

BURNETT.

This small compact parish consisting of seven hundred acres is situated on the river Chew two miles south from Keynsham of which manor it was part at the time of the conquest, and was that hide which was held by the wife of Ulward, a freeman when the Norman survey was compiled. When it came by the grant of King William Rufus to Robert Fitz-Hamon, lord of the honour of Gloucester, he annexed it with other great possessions to the abbey which he refounded at Tewkesbury on the site of the old monastery erected A.D. 715 to the honour of the blessed Virgin Mary by Oddo and Doddo two brothers, dukes of Mercia. In 1293 the temporaries of the abbott were valued at six pounds. He had a charter of free-warren in Burnett, and by grant of divers kings this with his other manors were exempt from secular services. An inquisition taken 13 Richard II fetsforth that the abbott of Tewkesbury held the manor of Burnett juxta Keynsham as parcel of the foundation of his church in Tewkesbury, of the heir of lord de Dispencer then a minor, as of his honour of Gloucester. the manor and advowson of the church continued in the possession of the same abbey until its dissolution after which Eliz. both the manor and the advowson with all the tithes were granted by the Queen to John Cutte and William Roberts. John Cutte was mayor of Bristol, and died 1575 seised of the manor of Burnett leaving issue to William Cutte his son and heir, who was lord of the manor 26 Eliz. To whom succeeded another John Cutte who 41 Eliz. sold the manor and advowson to John Whitson a drman of Bristol who gave it to feoffes in trust for the endowment of his Redmaids hospital in Bristol and other charitable uses. The mayor and certain other members of the Corporation of the City of Bristol are the present feoffes and under them the manor of Burnett is held by Samuel Day, who has a neat and very pleasant dwelling house adjoining to the church built of late years near the site of the old court house inhabited by the Cuttes.

The living is a rectory, in the deanery of Redcliffe and Redminster in the gift of the mayor and corporation of the city of Bristol. The Rev. Mr. Baker is the present incumbent.

The church is ~~in~~ dedicated to St. Michael and consists of a nave and one small side isle on the south side. At the end of which is a curious brass plate to the memory of John Cutte lord of this manor Joan his wife and twelve of his children. Various memorial plates to ex lords manor.

John Cutte 1575.
Jane Dyer 1652.
Samuel Day 1708.
John Day 1772.

COMPTON DANDO.

A parish denominated from its owners, lies south west from Keynsham situated in a deep woody vale seven miles from Bath and the same distance from Bristol. The lands are mostly pasture and the slopes of the hills are covered with woods and coppices. The river Chew runs through it on its way to Keynsham. Its ancient name was COMITONE as it was written in the Domesday Book.

Methildis holds of the earl Bustace Comitone. Wlnod held it in the time of King Edward and gelded for five hides. The arable is five caracutes. The eof in demesne are three hides and there are two caracutes and four servants and five villanes and ten cottagers with three ploughs. There is a mill of 64 pence rent and five acres of meadow. Pastures four furlongs long and two furlongs broad. It is worth one hundred shillings.

In the time of Henry II this manor was the property of Alexander de Alno corruptly called Danno or Dando and from this family the place had its additional name which Alexander d Alno for this and other lands in this county paid two marks into the Kings exchequer and the 22nd of the same reign Alexander and Robert his son were amerced in the sum of twenty marks for the forfeit.

To this Robert succeeded Henry de Alno who was living in the reign of Richard I and had lands in this county and Dorset. He seems to have died without issue for in the eighth year of the reign of Richard I Fulk de Alno ~~xxx~~ brother of Henry and Richard de Alno is certifeid to hold three knights fees in Somerset and Dorset which formerly Robert and Alexander de Alno held.

Fulk de Alno was living in the time of King John and then occurs among the tenants of the abbott of Glastonbury.

His successor was Geoffry de Alno who died in the 4thrd. reign of Henry III then seized of two caracutes of land in the village of Compton D'Anne and two caracutes in the village of Ashton both of which he held of the king in chief by the service of one knight fee. At the time of his decease Alexander his son and heir was thirty years of age.

Of which Alexander d Alno this manor of Compton Dando was held in the time of Edward I by Robert Burnel Bishop of Bath and Wells lord chancellor and lord treasurer of England by the service of a pair of gilt spurs. The said Robert Burnel died A.D. 1292 leaving Phillip his brothers son heir to his estate

Which Phillip married Maud daughter of the Earl of Arundel by whom he had issue Edward his son and heir. He died the year after his ~~xxx~~ uncle Bishop Burnel

This Edward was in the expedition made into Scotland 4Ed. II 7Ed. II being then part of the retinue of Bartholomew de Badlesmere He was summoned to parliament by the title of lord Burnel from 5 to 8 Ed II and dying 9Ed II without issue his sister Maud wife of John de Handlo became his heir.

The said John d Alno died seized of this manor which he held in the right of the said Maud his wife 20 Ed III leaving a son and heir Nicholas who was summoned to parliament by the title of lord Burnel. This Nicholas was in the wars in France in the 29th and 33rd year of the reign of Edward III He died 6 Ric II leaving Hugh Lord Burnel his son and heir.

QUEEN CHARLTON.

This parish, so called from its having belonged to one of the Queens of England, lies five miles south-east of Bristol, and two nearly from the village of Whitchurch, to which it is contiguous. Its situation is woody, inclosed and full of springs some coal is produced on its north east limits, near Keynsham. The whole parish contains some twelve hundred acres. The great road to Bath lay formerly through the village and on account of the slubrity of its air it has been a place of much resort particularly in the year 1574, when the plague raged so violently in Bristol as to carry off two thousand persons, houses were fitted up here for the reception of families from that city. Queen Elizabeth had gone through this place the year before and granted it a charter for a fair to be held yearly on the twentieth day of July, which fair is still continued.

At the time of the conquest this village with that of Whitchurch and many other adjoining places was parcel of the manor of Keynsham and therefore is not mentioned in the survey of that age. Upon the foundation of the abbey in the town of Keynsham it was severed from the body of that lordship and given to the religious whose revenues in this place, in the town of Keynsham and in Filton or Whitchurch were in the year 1293 rated at twenty six pounds. During the reign of Ed. II the abbott and convent procured a charter of free-warren in all their lands lying in Charlton. The abbotts court house stood on the north side of the street, nothing of it now remains except an old gateway, the arch of which is circular and decorated with zig zag mouldings. After the suppression of the monasteries, The manor of Charlton among other possessions were sett ed in jointure on Catherine Parr, the late queen of Henry VIII from which circumstances the parish obtained its name. But the tithes of hay, corn, and other articles and also a messuage or tenement, situated in Charlton near the churchyard, called the sextry, were granted to Sir William Herbert. The family of Popham of late years possessed the manor and sold it in 1796 to Vickris Dickenson who is the present owner.

The family of Dickinson were originally from Yorkshire, and bore for their arms, Or, a bend engrailed between two lions rampant gules. William Dickinson B.D. was a rector of Appleton and of Befilles-leigh near Oxford and had his livings sequestered by the parliament for his attachment to the royal cause. By a daughter of Culpeper he left issue three sons. Vickris Dickinson the present owner is the youngest son of Caleb Dickinson who left to him valuable estates in Jamaica.

The church is dedicated to St. Margaret, composed of a nave and two aisles ~~xxx~~ tower contains a clock and four bells.

There are several memorials to the family of Bayward
Mr. George Lacey gave six pounds to the poor of the parish to be distributed by the minister on the 25th of December for ever.
Mrs. Sarah Lacey and Mrs. Anne Lacey gave forty shillings and ten pounds for the same purpose.

Mrs. Mary Freeman by a codicil to her will, dated the 8th. May 1760 gave the interest of five hundred pounds to be paid by quarterly payments towards clothing, books and teaching twenty poor children.