 May 1631

The day and year above William Whiting ... of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxford paid the sum of £13:6:8 unto James Cooke of Shipton aforesaid, churchwarden there for the time being to be employed for the best benefit of the poor of the parish aforesaid and he has also paid 16s.8d. for the consideration of the said money for one year past in the presence of [*signed*] Henry Mills, William [Ratsey], Christopher Longe, James Cooke churchwarden, Arthur Smith his mark churchwarden

(150) Mr William Whiting the day and year above written paid into the hands of the churchwardens, John Hooper, Richard Hux and John Byshop, £14:3:4 for William Altoffe, being part of Mr Master's stock.

[*signed*] Henry Mills, John Hooper and Richard Hicks and John Byshop his mark, all churchwardens.

3 April 1632

Arthur Smith and James Cooke having made their accounts James Cooke is chosen again

and Leonard Camden for Shipton.
Edward Turson is chosen again for Milton.
James Maior being discharged there is chosen for Leaffield Richard Hitchman junior.
John Brookes being discharged there is chosen Thomas Bennet for Lyneham.
There remains at this account in the church stock £1:3:5.

23 April 1633

Leonard Camden and James Cooke have made their accounts and are both chosen again for Shipton.

Edward Turson being discharged Henry Willat is chosen for Milton.
Thomas Bennet being discharged there is chosen Thomas Castill for Lyneham.
Richard Hitchman being discharged there is chosen Thomas Harrice for Leaffield.
William Joyner has made his account and is new chosen for Ramsden.
There remains at this account 10s.9d. in the church stock.

(fo.29) 8 April 1634

Leonard Camden and James Cook have made their accounts and there are chosen Mr Thomas Wisdom and Mr John Holland for Shipton.
Henry Willet being discharged is chosen again for Milton.
Thomas Castill being discharged there is chosen Christopher Long for Lyneham.
Thomas Harris being discharged there is chosen John Harris for Leaffield.

William Joyner being discharged there is chosen Henry Mountaine for Ramsden.
There remains at this account in the church stock £2:1:4.

31 March 1635

Mr John Holland and Mr Thomas Wisdom have made their accounts and Mr Thomas Wisdom is chosen again and Richard Hicces for Shipton.
Henry Willet being discharged there is chosen Mr John Godfrey for Milton.
Christopher Long being discharged there is chosen Richard Baker for Lyneham.
John Harris being discharged there is chosen Robert Greenway for Leaffield.
Henry Mountaine being discharged there is chosen John Beesley for Ramsden.
At this account the church is in debt 18d.

24 April 1636

Mr Thomas Wisdome and Richard Hicks have made their accounts and Richard Hicces is chosen again and Arthur Coxe for Shipton.
Mr John Godfrey being discharged there is chosen Robert Seacole for Milton.
Richard Baker being discharged there is chosen John Hooper for Lyneham.
Robert Greenway being discharged there is chosen Mr Thomas Rawlins for Leaffield.
John Beesley being discharged there is chosen Richard Lardner the younger for Ramsden.
There remains at this account in the church stock £2:9:9.
Given by Mr John Neate of Leaffield £1:10:0.
Given by Edward Mansell 10s.
Given by Thomas Frances his mother of Ramsden 1s.

11 April 1637

Arthur Coxe died churchwarden and Richard Hicces is chosen again and John Byshop churchwardens for Shipton.

Robert Seacole being discharged Thomas Munday is chosen for Milton, John Hooper to continue for Lyneham.

Mr Thomas Rawlins being discharged there is chosen Edward Kempster for Leafield.

Richard Lardner, the younger, being discharged there is chosen Richard Kirby for Ramsden. There remains this account in the church stock 3s.7d.

27 March 1638

At this account the old churchwardens for the last year are new chosen again for this year, that is to say Richard Hickes and John Byshop for Shipton, Thomas Monday for Milton, John Hooper for Lyneham, Edward Kempster for Leafield and Richard Kerby for Ramsden. There remains in this account 2s.2d.

16 April 1639.

[An entry reappointing the 1638 churchwardens for 1639 has been crossed through.]

At this account there is chosen Mr William Whiting and John Byshop for Shipton, Thomas Monday for Milton, Nicholas Perrie for Lyneham, Edward Kempster for Leafield and Richard Kerby for Ramsden.

There remains at this account 3s.6d.

7 April 1640

These underwritten were chosen by the parish to be churchwardens for that year, Simon Tomson and John Byshoppe, churchwardens for Shipton, Mr John Godfrey, churchwarden for Milton, Richard Adderton *alias* Raffe, churchwarden for Lyneham, Thomas Harris, churchwarden for Leafield, Mr Thomas Rawlins, sidesman for Leafield, William Lardner, the son of John Lardner, churchwarden for Ramsden.

23 August 1640

At this account there remains in the old churchwardens' hands of Shipton £3:8:2.

29 April 1641

At a meeting at the church the 29th of April 1641, Mr William Whiting, Mr Thomas Oven were chosen churchwardens for Shipton, Mr John Godfrie continues for Milton, Thomas Joyner for Lyneham, Edmund Rawlings for Leafield and William Lardner, the son of John Lardner, for Ramsden.

George Selfe, vicar.

[*crossed through* – at this account there remains in the hands of John Bishop, churchwarden for Shipton, the sum of ... pounds and four pence as appears by his notes.]

The above written was crossed out by the consent of the parishioners of Shipton at a meeting the 23rd of April 1644.

Tabulated accounts for 1641 – see Appendix A

1642

Paid Henry Whiting for the ... of the church – 7s.?d.

Ramsden stipend from year 1642 – 5s.?d.

Paid [Tomes] a levy at 12d. a yardland 12s.

Edward Rawlins then churchwarden of Leafield paid to Mr Godfree, churchwarden of Milton, the sum of 12s.

(fo.30) 12 April 1642

At a meeting at the church the 12th April in the year 1642 Mr John Holland, Mr Thomas Reason *alias* Huckes were chosen churchwardens for Shipton, Mr John Godfree continues for Milton, Thomas Joyner continues for Lyneham, Edmund Rawlins continues for Leafield, William Lardner is chosen for Ramsden.

[*signed*] George Selfe vicar, John Godfrey, Thomas Joyner, churchwardens.

23 April 1644

At a meeting at the church 23rd April in the year 1644 William Whiting junior and Mr Anthony Ashfeild were chosen churchwardens for Shipton, Mr John Godfree continues for Milton, Thomas Joyner continues for Lyneham, James Clarke for Leafield, William Lardner chosen again for Ramsden.

[*signed*] George Selfe vicar, Thomas Harris, John Godfrey.

10 May 1644

This for three years, Shipton stipend £1:0:0, Milton stipend 16s, Lyneham stipend 13s.7d., Leafield stipend 3s.4d., Ramsden stipend 5s., Great and Little Langley stipend 1s.8d.

The whole three years £8:18:0

This for one year, Lyneham cottagers 1s.8d., Milton cottager 2s.6d., Shipton cottagers 11s.6d., total 15s.8d.

This total £19:1:8.

Received of Peter Kemmer the sum of 115s. in money in part of his whole year's rent 15s. For his charges towards the repairing of his house the sum of 15s.

[*signed*] George Selfe vicar.

[*crossed through* – 26 April 1645 ... Andrew Sessions' bond were delivered to Mr Godfree, churchwarden, to be put in suit. These bonds were brought in the 9th of July.]

20 April 1647 (?49)

Received then the sum of 2s.6d. of Thomas Harris; it was a legacy given by his mother, Harris of Leafield to the church of Shipton by will.

25 April 1647

Paid to the poor of Leafield – 9s. to goodman Rawlins.

to the poor of Ramsden – 6s. to John Hooper.

to the poor of Lyneham – 5s. to John Hooper.

to the scholars for two years - £3:0:8 to Mr Godfrey.

to the poor of Shipton – 10s. to Mr Skay – 26.7.47.

to the poor of Milton – 10s. to Peter Harbert 26.7.47.

£2:13:0 to Zacheus Smith; 2s.0d. visitation; 5s.0d. to Henry Whiting.

Peter Kemmer is behind at after 1648 for rent - £4.

4 April 1648

At a meeting at the church the 4th of April in the year 1648 Mr John Holland and John Brookes were chosen churchwardens for Shipton, Mr John Godfree continues for Milton, John Brookes junior is chosen for Lyneham, Mr Thomas Rawlins for Leafield, William Lardner is chosen for Ramsden.

[*signed*] George Selfe vicar, Peter Harbert, Henry Whiting.

26 April 1648

At a meeting the 26th of April 1648 it was agreed by the inhabitants of the parish of Shipton that Thomas Smith is to be allowed for his wages the sum of twenty shillings per annum.

Tabulated accounts for 1648 – see Appendix A

March 1649

At a meeting at the church the 27th March 1649 John Brookes and William Cox were chosen churchwardens for Shipton, Mr John Godfree continues for Milton, John Brookes junior continues for Lyneham, Mr Thomas Rawlins continues for Leafield, William Lardner continues for Ramsden.

[signed] George Selfe vicar, John Holland.

April 1649

Received then of Mrs Whiting of Shipton the sum of £1 which was a legacy which was a legacy [bequeathed] by her husband [for] the use of Shipton church.

[signed] George Selfe vicar.

The legacies given by Mr Whiting of Shipton and the widow Harris of Leafield is laid out for glazing and mending the church windows as appears by the glazier's bill date the 20th of November 1647.

Received of widow Foster of Milton in the parish of Shipton under Wychwood the sum of 5s. which was a legacy bequeathed by her husband towards the reparations of Shipton church house.

This legacy was delivered to John Brookes of Shipton, churchwarden.

16 April 1650

At a meeting at the church the 16th of April 1650 John Brookes and William Cox were chosen churchwardens again for Shipton, Mr John Godfree continues in Milton, John Brookes junior continues for Lyneham, Mr Thomas Rawlins continues for Leafield and William Bishop is chosen for Ramsden.

[signed] George Selfe vicar.

28 April 1650

Mr Rawlins, churchwarden of Leafield, paid the 28 of April 1650 for bread and wine the sum of 8s.11d. to John Brookes, churchwarden for Shipton.

Due to William Whiting of Shipton for wine £!:9:5.

13 April 1651

At a meeting at the church the 13th of April 1651 John Green and Mr Thomas Wisdome were chosen churchwardens for Shipton, Mr John Godfree continues for Milton, Thomas Hayward for Lyneham, Mr Thomas Rawlins continues for Leafield,

Richard Kerby is chosen for Ramsden.

[signed] George Selfe vicar, Thomas Harris.

12 April 1653

At a meeting at the church the 12th of April 1653 Mr Leonard Oven and Mr Charles Bramsby were chosen churchwardens for Shipton, Peter Herbert for Milton, Mr Timothy [Wriste] for Lyneham, Mr Thomas Ashnorth Leafield, Mr Bowman for Ramsden.

[signed] George Selfe vicar, Thomas Wisdome, John Godfrey, John Holland; the mark of John Grene.

16 May 1654

Captain Rawlins cleared all his account both for the levy and stipend. The same day and year Mr Ashworth paid for the stipend 3s.4d. and for bread and wine 8s.

(fo.30) 19 April 1655

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday there were elected and chosen for churchwardens these following; John Wells and Nicholas Perry for Shipton, William Crips for Milton, John Hooper for Lyneham, John Harris for Leafield, Richard Alder for Ramsden. *[signed]* George Selfe vicar, Charles Bramby, John Godfrey, the mark of Thomas Reason *alias* Huckes.

8 April 1656

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday there were elected and chosen for churchwardens viz: John Wells and Nicholas Perry for Shipton, William Crips for Milton, John Hooper for Lyneham, John Harris for Leafield, Thomas Lardner junior for Ramsden *[signed]* George Selfe vicar; Jo: Holland, John Godfrey, Henry Whiting, John Brookes, John Brookes, Thomas Reason, Symon Tomson, Nicholas Perry.

20 April 1656

[crossed through – On the 20th of April 1656 at a public meeting ... John Bliss's bond and Simon Tomson's were then delivered unto Mr Charles Bramsby, churchwarden of Shipton, to be put in suit.]

5 April 1659

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday there were elected for churchwardens viz Nicholas Perry and John Wells for Shipton, John Hooper for Lyneham, John Harris for Leafield, Robert Wilkins for Milton, Thomas Lardner, wheelwright, for Ramsden. *[signed]* George Selfe minister, Charles Bransby, John Brookes, Henry Whiting, Thomas Hayward, John Brookes, Thomas Whiting, Peter Herbert, the mark of Richard Shepard.

24 April 1660

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday there were elected for churchwardens viz Mr Hugh Candish and Alexander Cooke for Shipton, John Hooper continues for Lyneham, Robert Wilkins continues for Milton, John Harris continues for Leafield, William the son of Owen Lardner for Ramsden. *[signed]* George Selfe minister, John Holland, Nicholas Perry, John Wells, Edward Rollins, William Willett, William Burston, Martin Shayler, the mark of Henry Martin.

(fo.32) 16 April 1661

At a public meeting at the church Easter Tuesday the day and year above written there were chosen churchwardens for Shipton Mr Hugh Candish and Alexander Cooke, Thomas Castle for Lyneham, Robert Wilkins continues for Milton, John Harris continues for Leafield, William the son of Owen Lardner of Ramsden. *[signed]* George Selfe vicar, Richard Hicces, Henry Whiting, Jo: Brookes.

1 April 1662

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday the day and year above written, there were chosen churchwardens for Shipton Mr Mathew Wyat and Richard Hicques, Henry Brookes for Lyneham, James Hitchman for Leaffield, Henry Hart for Milton, William the son of Owen Lardner continues for Ramsden.

[signed] George Selfe vicar, John Holland, John Brookes, Hugh Candish, John Harris, Henry Whiting, Alexander Cooke.

21 April 1663

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday the day and year above written there were chosen churchwardens for Shipton Richard Hicks and Robert Patten, Henry Brookes continues for Lyneham, James Hitchman continues for Leaffield, Henry Hart continues for Milton, Anthony Joyner for Ramsden.

[signed] Hugh Candish, Henry Whiting, John Brookes, Jo. Brookes, John Well, Peter Herbert.

June 1663

Shipton steeple perped and part of they ... [closed] and the weathercock ... cost the parish ... £9:10:0.

[signed] Richard Hicques and Robert Patten, churchwardens.

12 April 1664

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday there were chosen churchwardens for Shipton Nicholas Perry and Robert Patten continues, Richard Castle for Lyneham, James Hitchman continues for Leaffield, William Crips for Milton, William the son of John Lardner is chosen for Ramsden.

[signed] George Selfe vicar, Richard Hicques, John Brookes, Henry Brookes, Anthony Joyner, Henry Hart.

28 March 1665

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday there were chosen churchwardens for Shipton Henry Whiting and William Reason *alias* Huckes, Thomas Whiting for Lyneham, James Rawlins for Leaffield, Francis Baylis for Milton, William the son of Thomas Lardner for Ramsden.

[signed] George Selfe, Richard Hicques, John Brookes, Richard Castell, Robert Patten, William Crips his mark, Nicholas Perry his mark.

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday were chosen supervisors for the highways, namely, Mr Hugh Candish and Richard Browne for Shipton, Thomas Morton and Robert Wilkins for Milton Thomas Hayward and Henry Brookes for Lyneham.

17 April 1666

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday were chosen supervisors for the highways, namely, John Wells and Richard Browne for Shipton, Thomas Morton and Robert Wilkins continue for Milton, Henry Brookes and Thomas Castle for Lyneham, Thomas Francis and Robert Kerby for Ramsden.

(fo.33)

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday were chosen again for churchwardens Henry Whiting and William Reason *alias* Huckes for Shipton, Thomas Whiting continues for

Lyneham, James Rawlins continues for Leafield, Francis Baylis continues for Milton, William the son of Thomas Lardner continues for Ramsden.

[signed] George Selfe vicar, Richard Hickes, Thomas Smith, the mark of Nicholas Perry.

9 April 1667

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday were chosen for churchwardens John Wells and Edward Rawlins for Shipton, Henry Hyat of Merriscourt for Lyneham, Francis Baylis continues for Milton, John Harris for Leafield, William Alder for Ramsden.

[signed] George Selfe vicar, Richard Hickes, James Jefferson.

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday were chosen supervisors for the highways, Richard Browne and William Willet for Shipton, Thomas Harris and Thomas Castle for Lyneham, Thomas Francis and Robert Eeles for Ramsden.

[signed] George Selfe vicar, Robert Wisdom, Peter Herbert, John Godfrey, John Harpar, John [Brookes].

24 March 1669

At a public meeting at the church 24th March 1669 were chosen supervisors for the highways, Richard Browne and William Millet continue for Shipton, Robert Mathews and William Tomes for Milton, Thomas Harris and Thomas Castle for Lyneham, Richard Smith and Thomas Francis for Ramsden.

13 April 1669 being Tuesday in the Easter week.

At a public meeting at the church the 13th of April aforesaid 1669 were chosen for churchwardens Mr Edward Hastings and William Cox for Shipton, John Whithore of Merriscourt for Lyneham, William Barson senior for Milton, Mr Thomas Ashworth for Leafield, Robert Yeales for Ramsden.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Compton Reade, Robert Wisdom, John Brookes, Peter Herbert, Hugh Candish, Bartholomew Hirne, Henry Whiting, mark of Nicholas Perry.

Edward Rollins, John Harris, Francis Bailis, William Alder churchwardens.

At a public meeting at the church 13th of April 1669 were chosen for supervisors for the highways, Richard Browne and William Willet continue for Shipton, Henry Hart and Deverell Townsende for Milton, Thomas Harris and Thomas Castle continue for Lyneham, Richard Sindry and Thomas Francis continue for Ramsden.

John Palmer vicar, Compton Reade, Robert Wisdom, Peter Herbert, John Brooks, Henry Whiting, Bartholomew Hierne, Edward Hastings, Hugh Candish.

13 April 1669

The accounts of Mr Edward Hastings and William Cox, churchwardens of Shipton under Wychwood, taken at a public meeting in Easter Tuesday for the year 1669.

The whole receipts £8:12:4

The whole disbursements £9: 2:3

So that there remains due to Mr Edward Hastings and William Cox 10s.1d.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, John Brookes, John Hooper, Peter Herbert.

(fo.35) 21 April 1669

The account of Edward Rawlins, one of the churchwardens of Shipton under Wychwood, taken 21st of April 1669 by we whose names are hereunto written.

The whole receipts	£22: 3: 0
The whole disbursements	<u>£19:14:0</u>
Remains	<u>£ 2: 9: 0</u>

Remains upon John Wells' account £1:0:8
to Edward Hastings churchwarden to even this account £2:9:0.

[I say] received by me £2:9:0 Edward Hastings.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, John Brooks, William Willett, Jephson Holland, John Harris, Henry Brookes, John Green, his mark.

5 April 1670

At a public meeting at the church the 5th of April 1670 were chosen for churchwardens Mr Edward Hastings and William Cox for Shipton, and John Brookes for Lyneham, and William Tomes for Milton, and George Jourden for Leafield, and William Bisshop for Ramsden.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Henry Brooks, William Willett, Nicholas Perry his mark, Henry Whiting.

At a public meeting in the church April the 5th 1670 were chosen for supervisors of the highways, Thomas Mathews and John Coling for Shipton, Thomas Moorton and Edward Lord for Milton, and Thomas Harris and Thomas Castle for Lyneham, and Richard Syndrey and Thomas Francis for Ramsden.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, John Brookes.

8 May 1670

The accounts of Mr Edward Hastings and William Cox, churchwardens of Shipton under Wychwood, taken at a public meeting the 8th of May 1670.

The whole receipts	£24: 8:7
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The whole disbursements	£22:19:0
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Remains	£ 1: 9:7
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to Henry Brooks and to Martin Shayler of Shipton, now churchwardens, to even this account £1:9:7.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, John Hooper, John Brookes Henry Whiting, John Green his mark.

25 April 1671

At a public meeting at the church on Easter Tuesday were chosen churchwardens Henry Brooks and Martin Shayler for Shipton, John Joyner for Lyneham John Reeve for Leafield, William Tomes for Milton. John Frankland for Ramsden.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Ed: Hastings, William Cox, John Brookes, Henry Whiting.

At a public meeting in the church April the 25th 1671 were chosen for supervisors of the highways, Thomas Mathews and John Coling for Shipton, William Parret and William Waine for Milton, John Dyer and Richard Castle for Lyneham, John Lardner and Richard Lardner for Ramsden.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Ed: Hastings, William Cox, Henry Whiting, Robert Wisdom. Henry Brookes, John Brookes.

7 May 1671

Delivered then to Henry Brookes and Martin Shayler, churchwardens of Shipton, one bond of Leonard Ovens for the payment.

9 April 1672

At a public meeting in the church the 9th April anno domini 1672 were chosen churchwardens, John Lanchbury for Ramsden, Henry White for Leafield, Richard Sheaphard for Lyneham, Joseph Willet for Milton, Robert Mace and John Coleng for Shipton.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, John Brooks, Henry Whiting, Edward Hastings, John Joyner, Edward Rollins, John Brookes, Henry, Brookes, William Tomes.

At a public meeting in the church April the 9th anno domini 1672 were chosen supervisors of the highways, Robert Wilkins and Richard Waine for Milton, John Bayliss and Thomas Ebsworth for Lyneham, John Lardner and Richard Lardner for Ramsden, Alexander Cooke and John Hall for Shipton.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, William Tomes, John Brooks, Ed: Hastings, Edward Rollins, Henry Whiting, Henry Brookes, John Joyner .

(fo. 41) The accounts of Henry Brookes and Martin Shayler, churchwardens of Shipton under Wychwood taken at a public meeting April the 9th 1672.

The whole receipts £8:8:11

The disbursements £8:5:1

Paid to Robert Mace and John Coleng being now churchwardens to even this account, 3s.4d.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Ed: Hastings, John Brookes, Henry Whiting, John Joyner, William Tomes.

There being a mistake in this account after a second review, we do acknowledge that the parish is indebted to the forementioned in the sum of £1:10:0

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Joseph Willet, Ed: Hastings, Alexander Cooke.

.... 1673

The accounts of Henry Brookes and Robert Mace, churchwardens of Shipton under Wychwood taken at a public meeting in the church on Easter Tuesday anno domini 1673.

Imprimis received £11:8:9

Disbursed £11:7:0 to William Willet to make this account even the sum of 1s.9d.

Tabulated accounts for 1672 – see Appendix A

1 April 1673

At a public meeting in the church April the 1st anno domini 1673 were chosen for churchwardens William Willet and Richard Brown for Shipton, Joseph Willet for Milton, Richard Sheaphard for Lyneham, James Rawlins for Leafield and William Heynes for Ramsden.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Joseph Willet, Alexander Cooke, John Hall his mark, Thomas Hux his mark, Ed: Hastings, Henry Brookes, Robert Mace.

At a public meeting in the church April the 1st [1673] were chosen for supervisors of the highways, Robert Wilkins and Richard Wayne for Milton, John Bayliss and Thomas Ebsworth for Lyneham, John Lardner and Richard Lardener for Ramsden, John Towser and John Ellis for Shipton.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Edward Hastings, Henry Brookes, Robert Mace, Alexander Cooke.

Tabulated accounts for 1673 – see Appendix A

21 April 1674

At a public meeting in the church April the 21st anno domini 1674 were chosen for churchwardens, William Willet and Richard Brown for Shipton, Richard Sheaphard for Lyneham, James Rawlins for Leafield, William Heynes for Ramsden, William Wilkins for Milton.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Robert Wisdom, Henry Brookes, Alexander Cooke, John Shephard, Thomas Reason *alias* Hux (mark).

At a public meeting in the church April 21st 1674 were chosen supervisors for the highways, William Cox and Deveral Townesend for Milton, John Shayler and Thomas Ebsworth for Lyneham, John Lardner and Richard Lardner for Ramsden, John Ellins and John Towser for Shipton.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Robert Wisdom, Alexander Cooke, Henry Brookes.

Tabulated accounts for 1674 – see Appendix A

6 April 1675

(fo. 50) At a public meeting in the church anno domini 1675 were chosen churchwardens for Shipton William Willet and Richard Browne, for Milton William [Caper/Cooper], for Leafield James Rawlins, for Ramsden William Heynes, for Lyneham Robert Bennet.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Robert Wisdom, Peter Herbert, John Brookes, Henry Brookes, Edward Hastings.

At a public meeting in the church April 6th anno domini 1675, it was agreed on by the parishioners of Shipton that Thomas Kenner should be forgiven his last year's rent by reason of his poverty and also that he shall pay but 20s. per annum for the future for the church estate which he now has.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Edward Hastings, Richard Browne his mark, William Willett, John Greene his mark, Henry Brookes, John Towser, John Ellins his mark, Thomas Smith.

At a public meeting in the church April the 6th anno domini 1675 were chosen for supervisors for the highways for Shipton, Henry Morton and Anthony Candish, for Milton Richard Busby and Edward Lord, for Lyneham John Baylis and John Sheaphard, for Ramsden John Lardner and Richard Lardner, for Leafield James Hitchman and Henry Booten.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, Robert Wisdom, Henry Brookes, Edward Hastings, John Brookes, James Rawlins.

(fo. 51) 19 April 1675

It was agreed on then by the parishioners of Shipton at a public meeting (notice being first given thereof in the church) that every yardland in the parish of Shipton shall pay twelve pence towards the repair of the church and other things belonging to it.

Witness our hands – *[signed]* John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, John Hooper, James Rawlins, Robert Wilkins, James Hitchman, Richard Brown his mark.

28 March 1676

At a public meeting in the church were chosen for churchwardens for Shipton, John Draper and John Coling, for Milton James Jefferson, for Lyneham Robert Bennet, for Leafield James Rawlins, for Ramsden William Haynes.

By us, *[signed]* John Palmer vicar, John Brookes, Edward Hastings, Henry Whiting, Alexander Cooke.

At a public meeting in the church March the 28th 1676 were chosen supervisors of the highways for Milton Richard Brown and Daniel Dumbleton, for Shipton Henry Moorton and Anthony Candish, for Leafield James Hitchman and Henry Booten, for Lyneham John Baylis and Thomas Harris, for Ramsden John Lardner and Richard Lardener.

By us, *[signed]* John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, Robert Wisdom, John Brookes, John Greene, William Bunting.

Tabulated accounts for 1675 – see Appendix A

17 April 1676

The receipts of Mr John Draper and John Coling, churchwardens of Shipton for the year aforesaid -

£42: 5:10

Received more of Kennar and Mistress Chilmate 15: 0

Their disbursements for the year aforesaid £39 :9: 3

Remains due to the parish of Shipton £3:11: 7

They whose names are subscribed do allow this account.

[signed] John Palmer vicar; Peter Herbert; John Harris, James Rawlins, Edward Lord, Edward Rollins, John Greene the mark of.

14 July 1676

At a meeting in the church this fourteenth day of July in the year 1676, we the Minister and churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish of Shipton under Wychwood do agree and consent that a levy shall be made at one shilling and sixpence by the yardland for repairing the church and providing necessaries belonging to it. In witness whereof we have set our hands the day and year above mentioned.

[signed] John Palmer vicar; Edward Hastings, Edward Low, John Coling his mark, John Draper, John Jefferson, churchwardens.

20 September 1676

At a meeting in the church (notice first given in the church on the Lord's day preceding this 20th day anno domini ...), we the Minister and churchwardens and other of the inhabitants of the parish of Shipton under Wychwood do agree and consent that a levy shall be made at two shillings and sixpence by the yardland for repairing the church and providing necessaries belonging to it. In witness whereof we have here set our hands the day and year above mentioned.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, John Draper, Martin Shayler, Nicholas Perry, the mark of; John Bayliss, the mark of; John Brookes, Henry Whiting, Richard Brown, the mark of John Couling, the mark of.

Tabulated accounts for 1676 – see Appendix A

17 April 1677

At a public meeting in the church April the 17th 1677 were chosen supervisors for the highways for Shipton, John Towser and Anthony Candish, for Milton Daniel Dumbleton and John Ayeres, for Lyneham John Bayliss and George Wilkes.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, Edward Rollins, John Draper, Edward Lord.

At a public meeting in the church the April the 17th 1677 were chosen for churchwardens in the parish of Shipton, for Shipton Mr John Draper and John Coleing, James Jefferson for Milton, John Whiter for Lyneham, James Hitchman for Leafield, Robert Frankeling for Ramsden.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, Chamberlain, Brookes, Henry Whiting, Edward Rollins, Edward Hastings, John Harris, Edward Lord, John Brookes, Robert Bennet, Thomas Sheppard, James Rawlins, William Harris.

Tabulated accounts for 1676 – see Appendix A

6 January 1678

At a public meeting in the church of Shipton upon Twelfth Day [1678] were chosen supervisors for the highways for Shipton Thomas Mathews and William Ireland. *[signed]* William Bunting, William Willett, Anthony Candish, John Touse.

4 March 1678

At a public meeting in the church, notice being first publicly given on the preceding Lord's Day, we the Minister, churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish of Shipton did this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord 1678 agree to make a levy at twelve pence by the yardland through our parish for and towards the buying of a church bible and a pulpit cushion and reparation of our parish church. In witness whereof we have hereto set our hands the day and year above mentioned.

[signed] John Palmer, Edward Hastings, William Whiting, Chamberlain Brookes, Henry Whiting, William Bunting, James Jefferson, William Willett, John Brookes, John ... his mark, Martin Shayler, Henry Brookes.

19 April 1679

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdome's money then due	£2: ?: ?
paid then for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money	
and now paid in to Mr Palmer	?: ?
paid then for the interest of £8 now in the hands of Mrs Draper	<u>?: ?</u>
	<u>£3: 1: ?</u>

(fo 55) 22 April 1679

At a public meeting in the church April the 22 1679 were chosen churchwardens as follows - for Shipton, Nicholas Perry and Mr Robert Wisdome, for Lyneham John Joyner, for Milton Robert Enstone, for Leafield James Hitchman, for Ramsden William Heynes.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, Edward Lord, Ed: Hastings, William Whiting, William Bunting, James Jefferson, Chamberlain Brookes.

Tabulated accounts for 1678 – see Appendix A

12 December 1679

Notice being twice publicly given in our parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon and once more to each churchwarden in our parish and by them to each parishioner concerned therein, at a public meeting for the making of a levy for the repairs of our parish church and for the providing of other necessaries thereunto belonging, we the Minister, churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish of Shipton aforesaid do this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord 1679 agree to make a levy at twelve pence

by the yardland throughout our whole parish of Shipton for and towards the uses above mentioned. In witness whereof we have hereto set our hands the day and year above written.
[signed] John Palmer vicar, John Joyner, James Hitchman, Edward Rollins, Bartholomew Hierne, Ed: Hastings, William Whiting, Edward Lord, William Willett, Martin Shayler, William Brookes; and Robert Wisdom and Nicholas Perry, churchwardens.

Tabulated accounts for 1679 – see Appendix A

13 April 1680

At a public meeting in the church April the 13th 1680 were chosen for churchwardens for the year ensuing as follows, for Shipton Nicholas Perry and William Whiting, for Milton William Parret, for Ramsden Robert Yeales, for Leafield James Hitchman, for Lyneham William Hyat.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, John Joyner, James Jefferson, Edward Hastings, Henry Whiting, Chamberlain Brookes.

Tabulated accounts for 1679 – see Appendix A

21 December 1680

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdome's money then due	£3: 0: ?
paid then for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money and paid into Mr Palmer	12: 0
paid then for the interest of £8 now in the hands of Mrs Draper	<u>9: ?</u>
	<u>£4: 1: ?</u>

1 January 1681

William Tomes and Henry Hart were for the year ensuing chosen supervisors of the highways for the liberty of Milton by us John Palmer, William Farcon, Edward Fox his mark.

Upon the day and year aforesaid Henry Brookes and Richard Rickets were chosen supervisors of the highways for Shipton for the year ensuring, by us *[signed]* Thomas Mathew his mark, Edward Fox his mark.

(fo.56) 5 April 1681

At a public meeting in the church April the 5th 1681 were chosen for churchwardens as follows, for Shipton William Whiting and Nicholas Perry, for Lyneham Richard Castle, for Milton William Crips, for Leafield James Hitchman, for Ramsden Robert Eayles.

[signed] John Palmer vicar, William Hiett, Henry Brookes, William Willett, Anthony Candish, William Paret his mark.

Tabulated accounts for 1680 – see Appendix A

21 December 1681

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdome's money then due	£ 2: 0:0
paid to the poor for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money and now paid into Mr Palmer	12:0
paid then for the interest of £8 of Thomas Huxe's money formerly in the hands of Mrs Draper but now in the hands of Henry Moorton	9:?

27 December 1681

Edward Hyat and John Jefferson were for the year ensuing chosen supervisors of the highways for the liberty of Milton by us John Palmer, Henry Hart, William Tomes.

30 December 1681

Upon the day and year aforesaid John Cross, shoemaker, and Mark Reeve were chosen supervisors for the highways of the liberty of Shipton for the year ensuing by us John Palmer, Richard Rickets his mark.

18 April 1682

Upon the day and year above mentioned were chosen churchwardens for Milton John Gun *alias* Aires, for Leafield James Hitchman, for Lyneham Richard Castle, for Ramsden Robert Eiles, for Shipton Mr Thomas Kingsman for the next year ensuing, John Brookes.

(fo. 61)18 April 1682

At noon the day and year above mentioned William Whiting and Henry Gatefield were chosen churchwardens for Shipton, John Gun *alias* Aires for Milton, James Hitchman for Leafield, Richard Castle for Lyneham, Robert Eiles for Ramsden by us, [*signed*] John Palmer vicar, John Brookes, Edward Hastings, William Willett, Chamberlain Brookes, Martin Shayler, Anthony Candish, Robert Mace, John Sylman his mark.

Tabulated accounts for 1681 – see Appendix A

21 December 1682

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdome's money then due	£ 2: 0:0
paid to the poor for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money which was paid into Mr Palmer	12:0
paid then for the interest of £8 of Thomas Huxe's money from August to Easter last and now in the hands of Henry Morton	6: ?

3 January 1683

Were chosen for supervisors of the highways for the town of Shipton for the year ensuing, Thomas Hux *alias* Reason and Thomas Galloway, by us John Cross his mark, Mark Reeve his mark.

Approved by us [*signed*] John Palmer vicar, William Whiting churchwarden.

7 March 1683

At a public meeting in the church (notice thereof being first given in the church upon the precedent Lord's Day) we, the minister, churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish of Shipton do this seventh day of March anno domini 1682 make a levy at nine pence by the yardland throughout our parish and liberty of Shipton for and towards the repairing of our parish church and also for the repaying of the churchwardens that which they have disbursed and not received the last year.

[*signed*] John Palmer vicar, William Willett, Martin Shayler, Anthony Candish, James Hitchman, Richard Castell, Nicholas Perry, William Whiting, Edward Hastings, Thomas Mathews, his mark.

10 April 1683

Upon the day and year aforesaid were chosen for churchwardens for Shipton Thomas Mathew and Henry Gatefield, for Lyneham Henry Perry, for Milton John Ayres, for Lyneham Henry Perry, for Ramsden Robert Yeiles, Richard Hyat for Leafield.

[*signed*] John Palmer vicar, Richard Castle his mark, James Hitchman, John Harris, William Whiting, John Brooks, Chamberlain Brooks, William Willett, Robert Bennet, Martin Shayler.

Tabulated accounts for 1682 – see Appendix A

21 December 1683

Paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdome's money then due	£ 2: 0:0
paid to the poor for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money which was paid into Mr Palmer	12:0
paid then for the interest of £8 of Thomas Huxe's money due at Easter last past and now in the hands of Henry Morton	9:4

29 December 1683

Upon the day and year above mentioned were chosen supervisors of the highways for the hamlet of Milton for the year ensuing, William Burson junior and Anthony Bennet, by us *[signed]* Edward Hiet and John Jefferson.
Approved by us *[signed]* John Palmer vicar of Shipton, William Whiting, churchwarden of Shipton.

1 January 1684

Upon the day and year aforesaid were chosen for supervisors of the highways in the hamlet of Milton, Deveral Townsend and Richard Brown to serve for the year ensuing, by us *[signed]* Anthony Bennet his mark and William Burson his mark.
Approved by us *[signed]* John Palmer vicar, Henry Gadfield and Thomas Matthews, churchwardens of Shipton.

6 March 1684

At a public meeting in the church (notice whereof being twice given in the church upon the precedent Lord's Days) we the minister, churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon do this sixth day of March anno domini 1682/3 make a levy at twelve pence by the yardland throughout our parish of Shipton for and towards repairing of our parish church and also for the repaying the churchwardens that which they have already paid out and not received.
[signed] John Palmer vicar, James Hitchman, Edward Hastings, Nicholas Perry, William Whiting, Richard Castle churchwarden, Henry Gadfield, William Willett.

10 March 1684

At a public meeting in the church and notice being upon the last Lord's Day, we, the minister and churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon do this tenth day of March anno domini 1683 make a levy at twelve pence by the yardland throughout our parish of Shipton for and towards repairing of our parish church and also for the repaying the churchwardens that which they have already paid out and not received.
[signed] John Palmer vicar, Edward Hastings, Thomas Rooke, William Whiting, Richard Wyatt, John Ayers, Henry Gadfield, John Brookes..

1 April 1684

Upon the day and year aforesaid were chosen for churchwardens for the year ensuing as follows, for Lyneham Thomas Sheaphard, for Milton Deverell Townsend, for Leafield Richard Wyatt, for Ramsden Robert Yeales, for Shipton Mr Thomas Rooke and Henry Gatefield.
[signed] John Palmer vicar, John Brooks, Edward Hastings, William Whiting, John Ayers.

Tabulated accounts for 1683 – see Appendix A

(fo. 46) 20 December 1684

Upon the day and year first above written were chosen for supervisors of the highways of Milton Thomas Brookes and Mathew Rose to serve for the year ensuing, by me [*signed*] Deverall Townsend.

21 December 1684

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdome's money then due	£ 2: 0:0
paid to the poor for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money which was paid into Mr Palmer	12:0
paid then for the interest of £8 of Thomas Huxe's money due at Easter last past and now in the hands of Henry Morton	9:4

21 April 1685

Upon the day and year aforesaid were chosen for churchwardens for the year ensuing as follows, for Ramsden John Joiner, for Milton John Large, for Lyneham Thomas Shephard, for Shipton Mr Hastings and T. Rooke, for Leafield Richard Wiat. [*signed*] John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, William Whiting, William Willett.

Tabulated accounts for 1684 – see Appendix A

23 June 1685

At a meeting in the parish church, notice being first given twice upon preceding Lord's Days, we, the minister, churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish of Shipton under Wychwood do agree and consent that a levy shall be made at six shillings in the yardland for paying for the casting of the Great Bell and additional metal and other necessities belonging to the church and money out of pocket. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the day and year first above written.

[*signed*] Edward Reade, Robert Wisdom, William Willett, Edward Hastings, John Palmer vicar.

[C] Rooke, Henry Gadfield, Richard Wyatt, churchwardens.

21 December 1685

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdome's money then due	£ 2: 0:0
paid to the poor for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money which was paid into Mr Palmer	12:0
paid then for the interest of £8 of Thomas Huxe's money due at Easter last past and now in the hands of Henry Morton	9:0

26 December 1685

Upon the day and year first above written were chosen for supervisors of the highways of Milton James Jefferson and Jeffson Holland to serve for the ensuing year by us [*signed*] Mathew Rose and Thomas Brookes, his mark.

Tabulated accounts for 1685 – see Appendix A

24 December 1686

Paid to the poor of Mr Wisdome's money then due	£ 2: 0:0
paid to the poor for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money	

which was paid in to Mr Palmer	12:0
paid to the poor for the interest of £8 of Thomas Huxe's money	
due at Easter last past and now in the hands of Henry Moorton	9: 0

27 December 1686

Upon the day and year first written above were chosen supervisors of the highways of Milton, Edward Lord and William Parratt, to serve for the ensuing year, by us Jephson Holland and James Jefferson.

Approved by us *signed* John Palmer and churchwardens Edward Hastings and Thomas Rooke.

Tabulated accounts for 1686 – see Appendix A

27 December 1687

Upon the day and year aforesaid was chosen for a supervisor of the highways in the hamlet of Milton for the ensuing year, to supply the place of William Parratt, Joseph Sowden, by me William Parratt.

Approved by us *signed* John Palmer and churchwardens Edward Hastings and William Willett.

Tabulated accounts for 1687 – see Appendix A

4 January 1688

Upon the day and year aforesaid was chosen for supervisors of the highways for the town Shipton for the year ensuing Henry Moorton senior and John Cross, carpenter, by us Thomas Reason *alias* Hickes his mark, Thomas Galloway his mark.

Approved by us *signed* John Palmer vicar, Edward Hastings, William Willet, churchwardens.

26 December 1688

Upon the day and year aforesaid was chosen for supervisors of the highways in the hamlet of Milton for the year ensuing, John Bayliss and Thomas Brookes by us Edward Lord and Joseph Soden.

Approved by us *signed* John Palmer and churchwardens Edward Hastings and William Willett.

Tabulated accounts for 1688 – see Appendix A

4 March 1689

At a meeting in the parish church, notice being first given in the preceding Lord's Day, we, the minister and churchwardens and other of the inhabitants of the parish of Shipton under Wychwood do agree and consent that a levy shall be made at 1s.6d. by the yardland for repairing the church and providing other necessaries belonging to it. In witness thereof we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above mentioned. John Palmer vicar, Martin Shaylor, Andrew Yeatmen his mark, and Edward Hastings, William Willett, churchwardens, and George Wilkes for Lyneham.

29 March 1689

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdome's money then due	£ 3: 0:0
paid to the poor for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money	12:0
which was paid in to Mr Palmer and due upon the 21st day of December last past.	

(fo. 42) 27 December 1689

On the day and year aforesaid were chosen supervisors of the highways in the hamlet of Milton for the year ensuing, John Bayliss and Robert Seacol, by me, Thomas Brookes his mark.

Approved by us [*signed*] John Palmer vicar and Edward Hastings and William Willet, churchwardens.

Tabulated accounts for 1689 – see Appendix A

19 April 1690

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdome's money then due	£ 2: 0:0
paid to the poor for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money	
was paid in to Mr Palmer and due upon the 21st day of December last past	12:0
paid for the interest of Thomas Huxe's money now in the hands of Henry Moorton	9:0

At a public meeting at the church the ... of April 1690 were chosen churchwardens Stephen Mathews and Mr William Whiting for Shipton and Robert Seacol for Milton and John Gilbert for Lyneham and continue Richard Wyat for Leafield and John Tanner for Ramsden. [*signed*] John Palmer, William Bunting, Martin Shayler, John Towse, William Willett, Nicholas Shayler, George Wilkes, John Selman his mark.

27 December 1690

Upon the day and year aforesaid were chosen for supervisors of the highways in the hamlet of Milton for the year ensuing Thomas Michel and Philip Cox, by us, [*signed*] John Baylis the mark of, Robert Seacol his mark.

Approved by us *signed* John Palmer vicar, Stephen Mathewes, William Whiting.

Tabulated accounts for 1689 – see Appendix A

1 January 1691

Upon the day and year aforesaid were chosen for supervisors of the highways of the town of Shipton and the liberty thereof for the year ensuing Mr Richard Draper and William Bud, by us Henry Morton, John Cross his mark.

Approved by us *signed* John Palmer vicar, Stephen Mathewes, William Whiting, churchwardens.

17 February 1691

At a public meeting in the church (notice thereof being first given upon the precedent Lord's Day in the church) we, the Minister, churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon do, this seventeenth day of February anno domini 1691 make a levy of one shilling and four pence by the yardland throughout our parish of Shipton for repairing our parish church and also for repaying the churchwardens what they have disbursed and not yet received the year.

[*signed*] John Palmer vicar, Edward Hastings, Richard Draper (Stephen Mathewes, John Tanner, Robert Seacole his mark, John Gibberd his mark – all churchwardens.)

Tabulated accounts for 1690 – see Appendix A

Tabulated accounts for 1691 – see Appendix A

1 June 1691

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdom's money due at Easter last	£2: 0: 0
paid to the poor of the interest of £10 of Thomas Hux's money paid into Mr Palmer	12: 0

Tabulated accounts for 1692 – see Appendix A

25 March 1692

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdom's money then due	£2: 0: 0
paid then to the poor for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money paid in to Mr Palmer	12: 0

15 April 1693

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdom's money	£2: 0: 0
paid then to the poor for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money paid in to Mr Palmer	12: 0

[interest on £8]
[March 25th 1692]

18 April 1693

At a public meeting in the church this 18th day of April being Easter Tuesday, were chosen churchwardens for the year ensuing for Shipton Mr William Whiting and Stephen Matthews, for Lyneham John Gibberd, for Milton Robert Seacol, for Leafield Richard Wyat, for Ramsden Richard Joyner by us John Palmer vicar, Edward Hastings, Richard Draper, John Tanner.

Tabulated accounts for 1693 – see Appendix A

25 March 1694

paid then to the poor of Mr Wisdom's money then due	£2: 0: 0
paid for the interest of £10 of Thomas Huxe's money paid to Mr Palmer	12: 0
then paid by Henry Moorton which was due March the 25th 1693	9: 0

Tabulated accounts for 1694 – see Appendix A

At a public meeting in the church this 26th day of March, being Easter Tuesday, were chosen for churchwardens for the year ensuing, for Shipton Mr William Whiting and Stephen Mathews, for Lyneham John Gibbard, for Milton Robert Seacol for Leafield Richard Wyat, for Ramsden Richard Joyner; by us *signed* John Palmer, Edward Hastings, Richard Draper, Nicholas Willett, Chamberlain Brooks, [Andrew Smith].

4 February 1696

At a public meeting in the church (there being notice given thereof the precedent Lord's Day) there was a levy made this 4th day of February 1696 of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for paying the arrears of the churchwardens and for buying a surplice and a hearse cloth and for the discharge of other bills for the reparation of our parish church by us: *signed* John Palmer, Edward Hastings, Richard Draper, William Whiting, Stephen Mathews, Robert Sakell his mark, John Gibbard, Richard Joyner, Nicholas Willett, Richard Wyatt.

14 April 1696

At a public meeting in the church this 14th day of April were chosen for churchwardens for Shipton Stephen Mathews and John Beckingsal, for Lyneham William Castle, for Milton John Brooks, for Leafield Richard Wyat, for Ramsden Richard Joyner, by us John Palmer, Edward Hastings, William Whiting, John Joyner, John Gibard, Richard Gilbert, John Brooks, Robert Seacoal.

Tabulated accounts for 1695 – see Appendix A

20 October 1696

At a public meeting in the church and notice thereof being first given upon the precedent Lord's Day in the church we, the Minister and churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon, do this twentieth day of October anno domini 1696 make a levy of two shillings in the yardland throughout our parish of Shipton for repairing our parish church and also for repairing the churchyard gate etc.

signed John Palmer vicar, Edward Hastings, Richard Baker and Stephen Mathews and John Beckingsale, churchwardens.

Tabulated accounts for 1696 – see Appendix A

Tabulated Accounts

1557²⁰ No receipts.

	£	s	d
Disbursements			
quarts of wine at Christmas		?	?
half a pound of frankincense at Christmas			3
this writing paper			1
frankincense			1
the summoner	?	?	?
visitation at [Chipping] Norton	6		?
visitation at [Chipping] Norton			10
the summoner at the visitation			4
carriage of our presentment to Oxford and the putting it in			8
writing out Chapman's will			4
two keys to the smith			2
the summoner for a book that he brought, of the novenas out			
of Ireland			6
slates and nails	4		6
moss			6
lath and the carriage	2		4
six bushels of lime and the carriage	2		8
more nails			10
mending the bell clapper	4		0
a board to lay over the vestry	1		6
the slaters for their work	8		10
the summoner			4
gathering of more moss			3
one board			7
the summoner			5
visitation at [Chipping] Norton	1		0
visitations at [Chipping] Norton	1		4
rope for the clock	6		8
mending of the church wall			8
the smith for mending the chancel and a clapper of the bells	2		4
the glazier	13		4
half a hide of white leather			2 0
the ringers			3 0
nails			1
making the bier			5 0
oil			4
the promoter for the last year	13		4
buttons for the church books			4
the mason for laying down two graves			8
nails to the s...			2

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	£	s	d
Receipts			
Mr Milles in money of the church stock	?	?	?
more of the Leafield churchmen		4	0
William Michell		2	0

²⁰ Date assumed.

²¹ Date assumed by reference to the burials of William Michell's wife and John Sekell's son in parish registers.

Arthur Whitinge	4	0
Nicholas [Blones] a year's rent	1	9 10
Sipton stipend	1	0 0
Disbursements	£	s d
expenses for Lyneham		
visitations	10	
apparitor	4	
summoner	4	
summoner for the carriage of a presentment	4	
visitation	8	
summoner	4	
expenses for Milton		
visitation	8	
summoner	4	
visitation	8	
summoner	4	

What is behind unreceived
for the burial of Mr Kidder's mother
for the burial of William Michelle's wife
for the burial of John Sekelle's mother

12 December 1602

Receipts	£	s	d
Mr Ashfield	5	4	
Thomas Shewell	1	4	
William Michell		4	
widow Cambree		2	
Leafield	3	0	
remains		2	
Burials			
Mr Kidder's mother	3	4	
William Michell's wife	3	4	
John Seacol's son	3	4	
burial of Richard Michell	3	4	

13 April 1613 Churchwardens - Alexander Cooke, Thomas Parrat

Receipts	£	s	d
the plumber for three cwt(?) of lead	1	16	0
Nicholas Bartlett for burying his wife in the church		3	4
Alexander Cooke and Thomas Parrat have brought in three stipends for Sipton	3	0	0
Thomas Whitting and John Harris and Master Tedder's child for lying in the church	10	4	
Master John Seacole for three stipends for Milton	1	8	0
John Brookes for three stipends for Lyneham	2	0	0
Wer... for Little Langley for three stipends	1	8	0
the plumber for a lead mould		13	4
Winchester which he gave to the church		3	4
given by the ringers to the church		1	7
Ramsden of William Busop for three stipends	15	0	
Mathews for Michaelmas half year's rent	5	0	
Martin of Leafield for 3 stipends for the church	10	0	
Mathews for ... rent	10	0	
... Frances which he gave to the church		1	0
	12	18	11

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Disbursements	£	s	d
the smith for work in the church	4	7	
the apparitor for presentments	2	2	
spent by the churchwardens about the recusants	8	10	
spent by the churchwardens versus John Greene	3	0	
petty charges in the church	3	10	
The plumber in full payment for the church	7	0	0
Wilkins and Sessions for work about church	3	10	
the clerk for two whole years' wages	13	4	
the constable for King's Bench and Marshalsea	6	6	
Hobby and Parratt for the [service] bell	5	0	
	9	11	1

There remains due to the church upon Alexander Cooke's and Thomas Parratte's account the sum of £3:4:10 the 18th April 1613 and the churchwardens here under written [John Greene and Arthur Cox] have received the same money.

1616 No disbursements. Churchwardens - John Draper, John Cowling.

Receipts	£	s	d
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Lyneham stipend	13	0	
Ramsden stipend	5	0	
Leafield stipend	3	0	
Lyneham bread and wine	?	?	
Ramsden bread and wine	?	?	
Leafield bread and wine	?	?	
Milton stipend	16	0	
Milton bread and wine	1	0	
Shipton bread and wine money	2	?	
the tax of four shillings a yardland	35	10	0
use of Mr Master's money	14	?	
Mr Jourdain	7	?	
John Green's interest for £5	6	?	
breaking up the church for Mr Cornwell's man	3	?	
	4	13	?
	37	12	6
sum total	42	5	4
more for interest money	7	2	

1641 No receipts

Disbursements	£	s	d
King's Bench and Marshalsea	6	6	
fourth bell rope	3	0	
two prayer books	2	0	
visitation at Michaelmas	3	8	
the prayer which is read		4	
smoke farthings	3	4	
the quittance	3	4	
the glazier for mending the glass	4	2	
a rope for the second bell	2	8	
one load of slates and carriage	17	0	
writing of the register	2	6	
the carriage of the [Minister] to Burford two several times	1	0	0
making the bell clapper	11	0	
Zacheus Smith 30s. and for washing the church linen 2s.8d	2	12	8
visitation at Easter 1641		5	8
John Tomes for mending the clock	13	4	
ringing on the King's holiday	4	0	

Disbursements		£	s	d
	sum is	1	13	0
	sum is	2	7	6

For the charges of Shipton churchwardens at Michaelmas at the visitation, for Milton 2s., for Lyneham 2s., for Ramsden 3s.

26 April 1648 Churchwarden – Mr Godfrey

Receipts of the church.	£	s	d
the church ... by Mr Godfrey for two years	?	?	?
Lyneham, John Baylis and his wife, Thomas Whiting and his family, for bread and wine, John Baylies junior and his wife, Thomas Joyner paid Ramsden, by Mr Godfrey for two years of William Lardner of Ramsden for bread and wine	?	?	?
	16	3	
Milton, George Hancocke and his wife, Robert Seacole and his wife, Michael Sessions and his wife, John James, James Sessions and his wife refused to pay for bread and wine			
Ramsden, William Lardner in part of two years stipend by Mr Godfrey, Richard Alder 10d., William Lardner son of William Lardner 6d., widow Lardner 2d., Richard Hickes 2d., Thomas Leech junior 2d., Robert Dixon ?, William Robinson 4d., Thomas Leech senior 4d., Richard Lardner 4d. Leafield, the last year (1647) of the churchwarden of Leafield by Mr Godfrey for bread and wine	7	0	
Milton, Edward Lord 3s.8d. for levy and the year's stipend, Andrew Sessions for the stipend 4d. and refuses to pay			
Shipton, by Mr Godfrey of the churchwardens of Shipton for bread and wine for two years	1	6	0
	2	9	8
	3	9	2
Mr Godfrey made his account the 26th day of April 1648 and the church is in his debt	1	18	8
laid out by him in and for more wine at Michaelmas last 1648 (<i>sic</i>) the sum of	8	6	
more for the transcript	2	6	
Lyneham, William Beard 1s., Francis Haslewood and John Rawlins 3s., Thomas Ebsworth 2s., John Baylies senior 1s.6d., Richard Perry 2s., all behind for the levy and Thomas Phillipps 6s.			
Thomas Joyner made his account the 26 th day of April 1648 and made even with the church			
Shipton, Thomas Ebsworth 1s., Mrs Bonard 1s., widow Cooke 1s., John Jones 1s., John Steevens 4d., John Crosse 4d., William Cowling 1s., Henry Adderton 4d., widow Hooper 1s.6d. All these have not paid the levy.			
Henry Whitinge made the account for his uncle the 26 th day of April and the church is in his debt	2	10	5
<i>in the margin.</i> him his [dues] levy	6	6	

1672 Churchwardens – Henry Brookes, Robert Ollace.

Receipts	£	s	d	£	s	d
In money	3	4		1	8	0
Lyneham stipend	13	4		6	0	
Lyneham bread and wine	1	9		8	0	
Milton stipend	16	0		1	3	0
Milton bread and wine	-	-		1	5	0
Leafield stipend	3	4		4	10	0

Leafield bread and wine	3 0
Ramsden stipend	3 0
Ramsden bread and wine	3 4
Shipton stipend	! 0 0
Shipton bread and wine	3 0
interest for £12 set out this year	14 4
John Green's interest	6 0
Eliz Cooke interest	7 2
John Jordan interest	7 2
Thomas Camer rent	1 10 0
Mrs Cemer rent	2 0
	6 18 0
sum total	11 8 9

Disbursements	£	s	d		£	s	d
the scholars at Oxford	2	10	0				
a bell rope		3	0				
a book to the apparitor		1	0				
the ringers the 5th of November		4	0				
travellers		1	0				
Edward Scriven for plumbing	17		6				
putting in the presentment		1	6				
the King's Bench and maimed soldiers		6	6				
poor people at times		4	0				
letter to Arne Huxe			6				
for the strick of lime		3	4				
for fetching it		1	2				
for hearse		1	0	received	11	8	9
to Edward Hiett for work		2	5	disbursed	11	7	9
to the smith		13	8	remains		1	0
to Thomas Smith	1	5	7				
to John Silman		8	6				
Ramsden churchwardens' charge		3	4				
Leafield churchwardens' charge		3	4				
the apparitor for a book		1	4				
Whitsuntide 3 quarter of wine		6	6				
at Christmas 2 quarter of wine		4	4				
at Easter and other time		1	3 10				
mistook the last year		1	18 ?				

John Palmer vicar, Edward Hastings, Joseph Willet, Alexander Cooke.

1673 Churchwardens – Richard Browne, William Willet of Shipton.

Receipts	£	s	d
in money		1	0
unpaid Lyneham stipend	13	4	
unpaid bread and wine money		6	
Milton stipend	16	0	
Milton bread and wine money		4	0
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Shipton bread and wine money		3	0
unpaid Leafield		3	4
unpaid Leafield bread and wine money		1	
Ramsden stipend		5	0
Ramsden bread and wine money		2	6
Thomas Kemmer rent	1	10	0
Mr Chillmate's rent		2	6
Mr John Jourden's interest		7	6

John Green's interest	6	0
Alexander Cooke's interest	7	2
interest of £12 set out this year	14	4
unpaid Great and Little Langley stipend	1	8
	6	17 4

Disbursements	£	s	d
two common prayer books	1	5	0
for two bell ropes		7	11
the ringers on November the 5 th and the King's return		7	6
laying stones in the church		1	0
Moorton for work done in the church			9
given to passengers		1	6
our charges at two visitations		6	8
putting in Shipton, Milton and Lyneham presentments		4	0
the King's Bench and maimed soldiers		6	6
Thomas Smith	1	0	0
to him for bread		2	4
wine at Whitsuntide two quarts		4	4
wine at Christmas two quarts		4	4
wine at Easter 17 quarts	1	16	10
Lyneham churchwardens' charges at the visitation	0	0	0
Milton churchwarden's charges		1	8
Leafield churchwarden's charges	0	0	0
Ramsden churchwarden's charges		1	6
the scholars at Oxford	1	12	8
Mr Palmer for a transcript		2	6
the ringers for the King's coronation		3	4
Thomas Smith for washing linen		5	0
a book to an apparitor		1	74
	8	16	?

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Receipts	£	s	d
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Lyneham stipend		13	?
Milton stipend		16	?
Leafield stipend		3	4
Ramsden stipend		5	0
Great and Little Langley stipend		1	8
Shipton bread and wine		3	0
part of a tax		6	3
the interest of £12 set out of the poor money this year past		14	4
Mary Rawlins for the rent of one chamber in the Church House		2	6
Ramsden church warden for bread and wine			6
Thomas Kemmer rent behind 2 years		?	?
	4	5	0

more for bread and wine for Leafield for two years 5 5½

Disbursements	£	s	d
one quart of wine at Whitsuntide		2	2
one quart of wine at Christmas		2	2
17 quarts of wine at Easter	1	16	10
Henry Morton for making the church gate		18	4
charges at one visitation		3	4
putting in Shipton, Milton and Lyneham presentations		2	0
Leafield churchwardens charges at the visitation		1	8
Martin Shayler for smithery work			10

the Kings Bench and maimed soldiers	6	6
one bell rope	3	6
the ringers on the King's Coronation Day	3	4
the ringers more on the 5 th day of November and the King's return	7	6
for laying of stone in the church		?
the apparitor for warning us to the visitation		?
passengers at several times	3	4
Mr Palmer for a transcript	2	6
due to us upon our account for the year 1673	1	19 ?
Milton churchwarden for his charges at three visitations	5	?
Leafield churchwardens for the like	3	?
Ramsden churchwardens for the like	2	?
Lyneham churchwardens for the like	1	?
the clerk	1	5
the scholars in Oxford	1	13 4

1675 Churchwardens – Richard Browne, William Willet.

Receipts	£	s	d
the stipend of Shipton	1	0	0
bread and wine for Shipton		3	0
[<i>crossed through</i> the tax at 12d. the yardland of Ramsden]		12	0
[<i>crossed through</i> Leafield upon the same tax]		16	0
[<i>crossed through</i> Milton upon the same tax]	2	16	0
[<i>crossed through</i> Great and Little Langley upon the same tax]		8	0
[<i>crossed through</i> Lyneham upon the same tax]	2	10	0
[<i>crossed through</i> Shipton in part upon the same tax]	1	17	4
interest of the £12 of the poor's money set out for this last year past	14	4	
interest of £6 of Alexander Cooke		7	2
Mr Jourden for interest of £6		7	6
John Green for interest of £5		6	0

Receipts	£	s	d
Milton stipend	16	0	
Milton bread and wine		5	0
Ramsden stipend		5	0
Ramsden bread and wine money			6
Lyneham stipend	13	4	
Lyneham bread and wine money		1	0
Leafield stipend		3	4
Leafield bread and wine money	0	0	0
Langley stipend money		1	8
Langley bread and wine money	0	0	0
the tax at 12d. a yardland	8	19	0
received in all	13	1	10
disbursed	13	19	2
remains due to the churchwardens		17	8

This account has been viewed and owned by us whose names are subscribed, John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, Robert Wisdom, Edward Hastings, John Draper, Henry Whiting, John, Edward Lord, Alexander Cooke.

Disbursements	£	s	d
the ringers on the King's Coronation Day		3	4
a bell rope		3	2
2 quarts of wine at Whitsuntide		4	4
the ringers on the King's return		3	4
charges at the visitation on Whit Tuesday	11	4	
the King's Bench and maimed soldiers		6	6
the book of articles		1	6

two bell ropes more	6	6
given to the honest man the apparitor	1	0
Martin Shayler for mending the ... clapper and other work	7	3
the ringers on the 5th of November	4	0
putting in a presentment at Deddington	1	8
the charges there	3	4
laying a gravestone		6
one quart of wine at Christmas	12	3
the scholars in Oxford	1	12 8
17 quarts of wine at Easter	1	16 9
due to us upon the account for the year 1674 as appears by the account	1	15 1
a bell rope		4 3
Thomas Smith for his wages and Sylman's work	1	10 5

1676 Churchwardens – John Draper, John Coulling.

Disbursements	£	s	d
the ringers on the King's coronation day		3	4
two bell ropes		6	6
two quarts of wine at Whitsuntide		4	4
the ringers on the King's return		3	4
the charges at the visitation at Deddington		7	10
Scriven's bill	19	3	5
wood and hay for Scriven		3	3
the labourers		18	0
Morton's bill	1	12	7
freestone		10	0
five quarters of lime	1	6	3
a team for seven day's work	1	15	0
an order from the chancellor and my charges		7	6
a book of articles and the order for the commission		2	4
for charitable uses and the proclamation			
at the end when the parish met		7	0
King's Bench and maimed soldiers		6	6
the ringers on the 5 th of November		4	0
helping] up of the lead		2	6
two loads of stone			8
two quarts of wine at Christmas		4	4
Sylman's bill		4	0
mending the hearse cloth		1	0
the scholars in Oxford	1	12	8
14 quarts of wine at Easter	1	10	4
the smith's bill	1	9	?
charges at the visitation at Chipping Norton and putting			
in the parish presentation		8	0
Thomas Smith, the clerk, his year's wages surplus	1	6	7
flagstoning and washing the church		8	0
young Scriven for mending the leads		2	3
the churchwardens of Ramsden for two visitations		3	4
the churchwardens of Lyneham		3	10
the churchwardens of Leafield		3	4
two visitations and sending in a presentment		4	?
two transcripts		?	?
a book of canons		1	4

17 April 1676

The receipts of Mr John Draper and John Coling, churchwardens of Shipton for the year aforesaid - £42 5 10

Received more of Kennar and Mrs Chilmate 15 0

Their disbursements for the year aforesaid £39 9 7
 Remains due to the parish of Shipton £3 11 3

They whose names are subscribed do allow this account.

John Palmer vicar; Peter Herbert, John Harris, James Rawlins, Edward Lord, Edward Rollins, John Greene, the mark of.

1677 Churchwarden – John Cowling, the surviving churchwarden.

Owing to the churchwardens of Shipton	£	s	d
from Milton		13	4
from Shipton		1	4
from Leafield			2
from Lyneham		12	0
		2	12
Owing from Shipton as follows			
from Thomas Kemmer		10	0
Alexander Kooke for the tax		2	0
for interest		6	0
John Pool		8	0
Pool Mill		2	0
Henry Whiting		14	0
Sum		2	2

Due for Langley stipend 1 8.

Disbursements	£	s	d
two quarts of wine at Whitsuntide		4	4
two quarts of wine at Christmas		4	4
charges at the visitation at Chipping Norton		7	0
King's Bench and Marshalsea		6	6
charges at the visitation at Deddington		7	0
the ringers on the 5 th of November		4	0
the apparitor		1	0
two bell ropes		7	0
shutting the clock rope			6
mending the hearse cloth		1	0
putting in a presentment at Oxford		1	4
mending the bier		1	0
putting in another presentment at Oxford		1	8
putting in the parish presentment at two visitations		4	0
the ringers on the King's Coronation Day		3	4
the ringers on the King's return		3	4
Martin Shaylor's bill		4	4
wine at Easter 13 quarts		1	8
the churchwardens of Ramsden for two visitations		3	4
Thomas Smith's year's wages and for washing the surplice and other things		1	6
Milton churchwarden for two visitations		3	4
his journey to Oxford to appear there		2	0
Mr Palmer for a transcript		2	6
the apparitor for summoning Milton churchwarden to court the scholars in Oxford		1	0
due from Lyneham upon the tax of [4s] per yardland		12	0
and from Milton		13	4
and from Leafield		2	8
Receipts	£	s	d
Shipton stipend		1	0

bread and wine for Shipton	2 6
Henry Whiting for the tax of four shillings the yardland	14 9
Alexander Cook	2 0
of him for interest money due 1676	6 0
John Poole for the tax	4 0
received for the interest of £12 of Mr Master's money	14 4
Leaffield stipend	3 4
Leaffield bread and wine	6
Ramsden stipend	5 0
Ramsden bread and wine	6
John Greene for the interest of £5	6 0
Milton stipend	16 0
Milton bread and wine	2 0
Thomas Kemmor to arrears for his rent 1676	10 0
Thomas Kemmer his year's rent 1677	1 0 0
Mrs Chilmate for her year's rent	2 6
Great and Little Langley stipend for two years	3 4
Mr John Jorden his interest of £6	7 6
Lyneham stipend	13 4
Alexander Cook for interest of £6	7 6
the receipts	8 0 0
the disbursements	8 1 6

2 April 1678

We whose names are here subscribed do allow of this account and also do nominate and elect William Bunting and Chamberlain Brookes for Shipton, James Hitchman for Leaffield, John Whiter for Lyneham, William Heynes for Ramsden, James Jefferson for Milton for the year ensuing.

John Palmer vicar; Peter Herbert, Jephson Holland, John Cowlinge his mark, John Brooks, Henry Whiting, Edward Hastings.

1678 Churchwardens – Chamberlain Brookes, William Bunting.

Receipts	£	s	d
our levy for Shipton	2	6	0
Milton churchwarden – to pay 16s.	2	0	0
Lyneham churchwarden	2	7	0
Ramsden churchwarden	12	0	0
Leaffield churchwarden	16	0	0
Great and Little Langley towards our levy	8	0	0
Lyneham churchwarden, stipend money – denied 1s.4d.	12	0	0
Ramsden churchwarden, stipend money	5	0	0
Leaffield churchwarden stipend money	3	4	0
Milton churchwarden for bread and wine, stipend	1	0	0
Lyneham churchwarden for bread and wine	0	0	0
Ramsden churchwarden for bread and wine		4	0
Leaffield churchwarden for bread and wine		6	0
Mary Ralines for her house	2	6	0
Thomas Kemmer for his house	13	?	0
Mrs Holland for breaking up the ground in church	3	?	0
Mrs Aishworth for breaking up the ground	13	?	0
[me] the use of Master's money	1	12	0
received more of Mr Master's money		12	0
received more		1	0
	13	19	?
Disbursements	£	s	d
the bible	2	0	0
a pulpit cushion	2	0	4
horse hire and charges		3	0
Mrs Homin her bill for wine	2	2	3

Scriven his bill for mending the leads and glazing	10 6
Mr Honor his bill for two books and acts	13 0
the Honor man, the apparitor, for three books	4 0
putting in two presentments	2 4
Martin Shaylor his bill for work	5 6
Martin Shaylor for wood for screen	1 2
the ringers	10 8
the churchwarden of Ramsden for two visitations	3 4
Thomas Smith	1 6 0
three bell ropes	9 3
John Silman	0 0 0
the constable for the King's Bench and maimed soldiers	6 6
Thomas Cross	1 0
visitations our charges	14 0
the churchwarden of Leafield	2 8
Mr Palmer for a transcript	2 6
scholars in Oxford	1 12 8
	13 11 11
There remains in the churchwardens hands	7 10
There remains in Milton churchwardens hands	16 0
Thomas Cemmer left to pay of his rent	7 0

22 April 1679

These accounts were received and allowed by us - John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, Edward Hastings, William Whiting, Edward Lord, James Jefferson.

Since this account was paid for wine ...[burfot] ...4s.4d. ...Wilson

1679 (fo. 57) No receipts, Churchwardens – Nicholas Pery, Mr Robert Wisdom.

Disbursements	£	s	d
smoke farthings for ten years	17	2	
John Silman for work at the bells	7	4	
Burson for making the wicket	8	0	
the constable for King's Bench and Marshalsea	6	6	
William Willett	17	8	
the smith	1	5	4
the painter for setting up the King's arms	2	2	0
wine, St Nicholas and Christmas	1	0	4
two passengers	1	0	
the ringers on the 5 th of May	4	0	
the ringers on the King's birthday	3	4	
the ringers on the 23 rd day of April	3	4	
two bell ropes	6	0	
Thomas Smith	1	7	2
a visitation at Chipping Norton	6	8	
a visitation at Deddington	6	8	
12 quarts of wine	1	6	6
one bushel of lime	10		
putting in two presentments	3	6	
making a bell wheel	18	0	
making a transcript	2	6	
Thomas Cross	1	0	
Ramsden churchwarden to the visitation	3	10	
Leafield churchwarden for a presentment	1	2	
Lyneham churchwardens to the visitation	1	8	
the churchwarden Lyneham to the visitation	1	8	
Milton churchwarden to the visitation	3	4	
the churchwarden of Milton for a presentment	1	3	

for riding to Witney, Woodstock and Burford	1 6
	13 9 ?

1680 (fo 65) Churchwardens – Nicholas Perry, William Whiting.

Receipts	£ s d
Leafield churchwarden for stipend	? ?
Leafield churchwarden for bread and wine	? ?
Milton churchwarden for stipend	1? ?
Milton churchwarden for bread and wine	? ?
Ramsden stipend	? ?
Ramsden bread and wine	? ?
Shipton stipend	1 0 0
Shipton bread and wine	? ?
Langley stipend	1? ?
received Lyneham stipend	1? ?
bread and wine	0 0
sum	3 11 ?

Disbursements	£ s d
the plumbers for work on the leads	12 2
two bell ropes	7 0
the ringers on the 23 rd of April	3 4
the ringers on the King's birthday	3 4
the ringers on the 5 th of November	4 0
the smith for work	1 6
a prayer book for the fast	1 0
putting in two presentments	2 2
two visitations	13 ?
18 quarts of wine	1 19 ?
two passengers	1 ?
one passenger	1 ?
the King's Bench and Marshalsea	6 6
the clerk	1 6 ?
Thomas Crose	1 ?
the churchwarden of Ramsden	2 ?
Lyneham churchwarden	3 ?
Milton churchwarden	? ?
	6 8 ?

1681 Churchwardens – Nicholas Perry, William Whiting.

Disbursements	£ s d
2 quarts of wine at Whitsuntide	4 4
Martin Shayler for his bill	13 9
the scholars of Oxford	2 0
Mr Holland for making 2 bonds	?13 0
wine at Christmas and Easter	1 8 2
two visitations at Chipping Norton	13 4
five passengers	2 6
the ringers on the King's birthday	3 4
two presentments	2 6
the King's Bench and Marshalsea	6 6
Thomas Cross	1 0
the ringers on the 5 th November	4 0
the ringers on the 23 rd of April	3 4
Milton churchwardens for 2 visitations	3 4
[him] for making a levy	6
passengers at Milton	10

the churchwardens of Lyneham for a visitation	1 8
the churchwardens of Ramsden	1 8
the churchwardens of Leafield	1 8
Thomas Smith	1 6 1
John Sylman	9 6
two transcripts	5 0
the poor scholars	2 10 0
due to us upon the 2 last accounts	3 18 3
a book of articles	1 0
	13 5 3

Receipts	£ s d
Leafield stipend	3 4
bread and wine	1 0
Milton stipend	16 0
Milton levy	2 2 0
Lyneham stipend	12 0
Lyneham bread and wine	1 3
Ramsden stipend	5 0
Ramsden bread and wine	6
Shipton levy	1 14 6
Shipton stipend	1 0 0
Shipton bread and wine	2 6
Langley levy	6 0
Langley stipend	1 8
Langley bread and wine	10
John Green's interest for 2 years	12 0
widow Cook's interest for 2 years	14 0
Mr Thomas Wysdome's and his son's interest for 2 years	1 4 0
Mr Robert Wisdome for interest of £2 13 4	3 0
breaking up the ground in the church	6 8
Lyneham levy	1 14 0
Leafield levy	12 0
Ramsden levy	9 0
Mary Rawlins for 2 years rent	5 0
	12 6 5
Remains due to the churchwardens to even these accounts	8 10

These accounts were seen and allowed of by us.
John Palmer vicar, William Willett, Edward Rollins, Henry Whiting.

1682 Churchwardens – William Whiting, Henry Gatefield.

Disbursements	£ s d
due to us for last years' accounts	8 10
slates, gathering moss and lath pins, hair and lime and lath	1 9 6
carrying slate and moss	5 0
carrying stone, mortar and gravel	5 0
Edward Hvette's bill	3 4 0
the plumber's bill	1 8 0
Morton's bill	8 0
the smith's bill	11 0
the ringers the 5 th of November	4 0
the ringers the King's birthday	3 4
the ringers the 23 rd day of April	3 4
the churchwardens of Shipton for 2 visitations	13 4
the churchwardens of Milton for 2 visitations	[3] 4
the churchwarden of Lyneham for a visitation	1 8
the churchwarden of Leafield for a visitation	1 8
the churchwarden of Ramsden for 2 visitations	3; 4

putting in 2 presentments	2 6
the King's Bench and Marshalsea	6 6
Thomas Smith	1 8 0
Thomas Cross	1 0
five passengers that lost by fire	2 8
wrong done to boards and [poles] to [scaffold] with carrying a great [ladder]	3 6 6
18 bottles of wine	1 18 0
a transcript	2 6
the roper's bill	13 6
two poor scholars in Oxford	19 2
sum	15 11 10

Receipts	£ s d
Leaffield stipend	3 4
in part of Leaffield levy	12 0
Shipton levy	2 6 0
Shipton stipend	1 0 0
Leaffield bread and wine	1 0
Shipton bread and wine	2 6
Milton levy in part	2 8 0
Milton stipend	16 0
Langley levy	8 0
Langley stipend	1 8
Langley bread and wine	1 0
Mary Rawlins for rent	2 6
Lyneham stipend	13 4
in part of Lyneham	2 6 0
John Green's interest for 2 years	12 0
Alexander Cooke interest	7 2
breaking ground in the church	3 4
Ramsden stipend	5 0
Ramsden levy allowed to Robert Yeiles	- -
	12 13 4

Indebted to the churchwardens to even these accounts two pounds eighteen shillings and six pence.
Allowed by us, John Palmer vicar, James Hitchman, John Harris, Robert Bennett, John Brookes, Robert Eiles.

1683 Churchwarden – Henry Gatefield, the surviving churchwarden for Shipton.

Disbursements	£ s d
the old churchwardens	2 18 6
20 quarts of wine	2 3 4
Thomas Smith	1 7 3
two bell ropes	6 1
the smith	1 1
two visitations	13 4
the ringers on the 5 th of November	4 0
them on the King's birthday	3 4
them on the 23 rd of April	3 4
the King's Bench and Marshalsea	6 6
Mr Palmer for a transcript	2 6
the apparitor for a book	1 0
distressed persons	2 8
the apparitor	6
Thomas Cross	2 0
two presentments	2 10
churchwarden of Ramsden	0 0 0
churchwarden of Lyneham - 2 visitations	3 4

churchwarden of Leafield - 2 visitations	3 4
churchwardens of Milton – 2 visitations	3 4
a traveller by Lyneham churchwardens	6
Milton churchwarden for making 2 levies	1 0
Robert Yeales his stipend and levy	17 0
Sum	£10 7 3

Receipts	£	s	d
stipend money	?	?	?
tax for Shipton at 12d. in the yardland	2	6	0
bread and wine		2	6
the scholars' money in the hands of William Bunting	1	5	0
left in my hands last year	1	6	0
Green's interest		6	0
Cook's interest now in		7	2
interest of two pounds thirteen shillings and 4d. now in		3	0
Leafield tax and stipend 19s.4d. received but John Harris junior refusing to pay 1s.4d.	17	1	
Lyneham tax and stipend received but Thomas Harris refusing to pay 4s. and Edith Baylis 1s. 4d.	2	18	0
Lyneham bread and wine			9
Leafield bread and wine money			1 0
Milton tax and stipend received £3 12 0 but left unpaid £1 8 6	2	3	6
Milton bread and wine money			1 6
Ramsden's levy and stipend allowed to Robert Yeales			17 0
	13	14	6
The Receipts	13	14	6
The Disbursements	10	7	3
Mary Rawlins			2 6
Remains in the hands of Henry Gatefield	3	9	9

We have seen and allow of these accounts, John Palmer vicar, John Brooks, Edward Hastings, Thomas Rooke, William Whiting, John Ayers.

1684 Churchwardens – Thomas Rooke, Henry Gadfield.

Disbursements	£	s	d
T Craase senior	2	0	
for twenty bottles of wine	2	1	4
Henry Morton for mending the gate of the churchyard	2	6	
the smith's work	5	8	
Thomas Smith's bill	1	6	8
the apparitor		1	6
several poor people		8	10
two visitations	13	4	
ringers on 5 th of November	4	0	
them on the King's birthday	3	4	
them on the 23 rd of April	3	4	
King's Bench and Marshalsea money	6	6	
putting in two presentments	2	10	
to make up the scholars' money	9	0	
making a transcript	2	6	
John Silman	1	6	
Ramsden churchwarden	5	0	
Milton churchwarden	3	10	
Leafield churchwarden	3	4	
Lyneham churchwarden out of his eight shillings received in part of his stipend money	3	4	
the scholars' for three years for Merton and Queen's college	3	5	4
sum	10	15	8
Receipts	£	s	d

Stipend money for Shipton	1 0 0
bread and wine	2 6
Green's interest	6 0
Mr Wisdom's interest	16 7
Mary Rawlins for rent	2 6
Henry Potter	5 0
two funerals	6 8
interest of £11 6 8	5 0
Ramsden churchwarden	5 0
Milton churchwarden, stipend in part	13 5
Lyneham churchwarden, stipend in part	8 0
Leafield churchwarden, stipend	3 4
Lyneham bread and wine	2
	4 17 2
the receipts	4 13 8
the disbursements	10 15 8
remains due to the churchwardens to even these accounts	6 3 10

These accounts have been seen and allowed by us, John Palmer vicar, Peter Herbert, William Whiting, William Willett.

1685 Churchwardens – Edward Hastings, Thomas Rooke.

Receipts	£	s	d
stipend money for Shipton	1	0	0
bread and wine		2	6
John Green's interest		6	0
Master Wisdome for interest	16		8
Leafield stipend		3	4
Ramsden stipend		5	0
Henry Potter's rent		5	0
Leafield tax	4	16	0
Ramsden bread and wine			6
Milton tax	15	16	6
Lyneham tax	10	19	0
Ramsden tax		3	12 0
Langley tax		2	8 0
	40	10	6

Disbursements	£	s	d
John Crasse		2	?
19 bottles of wine	1	18	?
the apparitor for 5 books and one presentment		11	?
ale at meetings of the churchwardens and at Woodstock at the casting of the bell, at her taking down, loading and unloading and hanging up – it being agreed by the churchwardens that the parish should pay for all appointed meetings on church business	1	4	0
Thomas Smyth's bill	1	0	0
Francis Lancashire for going to Ramsden and Pudlicote		1	6
going to Deddington visitation		6	8
Chipping Norton visitation		6	8
... passengers		1	6
Lifely of Burford for 2 bell ropes		6	8
a messenger to carry a note to Milton and Lyneham			6
a poor passenger			6
the glazier for new glass and workmanship		7	6
10 lbs of powder at 11d per lb		9	0
4 days work for plumbing		6	0

wood	1 ?
presentment at bishop's visitation	2 ?
Chipping Norton visitation	2 ?
Jefson Holland for engrossing the terrier of the vicarage	
Lands, tithes and dues	2 ?
Den Nichols for one day's work chipping the bell	1 ?
	7 18 ?1

Gadfield for a rump of beef November the 5th	4 0
Lyneham churchwarden	3 4
the ringers on the King's birthday	3 4
Mr Keen bell founder for casting the great bell and three	40 12 0
hundred and twelve pounds per cent in money and chippings £1 16 0	1 16 0
remains unpaid on the last year's accounts	6 5 10
Mr Palmer for a transcript	2 6
The ringers on the King's coronation day	5 0
Thomas Smyth for work & keys and rings and nails etc	1 0
John Selman for work	1 8
the scholars' money	1 13 4
the King's Bench and Marshalsea	6 6
	49 18 8

1686 Churchwardens - Edward Hastings and Thomas Rooke

Receipts	£	s	d
Shipton stipend money	1	0	0
bread and wine		2	6
Shipton tax	17	16	0
Ramsden stipend		5	0
John Green's interest		6	0
Mr Wisdome's interest		16	8
interest on £11 6 8 for 2 years	1	6	0
Henry Pepper's rent for a year		5	0
Mary Rawlins' rent for 2 years		5	0
Lyneham stipend		11	0
due from widow Whyting 1s, Tho. Harris 1s, J... Bailis 4d			
Milton stipend – Ed. Ford still to pay 8d		15	4
		23	8 6
received in all 1685 & 1686		63	12 0
Disbursements	£	s	d

the scholars' money	1	13	4
bread and wine	2	0	0
the apparitor for a book 13 th Feb			6
several poor people that came by pass		3	6
Abell Nethercott for mending the clock		10	0
lock for the chime door		1	0
Chipping Norton visitations		13	4
Ramsden churchwarden for 1 visitation		1	8
Thomas Shepherd Lyneham churchwarden for 2 visitation		5	0
Milton churchwarden two visitations		3	4
King's Bench and Marshalsea		6	6
book to write the acquittance in		2	4
		6	0
		4	
disbursed in all 1685 & 1686	63	17	10

1687 Churchwardens – Edward Hastings, William Willet.

Receipts	£	s	d
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Shipton bread and wine	2	6	
Milton bread and wine		10	
Lyneham stipend	10	3	
John Green's interest		6	0
interest for £11 6 8 in the churchwardens' hands	13	0	
Mary Ralin's rent		2	6
	2	15	1

Disbursements	£	s	d
wine	1	10	0
Milton churchwardens for going to 2 visitations		3	4
Shipton for 2 visitations		13	4
painting the sundial		6	0
the apparitor for 4 presentments		9	3
King's Bench and Marshalsea		6	6
Henry Morton for work		6	5
the scholars in Oxford	1	13	4
the 5 th November		3	4
a poor minister		1	4
Mr Palmer for 2 transcripts		5	0
John Crosse		1	0
	5	18	0

1688 Churchwardens – Edward Hastings, William Willet..

Receipts	£	s	d
remainder of Lyneham levy	3	0	0
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Shipton bread and wine money		2	6
Lyneham stipend remains in widow Whiteing's hands 1s			
Thomas Harris 1s [yeeses] Baylis 4d Deveril Sheapher 4d		10	8
received of John Greene for interest		6	0
interest of £11 6 8 in the churchwardens' hands		13	0
Mr Wisdom's interest for 2 years		1	10
Mary Rawlin's rent		2	6
	7	5	0

Disbursements	£	s	d
smoke farthings	1	5	6
glazing church windows	10	0	
constable for King's Bench and Marshalsea	6	6	
apparitor for books	5	1	
2 bell ropes	5	10	
making a pulley wheel			8
apparitor for a presentment and books	3	6	
2 visitations	13	4	
going to Oxford	6	8	
wine	1	7	4
making the levy			6
the scholars in Oxford	1	13	4
5 th November	3	4	
a brief	1	0	
Mr Palmer for a transcript	2	6	
John Crasse	2	0	
	7	7	1

1689 Churchwardens – Edward Hastings, William Willet.

Receipts	£	s	d
Ramsden levy	18	0	
Ramsden stipend	5	0	
Leafield levy	1	4	0
Leafield stipend	3	4	
Shipton levy	3	9	0
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Shipton bread and wine money	2	6	
Mr Brook's interest money	7	0	
John Green's interest money	6	0	
Mr Wisdom's interest money	15	2	
interest for £5 6 8 in the churchwardens' hands	6	0	
Mary Rawlin's rent	2	6	
Henry Potter's rent	10	0	
Langley levy	12	0	
Langley stipend	1	8	
Milton levy – remains in Fletcher's hands 9s	3	8	6
Edward Lord	12	0	
Milton stipend	11	7	
Milton bread and wine money			3
Lyneham levy	3	1	6
Lyneham stipend	11	8	
	18	7	8
	&	6	5

Disbursements	£	s	d
2 bell ropes			6 6
glazing the windows			4 6
Anthony Coles for work			3 0
a bell rope and shutting the chime rope			3 10
Thomas Smith's bill in arrears	5	8	9
Thomas Smith's bill for this year	2	1	4
wine	1	9	3
King's Bench and Marshalsea			6 6
John Reeve for work			2 0

John Crosse	1	0
scholars in Oxford	1	13 4
Shipton 2 visitations	13	4
apparitor for books and presentment	4	6
5 th November	4	0
Mr Palmer for a transcript	2	6
Leafield churchwardens for 2 visitations	3	4
Ramsden churchwardens for 2 visitations and journey	5	0
Milton for 2 visitations and journeys	9	4
Martin Shayler's bills	2	0 7
Lyneham for visitation and journey	7	4
John Silman's bill	1	6 10
	17	16 9
the whole receipts for 3 years	28	7 9
the disbursements for 3 years	31	2 8
there remains due to the old churchwardens	2	14 11

John Palmer vicar, William Whiting, Will Bunting, Martin Shayler, George Wilkins, Nicholas Shayler, John Towse, Richard Wyat, John Silman the mark of

1690 Churchwardens – William Whiting, Stephen Matthews.

Receipts	£	s	d
Shipton levy	3	1	4
part of Milton levy	2	10	8
part of Milton stipend		9	4
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Langley levy		10	8
Langley stipend		1	8
burying Mr Wells in the church		3	4
Henry Potter's rent		1	0
John Green's interest		6	0
Mr Brook's interest		7	0
Mr Wisdom's interest		15	2
interest for £5 6 8 in the churchwardens hands		6	0
part of Lyneham levy		10	8
part of Lyneham stipend		7	0
Leafield levy	1	1	4
Shipton bread and wine		1	6
	11	12	8
left unpaid			
Milton levy	1	4	0
Milton stipend		6	8
Lyneham levy	2	16	0
Lyneham stipend		6	4
Ramsden levy		16	0
Ramsden stipend		5	0
unpaid	5	14	0
	17	6	8

We allow of these accounts and continue the churchwardens for the year ensuing, John Palmer, vicar, Edward Hastings, William Willett, Nicholas Willett.

Disbursements	£	s	d
King's Bench and Marshalsea	6	6	
a presentment and citation	2	2	
a [gable] rope	6	3	
widow Colls for work done to the clock	5	0	

Lyneham churchwarden for 2 visitations	3	4	
Milton churchwardens for 2 visitations	3	4	
Shipton churchwardens for 2 visitations	13	4	
mending the leads	1	16	0
mending the clock	2	0	0
ringers on 5 th November	7	0	
the apparitor for several prayer books	3	0	
2 poor scholars in Oxford	1	13	4
book of articles	1	0	
Thomas Smith's bill	2	5	0
a presentment	2	2	
the old churchwardens	2	14	11
9 quarts of wine	19	6	
a transcript	2	6	
John Shayler's bill	12	6	
	12	17	4
when received the receipts	17	6	8
then there will remain on hand	4	9	4

1691 Churchwardens – William Whiting, Stephen Matthews.

Receipts	£	s	d
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Shipton bread and wine		2	6
part of last year's Milton levy		18	4
last year's Milton stipend		2	0
last year's Ramsden levy		16	0
last year's Ramsden stipend		5	0
Leafield stipend		3	4
John Green's interest		6	0
Mr Wisdom's interest		15	2
Mr Brook's interest		7	0
interest on £5 6 8 in the churchwardens' hands		6	6
part of Lyneham stipend		9	10
Ramsden stipend		5	0
part of Milton stipend		9	6
Lyneham old levy - Hooper		6	8
more of Lyneham levy - Lardner		1	4
the Receipts	6	14	2

Disbursements	£	s	d
churchwardens on last years accounts	1	4	8
15 quarts of wine	1	12	6
a bell rope		3	0
the glazier's bill		5	5
the smith's bill		2	6
ale for the ringers		10	10
Mr Palmer for a transcript		2	6
Shipton churchwardens for 2 visitations		13	4
Leafield churchwardens for 2 visitations		3	4
2 poor scholars in Oxford	1	13	4
putting in 2 presentments		5	6
several books for the fasts		2	6
4 poor people at several times for losses by fire		4	6
Lyneham churchwardens for 2 visitations		3	4
Ramsden churchwardens for 4 visitations		6	8

Nicholas Willett for wood for the plumber and ale for the ringers	5	0
Milton churchwardens for 2 visitations	3	4
the carpenter's bill	6	8
the disbursements	8	9 0
the receipts	6	14 2
remains due to the churchwardens	1	14 10

Approved by us John Palmer, Edward Hastings, Thomas Rooke, John Silman, the mark of, Nicholas Willett

1692 Churchwardens – William Whiting, Stephen Matthews.

Receipts	£	s	d
part of Lyneham levy unpaid last account	2	0	0
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Shipton bread and wine money		2	6
Mr Wisdom's interest		3	2
John Green's interest		6	0
Mr Brook's interest		7	0
interest on £15 6 8 in the churchwardens' hands		18	6
Milton stipend in part		10	4
Lyneham stipend		13	2
Leafield stipend		3	4
Ramsden stipend		5	0
Langley stipend		1	8
breaking the ground in the church for the burial of Mrs Wells		3	4
sum	6	14	0

Disbursements	£	s	d
the glazier and plumber for mending the leads and windows	15	5	
the roper for 2 bell ropes		8	0
18 quarts of wine	1	19	0
2 poor scholars in Oxford	1	13	4
due to the churchwardens from last accounts	1	14	10
Shipton churchwardens for 2 visitations		13	4
putting in 2 presentments		4	4
books for the fast		2	6
Thomas Smith for part of his bill	1	0	0
Milton churchwarden for 2 visitations		3	4
Leafield churchwarden for 2 visitations		3	4
Ramsden churchwardens for 2 visitations		3	4
Lyneham churchwardens for 2 visitations		3	4
expenses at the apparitors and in making the presentment		4	0
widow Shepherd of Lyneham		1	0
for a transcript		2	6
sum	9	11	7
Receipts	6	14	0
Disbursements	9	11	7
remains due to the churchwardens to even this account	2	17	7

Allowed by us John Palmer, vicar, Edward Hastings, Bartholomew Hierne, Richard Draper. John Shayler

1693 Churchwardens – William Whiting, Stephen Matthews.

Receipts	£	s	d
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Lyneham stipend in part		10	4

Milton stipend in part	7	5
Leafield stipend	3	4
Ramsden stipend	5	0
Shipton for bread and wine	2	0
John Green's interest	6	0
Mr Brooke's interest	7	0
Mr Wisdome's interest	3	2
interest of £15 6 8 in the churchwardens' hands	18	6
Langley stipend	1	8
	4	4 5

Disbursements	£	s	d
due to the churchwardens last accounts	2	17	7
18 quarts of wine	1	19	0
two poor scholars of Oxford	1	13	4
Shipton churchwardens 2 visitations		13	4
Milton churchwarden for two visitations		3	4
Lyneham churchwarden for two visitations		3	4
Leafield churchwardens for two visitations		3	4
Richard Silman for work and board for the seats		12	4
Nick Willett for ale for the ringers		3	0
John Crosse for cleaning trenches round the church and laying pavement		5	0
the roper for bell ropes		11	6
Jonathan Osman for four days mending the seats		5	4
Thomas Smith's bill, due in 1692	1	0	9
a transcript		2	6
Ramsden churchwarden for two visitations		3	4
	10	17	0
remains due to the churchwardens	6	12	7

These accounts have been approved by us whose names are subscribed, who also continue the churchwardens for the year ensuing.

John Palmer, Edward Hastings, Richard Draper, William Bunting, Nicholas Willett.

1694 Churchwardens – William Whiting, Stephen Matthews.

Receipts	£	s	d
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Shipton bread and wine		2	6
James Hope for rent of the church land		13	4
Mr Draper for breaking ground in the church		3	4
Mr Poole for breaking ground in the church		3	4
Langley stipend		1	8
Mr Brook's interest		7	0
John Green's interest		6	0
Mr Wisdom's interest		3	2
interest of £15 6 6 in the churchwardens' hands		18	6
Leafield stipend		3	4
Ramsden stipend		5	0
part of Milton stipend		7	1
	4	14	3
Disbursements	£	s	d
due to the churchwardens the last account	6	1	7
two loads of stone and the carrying into the church		3	0
three quarts of wine for Low Sunday		6	6
work done at the church by the masons and one to serve him		14	4

two loads of stone and the carriage	4 0
ten quarts of wine already used	1 1 8
four quarts provided for Low Sunday next	8 8
the roper for two ropes	6 6
Thomas Smith which was due in arrears for looking to the bells and chimes and washing the linen	6 7 0
two poor scholars of Oxford	1 13 4
Shipton churchwardens for two visitations	13 4
John Crosse for cleansing the trenches round the church and fencing the outer	1 6
Leafield churchwardens for two visitations	3 4
Ramsden churchwardens for two visitations	3 4
a transcript	2 6
four presentments for two years	8 8
books for the fast for two years	3 4
a fox's head	1 0
	19 17 11
remains due to the churchwardens	15 3 8

26 March 1695

Seen then and allowed these accounts by us John Palmer, Edward Hastings, Richard Draper, Thomas Willett, Chamberlain Brooks, Andrew Smith his mark

1695 Churchwardens – William Whiting, Stephen Matthews.

Receipts	£	s	d
John Shepard of Lyneham for the last levy		2	8
James Hope for rent of the church land		13	4
Shipton levy at 3s.the yardland	6	18	0
Ramsden levy	1	16	0
Langley levy	1	4	0
Shipton stipend	1	0	0
Langley stipend		1	8
Mr Wisdom's interest		3	2
Mr Brooke's interest		7	0
the interest of £20 6 8 in the hands of the churchwardens	1	4	6
Lyneham's last year's stipend		10	4
part of Milton levy	2	13	0
Milton stipend due last year		1	?
Milton stipend this year in part		3	?
part of Lyneham levy	5	15	?
	22	14	4

Disbursements	£	s	d
due to the churchwardens at the last account	15	3	8
ten ells of Holland to make a surplice	3	5	0
making the surplice and my own journey and expenses	1	0	0
12 quarts of wine used already and four for Low Sunday	1	14	8
the roper for two bell ropes		6	6
two poor scholars in Oxford	1	13	4
Thomas Smith for looking to the bells and chimes, washing linen and bread for the communion	1	18	11
books for feasts and Thanksgiving		8	0
putting in two presentments		4	6
John Shayler's bill for work in the church		1	0
the glazier's bill		6	6
Martin Shayler's bill for ale for the ringer's for several years	1	1	0
November the 5th ale and beef for the ringers		5	0
Shipton churchwardens for two visitations	13	4	

several journeys to Doctor Allworth, one by Stephen Mathews and three by myself about the proceedings against the Quakers.	6	6
Henry Morton for work done at the church	7	0
a warrant of Doctor Allworth's	2	0
several poor people which lost by fire	3	6
a transcript	2	6
Lyneham churchwardens for two visitations	3	4
Milton churchwardens for two visitations	3	4
	29	8 7
received	22	14 3
disbursed	29	8 7
remains due to the churchwardens to even this account	6	14 3

These accounts are thought to be just by us John Palmer, Edward Hastings, John Brookes, John Joyner, and Richard Gilbert.

1696 Churchwardens – Stephen Mathews, John Beckinsall.

Receipts	£	s	d
Henry Perry of Lyneham for last year's levy	18	0	
of him for last year's stipend		2	0
William Castle for his last year's levy and stipend		6	8
Robert Seacoll in part of last year's levy	4	19	6
part of Milton stipend		6	9
Henry Perry and John Shepherd for Lyneham [heys] and Shepherd's living		10	6
Leafield churchwarden for last year's levy	2	4	0
Ramsden churchwarden for last year's stipend		5	0
Leafield stipend		3	4
Disbursements	£	s	d
Mr Diston of Chipping Norton for hearse cloth	1	6	4
Ramsden churchwarden two visitations		3	4
Leafield churchwarden two visitations		3	4
Mr Whiting that was due upon last year's account	6	14	3
John Shayler's last year's bill that was mistaken [crossed through one bell rope]		19	0
my charge for going to Doctor Allworth and carrying the presentment to [Lasuard]		2	6
two books for fasts and thanksgivings		3	0
fetching a load of slates from Shipton Downs		2	0
putting in the presentment		2	8
our visitations		13	4
Thomas Harris's bill for mending the leads and [window]	4	14	11
Edward Hiyot's bill for slating the lean to and putting the leads quoins	2	15	7
two quarters of lime		12	0
a pit load of slates		5	10
my charges and Seakols and charge to the proctor	1	0	4
three hundred of slates more ... to	0	0	0
fetching three hundred of slates from the Downs		1	0
going to Oxford and paid money to the proctor		15	10
going to Oxford		6	0

This entered in the new book

Extract from Leafield's churchwardens' accounts

£ s d

1654	glazing chapel windows	4	6
	boards to make stairs for chapel chamber	5	0
	repaving the chapel chamber	6	4 10
1655	rafters for the chapel chamber	3	0
	the glazier	5	6
	the slater for lath and nails	9	0
1656	lath and nails to mend the chapel	11	0
1657	the timber	2	0 0
1658	Henry Button being for the repair of the chapel	1	9 6
1659	glazing of our chapel windows	7	8
1660	Mr Aynworth for making a new deed for the chapel lands	6	8
	a bell rope for our bell	1	2
1669	Edward Scriven for glazing of the chapel windows	8	6
Unreadable section			
1680	mending the clapper of the bell		4
1683	timber and workmanship to mending ... in the Chapel	1	7 6

Miscellanea

Undated

The repairs of these parcels ensuing with their appurtenances are to be accounted church reparations and are to be borne not only by the parishioners but also by all those that occupy lands, tenements or possession within that parish where the church is to be repaired.

The walls of the church, steeple and churchyard etc. of stone and brick and the windows of stone or brick and ... with bars of iron and glass and ...

The roof of timber with laths [viciggs], nails, dogs and bolts of ...

The covering of lead, slate, tile or shingle.

The floor of stone or paving tiles

The doors of timber with the locks, keys, riders, [hooes] nails ...

The furniture of the steeple as stays, floors, bells, wheels, ropes ...

The pulpit

The pews or seats not made by any private person

There are not properly called church reparations but yet they are duties belonging to the church to be performed rateably by every inhabitant of the parish.

The communion table with the coverings thereof

The communion cup

Bread and wine for the communion

The books

The surplice

The washing of the communion clothes

The candles

The clerk and sexton's wages

The expenses of the churchwardens and sidemen at the visitations

Undated

... the yardland – Milton yardlands 56, Lyneham yardlands 50, Leafield yardlands 16, Ramsden yardlands 12, Langley Great and Little 8.

Undated

... Shayler paid for the use of twenty marks in money for a whole year ended at Easter last ...

William Whitinge has paid the like sum in manner ...

To Nicholas Chapman of Shipton 6s.8d.

To ... of Milton 7s.8d,

To John Lardner of Ramsden ...

To Richard Castle of Lyneham 5s.8d.

To Nicholas Underwood of ... 7s.8d.

Undated

Stipend money

Shipton 20s; Milton 16s; Lyneham 13s.4d.; Ramsden 5s.; Great and Little Langley 20d.

£2:19:1

Richard Hickes and Robert Patten - churchwardens

Briefs

1634

Given by the parishioners of Shipton under Wychwood towards the building of St Paul's church in London this 5th day of October anno domini 1634, five shillings and delivered to Sir Robert Jenkinson according to his warrant.

1658 [Feb: 6:58.]

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon, for and towards the rebuilding of the church of Oswestry in the county of Salop, the sum of eleven shillings and three pence, which money was delivered by the Minister to John Wells and Nicholas Perry churchwardens. This money was paid to Samuel [Filks of Chipping Norton.]

Collected in the parish of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon, for and towards the relief of divers Protestant churches driven out of Poland: and of twenty Protestant families driven out of the confines of Bohemia, the sum of twenty shillings and seven pence which money was delivered by the churchwarden to the High Sheriff the 6th May 1658.

1660

16 September

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon, for a fire which happened at Brill in the county of Buckingham the sum of ten shillings and three pence, which money was delivered to John Carver as appears by his acquittance.

1661

6 January

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened the 4th day of August in the tenth year of Charles the 2nd reign at Milton Abbas in the county of Dorset, the sum of eleven shillings and four pence, which money was delivered to Robert Angel as appears by his acquittance.

24 March

Collected then in the parish of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened at Ilminster Town in Somerset, the sum of sixteen shillings and four pence, which money was paid to the High Constable as appears by his acquittance delivered by Master Hugh Candish then being churchwarden,

12 May

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood for and towards the rebuilding of the church of Condover in the county of Salop, the sum of five shillings.

19 May

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened at Oxon in the [year forty four] the sum of eight shillings and half penny.

26 May

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened at Fakenham in the county of Norfolk the sum of five shillings three pence.

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened at Elmley in the county of Worcester the sum of seven shillings and two pence.

30 June

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire that happened at Buckingham in the county of Bucks the sum of four [?shillings] sixpence.
Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire that happened at Buckingham in the county of Bucks the sum of four [?shillings] sixpence.

14 July

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for a fire that happened at St Bartholomew's Exchange in London, the sum of five shillings and two pence.

21 July

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for Phillip Dandaulo a Turk converted to the Christian Religion the sum of two shillings and ten pence.

1 August

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for and towards the relief of Henry Harrison, merchant the sum of four shillings and five pence.

11 August

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon towards the rebuilding of the church of Pontefract in the county of York, the sum of three shillings.

18 August

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon towards the relief of Rose Wallis, widow of the city of Oxford the sum of three shillings and three pence.

6 October

Collected in the church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for the [fourth] of fishermen the sum of eight shillings and ... pence.

13 October

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon towards the rebuilding of the house of Jo Davis of Hereford the sum of three shillings and one penny.

27 October

Collected in the parish church of Shipton toward the rebuilding of the church of Ripon in the county of Yorks the sum of three shillings and sixpence.

3 November

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood for help of Walter Hughes of Wheately the sum of two shillings and eight pence.

10 November

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood for the relief of Stephen Edmands in the county of Wilts the sum of two shillings and three pence.

17 November

Collected in the parish church of Shipton for the rebuilding of the town of Bridgnorth in the county of Salop the sum of three shillings and six pence.

24 November

Collected in the parish of Shipton for the rebuilding of the church of Bolingbroke in the county of Lincoln the sum of two shillings and three pence.

1 December

Collected in the parish church of Shipton for the repair of the quay and houses of Watchett in the county of Somerset the sum of two shillings and three pence

8 December

Collected in the parish of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon, for and toward the ... of the Town of Marlborough, in Wiltshire the sum of five pounds and two pence which money was delivered by the churchwardens unto the High Constable the 26th of September 1655 - George Selfe vicar

13 July

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened at [Dinington] in the county of Berks the sum of six shillings two pence which money I paid to Thomas Rayston.

17 July

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened at Walton of the [Clubb] in the county of Salop the sum of four shillings nine pence which money I paid to Richard Browne High Constable.

5 October

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened at Shifford in the county of Oxford the sum of five shillings.

16 November

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon the sum of four shillings and [ten] pence towards the rebuilding of the church and steeple of Gravesend in the county of Kent which money I paid to William Cooke as appears by his acquittance.

1663

3 May

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened at Kintbury in the county of Berks the sum of five shillings and seven pence which money was delivered to John Gray as appears by his acquittance.

28 June

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened at Hexham in the county of Northumberland the sum of eight shillings and five pence money was delivered to William Cooke as appears by his acquittance.

26 July

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon towards the repairing of Harwich church and steeple in the county of Essex the sum of four shillings and four pence which money was delivered to William Cooke as appears by his acquittance.

9 August

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon for fire which happened at Tiverton in the county of Devon the sum of six shillings and a penny which money was delivered to Thomas [Griffon] as appears by his acquittance.

23 August

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon the sum of six shillings for fire which happened at Fordingbridge in the county of Southampton.

13 December

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxford the sum of three shillings and eight pence for fire which happened at East Hampstead in the county of Berks which money was delivered to Humphrey Smith as appears by his acquittance.

1664

10 January

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon the sum of three shillings and eight pence for fire which happened at East Hendred in the county of Berks

14 February

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon the sum of three shillings for fire which happened at Withyham in the county of Sussex.

25 July

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood in the county of Oxon the sum of six shillings and [seven] pence for the brief of Sandwich in the county of Kent.

1666

13 January

Received then of the churchwarden of Shipton under Wychwood towards the relief of the poor distressed in London the sum of one pound eight shillings six pence.

I say rec. by me £1 8s 6d.

(Signed) John Geyling.

1667

13 January

Received then of the churchwarden of Shipton under Wychwood towards the relief of the poor distressed in London the sum of one pound eight shillings six pence. I say rec. by me £1 8s 6d.

(Signed) John Geyling

7 July

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton for the town of [Grindle] in the county of Salop the sum of seven shillings and six pence.

Received by me

(Signed) John Geyling

1668

18 January

Received then of the churchwarden of Shipton under Wychwood the sum of one pound eight shillings and two pence collected there towards the relief of those that suffered by the late fire in London.

I say rec. by me £1 8s 2d

5 April

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton the sum of twelve shillings three pence for the town of Port in the county of Salop 12s.3d.

17 May

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton in the county of Oxon for the town of Bicester in the same county five shillings then pence 5s.10d.

1 November

Collected then in the parish of Shipton in the county of Oxon for the poor captives in Algeria and fully and other parts the Turk's dominion the sum of four shillings seven pence 4s.7d.

1669

23 April

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood the sum of seven shillings and three pence half penny for the town of Tibberton in the county of Salop - 7s 3d.

Rec. per me John Steere, collector.

8 September

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton in the county of Oxon for the town of Loughborough in the county of Leicester the sum of 8s.5d.

25 January

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood the sum of five shillings ten pence farthing for Cotton in the county of Northampton - 5s 10¼d.

1670

19 April

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood the sum of five shillings eleven pence for Sherbon [Shirburn] in the county of Oxon 5s 11d.

Received the said sum on this sessions order - by me Jo Steere.

1 May

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood the sum of ten shillings and nine pence for the town of Isleham in the county of Cambridge - 10s 9d.

Received the said sum of ten shillings and nine pence by me Jo Steere App.

28 August

Collected in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood the sum of six shillings eight pence half penny for the town of Mapledurham in this county of Oxon - 6s 8½d

Received the said sum of six shillings eight pence half penny by me

William [Grippes]

18 [September]

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood the sum of three shillings four pence half penny for the town of Ripley in the county of Surrey - 3s [4½d]

Received per me John Steere Collr

16 October

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood the sum of five shillings six pence farthing for the town of [Beclls - ?Beccles] in the county of Suffolk - 5s 6½d

Received per me John Steere, collector sum of four shillings seven pence - 4s 7d

1676

5 February

Collected then in the parish church of Shipton under Wychwood the sum of four shillings one pence half a penny for the relief of the Hungarians to be delivered to Peter Kir or Michael -

4s 1d

(Signed) Received by me John Steere, collector.

19 April

Collected in the parish church of Shipton in the county of Oxon for the town of Bradninch in the county of Devon 8s.8d.

16 October

Received then by me the day and year aforesaid of the churchwardens of Shipton subtus Wychwood two briefs, one for a fire in ...sham in the county of Devon the sum of six shillings one penny and for Oswestry in the county of Salop the sum of four shillings and five pence [I say] received

(Signed) By me Jo: Steere, collector:

1677

4 April

Received of the churchwardens a brief for a fire at Eton in the county of Bucks the sum of five shillings two pence [a farthing] I say received

(Signed) By me John Steere, collector

Received of the churchwardens of Shipton three briefs one for a fire at Towcester in county Northampton, one for a fire at Cottenham Com Cantab., the other for a fire at Blandford Forum Com Dorset, together with the several sums of money thereon ... I say received

(Signed) per me John Steere, app[aritor].

29 November

Received of the Churchwarden of Shipton the brief for Wem in the county of Salop with the collections there I say received.

(Signed) Mr John Steere, collector.

1678

3 April

Received per me John Steere Collector. Received then of John Coleing churchwarden of Shipton Underwood in the County of Oxon the sum of four shillings for the use of sufferers by fire at Harlington in the County of Middlesex and at the same time received the sum of three shillings sixpence three farthings for the use of the sufferers by fire at Rickmansworth in the County Hertford I say received per me Will. Gadbury

1679

8 April

Received then of the churchwardens of Shipton two briefs, one for a fire at Pattingham, County Stafford, with five shillings hereon endorsed, the other for Uffington, County Lincoln, with four shillings two pence farthing thereon endorsed by me John Steere, collector.

1687

16 January

Received then of the parish of Shipton in the county Oxon to Whitechapel brief the sum of nineteen shillings and five pence by me - 19s 5d
(Signed) Will Rose, collector.

Appendix

Churchwardens 1554-1696

Year	Shipton	Milton	Lyneham	Leafield	Ramsden
1554	[unreadable]	[unreadable]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1555	[unreadable]	[unreadable]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1556	Thomas Harys Thomas Wisdom	.... Parat Edward Welkens	John Geffes William Coke	[no entry]	[no entry]
1557	Peter Denche Simon Chamberlene Richard Collet	[no entry]	William Cocke John Welkens	[no entry]	[no entry]
1558	Thomas Altaffes Thomas Sellar	John Sessions Thomas Showell	John Welkens Thomas [...bard] (?Thomas Shellar)	[no entry]	[no entry]
1559	George Colle Harry Parat	Richard Wheeler Robert Hyat	Austen Tennand Harry Hyat	[no entry]	[no entry]
1560	Thomas Huckes Simon Chamberlene	Robert Hyatt Richard Pararat snr	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1561	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1562	William Carlis Harry Parat	Simon Hyatt Richard Paratt snr	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1563	Thomas Wisdom Alexander Gardener	Martin Parat Nicholas Tommes	Christopher Whyting Robert Castell	[no entry]	[no entry]
1564	Mr Power George Haris (?John Harys)	Thomas Edwardes Peter Weyver	George Smithe John Hebbesworth	[no entry]	[no entry]
1565	Richard Smythe (?Thomas Smythe) Thomas Grene	William Parrett Thomas Shewell	George Smyth John Ebbesworth	[no entry]	[no entry]
1566	John Cockes Thomas Tailour	Michael Phipps Phillip Barit	John Collyns William Woolyng	[no entry]	[no entry]
1567	George Cooke Henry Parot	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1568	Simon Chamberlene Thomas Greene John Cox	Robert Hyat John Parot	John Collyns William Woolyng	[no entry]	[no entry]
1569	Thomas Wysedom William Careles	Richard Synes Nicholas Toms	John Collyns William Wollyng	[no entry]	[no entry]
1570	William Wysedom William Careles	Richard Symes Nicholas Toms	John Collyns William Wollyng	[no entry]	[no entry]
1571	Mr Ashfield John Whytinge	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1572	William Palmer William Huckes	Michael Phippes Simon Hyat	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1573	Mr Henry Poare Thomas Huckes jnr	Thomas Sewell John Barret	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1574	Mr Henry Poare George Harys jnr	Thomas Sewell John Barret	John Wilkyns James Sheyler	[no entry]	[no entry]

1575	Mr Henry Poare George Harys jnr	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1576	Thomas Smith Henry Parot	Peter Phypes James Mychell	Austen Tenant Richard Shealer	[no entry]	[no entry]
1577	Simon Chamberlayne Richard Cooke	Thomas Hyat William Whyting	Richard Hyat Thomas Castle	[no entry]	[no entry]
1578	Thomas Wysdom Richard Willat	Andrew Mychell Thomas Collyns	Simon Wilkyns Robert Hyat	[no entry]	[no entry]
1579	Thomas Wysdom Richard Willat	William Parot James Barret	John Collyns Hugh Harrys	[no entry]	[no entry]
1580	William Tompson	William Sessions	John Ebsworth	Giles Fytchet	Giles Fytchet
1581	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1582	William Palmer William Hux	George Altoffe Richard Symys	Christopher Whyting Simon Wylkins	[no entry]	[no entry]
1583	Mr Ashfield John Whyting	Simon Hyat Robert Mylls	Richard Hyat Thomas Castle	Ac\s settled thru Palmer\Hux	Ac\s settled thru Palmer\Hux
1584	Richard Wysedom James Cook	Phillip Wydowes William Parot	Robert Hyat William Woollyng	[no entry]	[no entry]
1585	Thomas Smyth John Hedgies	Nicholas Toms John Barret	John Collyns Henry Lane	John Toms Thomas Taylour	Walter Lardener
1586	Simon Chamberlayne Henry Parot	Thomas Collyns Nicholas toms John Baret	George Smyth William Harrys	John Toms Thomas Taylour <i>alias</i> Leonard	Walter Lardener Humphrey Weyver
1587	Thomas Wysedom George Cox	William Whyting William Toms	William Woolling Walter Benet	John Toms Thomas Taylour <i>alias</i> Leonard James Hall	Richard Coates
1588	Thomas Whyting Thomas Greene	Justinian Caree William Phypes	James Shealer Hugh Harrys	James Hall William Rush	Ellis Kyrbee <i>alias</i> Kenkham
1589	John Cox Richard Cook	John Parot Giles Phypes Giles Weyver	Thomas Castle William Harrys	James Hall William Rush William Margetes	William Handes
1590	Mr Ashfeild William Whyting	Thomas Sewell jnr Edward Foowler	Richard Shealer William Turner	James Hall William Margetes	Richard Lardener
1591	Ralph Smythe William Altafe	Thomas Hyat Thomas Barton	Richard Hyat Thomas Lyddiat	[no entry]	Thomas Riche
1592	Mr John Lane Thomas Chamberlan	Edmund Secol Richard Sessions	[no entry]	Ambrose Lardner Henry Lardner	[no entry]
1593	John Coxe James Cooke	[no entry]	James Shailer	[no entry]	Edmund Strange
1594	John Parrat Arthur Huckes	William Michael	William Michael Richard Shailer	[no entry]	[no entry]
1595	Richard Cooke Thomas Hobby	Nicholas Tommes	Thomas Shailer	[no entry]	Edmund Strange
1596	Henry Rawlins Gilbert Peasly	Richard Symmes	Thomas Hooper	[no entry]	William Byshop
1597	Thomas Chamberlaine Thomas Greene	William Parrat	Thomas Tennant	[no entry]	Owen Lardner
1598	Thomas Parrat John Hux	Robert Harrice	Richard Hyat	[no entry]	Richard Baddam
1599	John Cox	John Barrat	Richard Hyat	[no entry]	William Lardner

	James Cooke				
1600	Mr Ashfeild William Whiting	William Sessions	Thomas Ebsworth	[no entry]	Thomas Cotterill
1601 to 1606	[no entries]	[no entries]	[no entries]	[no entries]	[no entries]
1607 ²²	John Greene James Cooke jnr	Edward Secole	Arthur Whyting	Thomas Wrist <i>alias</i> True	Ralph Leech
1608	John Greene Mr Ashfeild	Mr Thomas Whiting	Mr Tennant	Thomas Wrist <i>alias</i> True	Harry Lardner
1609	Thomas Parrat Thomas Hobby	Thomas Whiting ²³	Thomas Ebswoorth	Harry Fitchet	Richard Joyner
1610	Thomas Parrat Thomas Hobby	Thomas Whiting	Thomas Ebswoorth	Harry Fitchet	Richard Joyner
1611	Thomas Parrat Alexander Cooke	Phillip Barrat	James Hyet	Leonard Marten	Ambrose Lardner
1612	Thomas Parrat Alexander Cooke	John Seacole snr	John Brookes	Leonard Marten	William Bysshop
1613	John Greene Arthur Cox	William Foster	Thomas Shailer	Mathew Payne	Peter Huet ²⁴
1614	William Whyting jnr Thomas Reason <i>alias</i> Hux	William Sessions	Thomas Tennant	Simon Margetes	Richard Lardner
1615	William Whiting Thomas Chamberlaine	Andrew Hiet	John Collins	William Cox	William Joyner
1616	Thomas Chamberlaine John Whiting	Robert Wilkins	Richard Baker	Thomas Wrist	Richard Twicham
1617	John Whiting Thomas Reason <i>alias</i> Hux	Robert Wilkins	John Hooper	Henry Fitchett	Richard Twicham
1618	John Parrat Arthur Smith	Andrew Sessions	Arthur Whiting	Thomas Steevens	Richard Fillis
1619	Leonard Camden Arthur Smith	Phillip Barrat	Edmund Whiting	Nicholas Underwood	John Norton the elder
1620	Mr John Ardes William Whiting	John Hux	John Bailies	Bennet Peirce	Andrew Grove
1621	Thomas Parrat Alexander Cooke	Thomas Thorne	Richard Shailer	Robert Badnol	Thomas Frances
1622	John Greene William Smyth	William Chapman	James Hyet	Edward Rawlins	William Lardner the eldest
1623	William Cowling Nicholas Chapman	Andrew Sessions	John Hooper	George Minchin	Henry Leeche
1624	William Whiting Thomas Reason <i>alias</i> Hux	Thomas Munday	James Hiet	John Harrice the younger	John Lea
1625	William Whiting Thomas Reason <i>alias</i> Hux	John Mathew	John Collins	William Barsey	John Lea

²² No entry for 1607; discharged 1608.

²³ William Sessions was chosen but as he had not appeared at a visitation, Thomas Whiting was chosen again.

²⁴ No entry for 1613; discharged 1614.

1626	William Whiting Thomas Reason <i>alias</i> Hux	John Mathew	Richard Castill	Nicholas Underwood	John Lardner
1627	William Whiting Simon Tomson	Robert Wilkins	Richard Castill	Mathew Paine	Humphrey Lardner
1628	Mr Thomas Wisdom Thomas Chamberlaine	Mr Thomas Averie	William Beard	Nicholas Underwood	George Weston
1629	Mr Thomas Wisdom Arthur Hooper	Andrew Sessions	Thomas Joyner	Stephen Surman	William Byshop
1630	Arthur Hooper Arthur Smith	Edward Turson	Thomas Joyner	James Maior	Thomas Lardner
1631	Arthur Smith James Cooke	Edward Turson	John Brookes	James Maior	Richard Alder
1632	James Cooke Leonard Camden	Edward Turson	Thomas Bennet	Richard Hitchman	William Joyner
1633	James Cooke Leonard Camden	Henry Willat	Thomas Castill	Thomas Harrice	William Joyner
1634	Mr Thomas Wisdom Mr John Holland	Henry Willet	Christopher Long	John Harris	Henry Mountaine
1635	Mr Thomas Wisdom Richard Hicces	Mr John Godfrey	Richard Baker	Robert Greenway	John Beesley
1636	Richard Hicces Arthur Coxe	Robert Seacole	John Hooper	Mr Thomas Rawlins	Richard Lardner the younger
1637	Richard Hicces John Bysop	Thomas Munday	John Hooper	Edward Kempster	Richard Kirby
1638	Richard Hicces John Bysop	Thomas Munday	John Hooper	Edward Kempster	Richard Kerby
1639	Mr William Whiting John Byshop	Thomas Monday	Nicholas Perrie	Edward Kempster	Richard Kerby
1640	Simon Tomson John Byshoppe	Mr John Godfrey	Richard Adderton <i>alias</i> Raffe	Thomas Harris ²⁵	William Lardner
1641	Mr William Whiting Mr Thomas Oven	Mr John Godfrie	Thomas Joyner	Edmund Rawlings	William Lardner
1642	Mr John Holland Mr Thomas Reason <i>alias</i> Hux	Mr John Godfree	Thomas Joyner	Edward Rawlins	William Lardner
1643	Richard Hicces Robert Patten	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1644	William Whiting jnr Mr Anthony Ashfeild	Mr John Godfree	Thomas Joyner	James Clarke	William Lardner
1645 to 1647	[no entries]	[no entries]	[no entries]	[no entries]	[no entries]
1648	Mr John Holland John Brookes	Mr John Godfree	John Brookes jnr	Mr Thomas Rawlins	William Lardner
1649	John Brookes William Cox	Mr John Godfree	John Brookes jnr	Mr Thomas Rawlins	William Lardner
1650	John Brookes William Cox	Mr John Godfree	John Brookes jnr	Mr Thomas Rawlins	William Bishop

²⁵ Mr Thomas Rawlins was appointed sidesman

1651	John Green Mr Thomas Wisdome	Mr John Godfree	Thomas Hayward	Mr Thomas Rawlins	Richard Kerby
1652	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1653	Mr Leonard Oven Mr Charles Bramsby	Peter Herbert	Mr Timothy Wriste	Mr Thomas Ashworth	Mr Bowman
1654	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1655	John Wells Nicholas Perry	William Crips	John Hooper	John Harris	Thomas Lardner jnr
1656	John Wells Nicholas Perry	William Crips	John Hooper	John Harris	Thomas Lardner jnr
1657 to 1658	[no entries]	[no entries]	[no entries]	[no entries]	[no entries]
1659	Nicholas Perry John Wells	Robert Wilkins	John Hooper	John Harris	Thomas Lardner wheelwright
1660	Mr Hugh Candish Alexander Cooke	Robert Wilkins	John Hooper	John Harris	William, son of Owen Lardner
1661	Mr Hugh Candish Alexander Cooke	Robert Wilkins	Thomas Castle	John Harris	William, son of Owen Lardner
1662	Mr Mathew Wyat Richard Hicces	Henry Hart	Henry Brookes	John Harris	William, son of Owen Lardner
1663	Richard Hicks Robert Patten	Henry Hart	Henry Brookes	James Hitchman	Anthony Joyner
1664	Nicholas Perry Robert Patten	William Crips	Richard Castle	James Hitchman	William son of John Lardner
1665	Henry Whiting William Reason <i>alias</i> Huckles	Francis Baylis	Thomas Whiting	James Rawlins	William son of Thomas Lardner
1666	Henry Whiting William Reason <i>alias</i> Huckles	Francis Baylis	Thomas Whiting	James Rawlins	William son of Thomas Lardner
1667	John Wells Edward Rawlins	Francis Baylis	Henry Hyat of Merriscourt	John Harris	William Alder
1668	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1669	Mr Edward Hastings William Cox	William Barson snr	John Whithore of Merriscourt	Mr Thomas Ashworth	Robert Yeaes
1670	Mr Edward Hastings William Cox	William Tomes	John Brookes	George Jourden	William Bisshop
1671	Henry Brooks Martin Shayler	William Tomes	John Joyner	John Reeve	John Frankland
1672	Alexander Cooke John Hall	Joseph Willet	Richard Sheaphard	Henry White	John Lanchbury
1673	William Willet Richard Brown	Joseph Willet	Richard Sheapard	James Rawlins	William Heynes
1674	William Willet Richard Brown	William Wilkins	Richard Sheaphard	James Rawlins	William Heynes
1675	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1676	John Draper John Coling	James Jefferson	Robert Bennet	James Rawlins	William Haynes

1677	Mr John Draper John Coleing	James Jefferson	John Whiter	James Hitchman	Robert Frankeling
1678	Chamberlain Brookes William Bunting	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1679	Nicholas Perry Mr Robert Wisdome	Robert Enstone	John Joyner	James Hitchman	William Heynes
1680	Nicholas Perry William Whiting	William Parret	William Hyat	James Hitchman	Robert Yeales
1681	Nicholas Perry William Whiting	William Crips	Richard Castle	James Hitchman	Robert Eayles
1682	William Whiting Henry Gatefield	John Gun <i>alias</i> Aires	Richard Castle	James Hitchman	Robert Eiles
1683	Thomas Mathew Henry Gatefield	John Ayres	Henry Perry	Richard Hyat	Robert Yeiles
1684	Mr Thomas Rookes Henry Gatefield	Deverell Townsend	Thomas Sheaphard	Richard Hyat	Robert Yeales
1685	Mr Hastings Thomas Rooke	John Large	Thomas Shephard	Richard Hiat	John Joiner
1686	Edward Hastings Thomas Rookes	.....	.....	.....	.....
1687	Edward Hastings William Willet	.....	.....	.....	.....
1688	Edward Hastings William Willet	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1689 ²⁶	Edward Hastings William Willet	.....	.....	.....	.....
1690	William Whiting Stephen Mathews	.....	.....	.....	.....
1691	William Whiting Stephen Mathews	.....	.....	.....	.....
1692	William Whiting Stephen Mathews	.....	.....	.....	.....
1693	William Whiting Stephen Mathews	.....	.....	.....	.....
1694	William Whiting Stephen Mathews	.....	.....	.....	.....
1695	William Whiting Stephen Mathews	.....	.....	.....	.....
1696	Stephen Mathewes John Beckingsall	.....	.....	.....	.....

²⁶ From 1689 to 1696 there are no entries to show churchwardens being appointed. The Shipton names shown here are taken from the annual accounts.

Surveyors of the Highways

	Shipton	Milton	Lyneham	Leafield	Ramsden
1669	Richard Browne William Willett	Robert Mathews William Tomes	Thomas Harris Thomas Castle	[no entry]	Richard Smith Thomas Francis
1670	Thomas Mathews John Coling	Thomas Moorton Edward Lord	Thomas Harris Thomas Castle	[no entry]	Richard Syndrey Thomas Francis
1671	Thomas Mathewa John Coling	William Parret William Waine	John Dyer Richard Castle	[no entry]	John Lardner Richard Lardner
1672	Alexander Cooke John Hall	Robert Wilkins Richard Waine	John Bayliss Thomas Ebsworth	[no entry]	John Lardner Richard Lardner
1673	John Towser John Ellins	Robert Wilkins Richard Wayne	John Bayliss Thomas Ebsworth	[no entry]	John Lardner Richard Lardner
1674	John Towser John Ellins	William Cox Deveral Townesend	John Shayler Thomas Ebsworth	[no entry]	John Lardner Richard Lardner
1675	Henry Morton Anthony Candish	Richard Busby Edward Lord	John Baylis John Sheaphard	[no entry]	John Lardner Richard Lardner
1676	Henry Morton Anthony Candish	Richard Brown Daniel Dumbleton	John Baylis Thomas Harris	James Hitchman Henry Booten	John Lardner Richard Lardner
1677	John Towser Anthony Candish	John Ayeres Daniel Dumbleton	John Bayliss George Wilkes	[no entry]	[no entry]
1678	Thomas Mathews William Ireland	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1679	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1680	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1681	Henry Brookes Richard Rickets	William Tomes Henry Hart	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1682	John Cross Mark Reeve	Edward Hyat John Jefferson	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1683	Thomas Hux <i>alias</i> Reason Thomas Galloway	William Burson junr Anthony Bennet	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1684	[no entry]	Deverall Townesend Richard Brown	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1685	[no entry]	Thomas Brookes Matthew Rose	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1686	[no entry]	James Jeffeerson Jeffson Holland	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1687	[no entry]	Edward Lord William Parratt	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1688	Henry Morton senr John Cross	[Edward Lord] Joseph Sowden	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1689	[no entry]	John Bayliss Thomas Brookes	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
1690	[no entry]	John Bayliss Robert Seacol	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]

1691	[no entry]	Thomas Michel	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
		Phillip Cox			
1692	Richard Raper	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]	[no entry]
	William Bud				
