

RYLSTONE CHURCH GRAVESTONES

22 March 2010

Gravestones in floor at E end of Nave going from N - S: (Outside graves to check - in summer!)

1. Here lies the body of Mr David Yates of Lainger House who departed this life February 20th in the 83rd year of his age AD 1733.
2. Here lies the body of Mrs Susanna Yates wife of Mr David Yates who departed this life March the 7th day in ye 35(?)th year of her age AD 1733.
3. (Under central carpet) In memory of Elizabeth Procter wife of Robert Procter of Bordley and daughter of Anne Parkinson of Hetton who departed this life the day of September 1809 (?) aged 61 years. Also the above Robert Procter who departed this life the 20th day of August 1810? 1812? aged 74 years.
4. Here lies the body of Mrs Sarah Yates daughter of Mr David and Mrs Susanna Yates of Lainger House who departed this life March the 29th day AD 1742.

Several more gravestones south of these but under pews. May all be people from Rylstone.

2 stones in central aisle, under carpet, (edges missing as have wooden base for pews built on top), going E - W:

1. Here lies the body of Mrs (?) Frances (?) Yates (?) 20th (?) day of April in the year of our Lord ...6 aged 75 years.
2. Here lye the bodies of John and Nicholas sons to James Parkinson of Hetton who departed this life, Nicholas the 6th of August in the 3rd year of his age and John the 3rd (doesn't look like 0!) of August in the 5th year of his life 1741. We lye interred within this silent(?) grave. No wealth, no want, no earthly friendscrave our parents may rejoice to see for why we are gone before, in into felicity. Also Joshua, son to ye James Parkinson... (rest missing).

Useful documents in the Vestry:

* Register of St Peter's, Rylstone - C H Lowe, 1895

Contains Births/Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1559 -1723. Looks a v useful book. 2 of many refs to Bordley: p.46 Christening - Elizabeth John Airton Dec 3 1611 Bordley
p.58 Christening - Elizabeth John Airton Bordley June 11 1620.

*Rylstone Register of Burials 1901-

*Rylstone Register of Baptisms 1889-

P44 mentions the baptism On 24 September 1960 of a child of Michael & Sheila Gurney at Knowle Bank Farm. Stuart Smith knew some people called Gurney who came from East Anglia and may have been Quakers. Is this the Quaker link with KBF?