



INCUMBENTS LIST

For the parish of Woodborough

YEAR	SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES	PATRON	NOTES
1306	de Cetre	Roger		Likely presented by Robert de Mohaut ¹
1310	de Wylly	Hugo	Robert de Mohaut	Presentation resolved following dispute ²
1342	de Grymstede	Thomas	Earl of Warwick	Likely following a dispute ³
	de Pewsey	Thomas	Earl of Warwick	
	de Legh	Johannes	Earl of Warwick	
	Chasteleyn	Roger	Earl of Warwick	
1343	Chasteleyn	Gilbert	Earl of Warwick	
1347	Dunston	John	Earl of Warwick	Black Death reached England in 1348
1348	Henton	Nicholas	Earl of Warwick	
1354	Thweng	Thomas	Earl of Warwick	
1361	Gernon	William	Earl of Warwick	
1394	Gladewyn	Robert	Earl of Warwick	
1401	Bartelot	John	Earl of Warwick	Presentation may have been by the Crown ⁴
	Scut	John	Earl of Warwick	
1420	Bayworth	John	Earl of Warwick	
1425	Russell	Philip	Earl of Warwick	
1428	Halghton	Gulielmus	Earl of Warwick	
1433	Botun	Robert	Earl of Warwick	
	Brompton	John	Earl of Warwick	
1441	Stroford	Jacob	Earl of Warwick	
1458	Kemmys	David	Earl of Warwick	
1466	Halsall	John	Earl of Warwick	

¹ Robert de Mohaut had acquired the right to nominate via his wife (Emma), who had inherited it from her first husband (Richard, descendant of the Earls of Essex) who had died in 1297. Source: British History Online.

² British History Online states that four Rectors were presented by Guy de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick; the heirs of Walter Rivers; Sir Adam de la Forde and Robert de Mohaut. The dispute was settled in favour of the nominee of Robert de Mohaut.

³ British History Online states that the presentation of the Earl of Warwick's nominee may have been disputed by Sir Adam de la Forde but that this was ultimately unsuccessful.

⁴ The Earl of Warwick died in 1401 and, as his heir was a minor, presentation would have been made by the Crown (Henry IV) if this occurred after the death of the Earl. Source: British History Online.

1511	Benese	Richard	King Henry (VIII)	
1515	Walker	John	King Henry (VIII)	
1519	Staunton ⁵	Nicholas	King Henry (VIII)	Died May 1541
1541	Spratt ⁶	Thomas	King Henry (VIII)	Appointed 06/05/1541 (Still Rector in 1553)
	Longe ⁷	John		Buried 06/09/1582
1583 ⁸	Dobbs	Thomas	Willimus Button	Appointed 15/02/1583; Died 12/09/1597
1597 ⁹	Noyes	Adam	Willimus Button	Buried 25/07/1652, aged 85 years
1652 ¹⁰	Bayly	Francis		Ejected for beliefs during Interregnum
	Charlton ¹¹	Nathaniel		Absentee – Rector of Bishops Hull, Somerset
1656	Chauncey ¹²	Isaac		Ejected possibly in 1662
1660 ¹³	Bayly	Francis	Robertus Button	Re- Appointed 21/06/1660; Buried 15/05/1667
1667	Coningsby	William	Robertus Button	Died 26/09/1706; Buried 30/09/1706
1706	Chapman	John	Humphredus Wall	Resigned 09/03/1710; Later Rector at Beechingstoke (1715 – 1737)
1710 ¹⁴	Wall	Jacob	Humphredus Wall	Appointed 09/03/1710; Died before March 1729
1729 ¹⁵	Taylor	Edward	Heneage Walker	Appointed 09/03/1729; Resigned 21/10/1731
1731	Harris	Higgins	Johannes Walker	Appointed 21/10/1731; Buried 23/05/1753
1753	Payne ¹⁶	Joseph	John Walker	Appointed 28/09/1753; Cession 18/06/1764
1764	Gibbs	George	Charles Gibbs	Appointed 18/06/1764; Buried 26/02/1813,

⁵ In 1538 the Rector was taken into custody and denounced for complaining, when in a drunken state, of his poverty and inability to offer good pay to a curate, and for speaking ill of his patron (King Henry VIII). Source: British History Online.

⁶ British History Online notes that Thomas Spratt was forcibly removed from the Parsonage, allegedly for immorality and for keeping seditious books. It is unclear whether this resulted in him being unable to continue his duties as Rector.

⁷ Name not recorded on commemorative plaque in Parish Church. Details noted from Burial Register for Woodborough, which records John Longe as “rector of this parish”.

⁸ Commemorative plaque in Parish Church (St. Mary Magdalene) states 1592 as year of appointment. Reference to appointment date of 15 February 1583 from Clergy of Church of England database.

⁹ Name not recorded on commemorative plaque in Parish Church. Details noted from Clergy of Church of England database and Parish Registers.

¹⁰ The British History online website for Woodborough records that Francis Bayly was first presented in 1638. However, the Parish Burial Register records the burial of the previous incumbent (Adam Noyes) in 1652, with the note that he had been Rector for 54 years. Nevertheless, it seems likely that Francis Bayly succeeded Adam Noyes, albeit briefly before being ejected.

¹¹ During the period of the Commonwealth, Rectors were presented under the Great Seal and by the Lord Protector. Source: British History Online.

¹² See Footnote 10 above.

¹³ The Commemorative plaque and Clergy of Church of England database record that Francis Bayly was reinstated in 1660, although British History Online states that Isaac Chauncey was not ejected until 1662. However, Isaac Chauncey had petitioned the House of Lords in 1660 to prevent Francis Bayly from collecting the tithes, so it would appear that the latter was acting as Rector, even if not formally reinstated.

¹⁴ Commemorative plaque in Parish Church states 1709 as year of appointment.

¹⁵ Commemorative plaque in Parish Church states 1728 as year of appointment.

¹⁶ Alternative spelling of Paine (Clergy of Church of England database).

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1813	Cope ¹⁷	Jonathan	Arabella Walker Heneage	Appointed 25/03/1813; Died before May 1814
1814	Wyld ¹⁸	George	Arabella Walker Heneage	Appointed 20/05/1814; Resigned 25/02/1835
1835	Wyld	William Thomas	George Heneage	Appointed 25/02/1835; Died, Woodborough, 18 March 1873
1872	Wyld	Edwin		Son of William Thomas Wyld (previous Rector)
1884	Sturton	Jacob		
1909	Hony	William		
1912	Cameron	Ian		
1915	Butler	William		
1924	Jervis	Thomas		
1944	Peel	Harold		
1950	Lummis	Geoffrey		
1961	Cuming	Kenneth		
1970	Kingcome	John		
1972 – Incorporated In Swanborough Team Rectors ¹⁹				
1972	Ashton	Patrick		Team Rector for Swanborough
1974	Kingcome	John		Team Rector for Swanborough
1980	Whettem	John		Team Rector for Swanborough
1993	Rivett	Peter		Team Rector for Swanborough
2007	Larkey	Deborah		Team Rector for Swanborough

OPC Note: Although the Clergy of the Church of England database records that George Wyld was appointed Rector of Woodborough on 20th May 1814 and resigned on 25th February 1835, it appears that he was never resident, or took a service, in Woodborough. Entries in the Parish register make it clear that all ceremonies conducted between 1816 and 1835 were carried out by a stipendiary curate, who was also living at the Rectory. During the period between 1816 and June 1829 Thomas Gale was the resident curate. The date of his quitting the Rectory in Woodborough is known, as an auction of his effects was advertised in the Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette. During the period 1829 to 1835 the resident curates taking all services were William Bleeck and Jasper Peck. William Bleeck also took up residence in the Rectory, where it is known he provided private tuition to at least eight children. George Wyld, who was almost certainly the father of Thomas William Wyld who took up the post of Rector in 1835, appears to have been resident in Speen (near Newbury), occupying the position of Vicar of Chieveley and private chaplain to Anne, Dowager Baroness Rodney the value of living being £800 per annum (the value of the living at Woodborough was £450 per annum).

¹⁷ Name not recorded on commemorative plaque in Parish Church. Details noted from Clergy of Church of England database.

¹⁸ Name not recorded on commemorative plaque in Parish Church. Details noted from the Clergy of Church of England database. The plaque records Thomas Gale as Rector from 1816. Thomas Gale was Curate from 1816 to 1829 (see also OPC Note).

¹⁹ The Swanborough team now covers 16 Parish churches in the Vale of Pewsey with the team Rector based in Woodborough.