

### Rich and Poor in Butleigh in the time of James I (1603-1625)

At the back of the Parish Register for 1578 – 1653 there are some lists of people in Butleigh who were in receipt of assistance during the years 1606-1616, the money coming from various bequests and legacies. The recipients may have been poor due to old age and inability to work and the lists of their names below indicate that their poor status lasted for several years in many cases. The sums paid were in pence. There were 12 pence to a shilling and 20 shillings to the pound sterling (i.e. 240 pence). Below the table I have illustrated just a few of the coins of James I that the people of Butleigh might have seen at the time, or received in payment.

The wealthier inhabitants made a collection in 1617 towards the 'erection of Chelsey Colleg' and these are listed in the second table. The two tables together give an indication of the social strata in Butleigh during this period

<b>Lists of Butleigh Poor in receipt of payments under various Wills etc. 1606-1616</b>											
<b>John Periam bequest</b>		<b>Thomas Talbott legacy</b>		<b>Thomas Talbott legacy</b>		<b>Mathew Knolles legacy</b>		<b>Walter Knolles legacy</b>		<b>Elizabeth Walton legacy</b>	
1606		1607		1613		1613		1614		1616	
<b>Abbott Peter</b>	12	<b>Abbott Peter</b>	8	<b>Abbott Peter</b>	12	<b>Abbott Peter</b>	8	<b>Abbott Peter</b>	15		
<b>Arnold Richard</b>	8	<b>Arnold Richard</b>	6	<b>Arnold Richard</b>	10	<b>Arnold Richard</b>	4				
<b>Atwell Joan</b>	8							<b>Atwool John</b>	6		
<b>Baker John</b>	8	<b>Baker John</b>	4	<b>Baker John</b>	10	<b>Baker John</b>	6	<b>Baker John</b>	6		
<b>Barrett Jane</b>	6	<b>Barrett Jane</b>	6	<b>Barrett Jane</b>	4	<b>Barrett Jane</b>	4				
<b>Bartlett William</b>	6										
<b>Bayley William</b>	4										
<b>Boavell Henry</b>	4			<b>Boavell Henry</b>	6	<b>Boavell Henry</b>	6	<b>Boavell Henry</b>	6		
<b>Burdam Henry</b>	4										
				<b>Burdham Mathew</b>	4			<b>Burdham Mathew</b>	12		
<b>Burdam William</b>	4										
<b>Chedd John</b>	12	<b>Chedd John</b>	6	<b>Chedd John</b>	6	<b>Chedd John</b>	4				
<b>Cooke Margaret</b>	6	<b>Cook Margaret</b>	4	<b>Cook Margaret</b>	6	<b>Cook Margaret</b>	4	<b>Cook Margaret</b>	6		
				<b>Ellis Robert</b>	12	<b>Ellis Robert</b>	10	<b>Ellis Robert</b>	12	<b>Ellis Robert</b>	4
<b>Ewens John</b>	8										
				<b>Fussell Mary</b>	6	<b>Fussell Mary</b>	4	<b>Fussell Mary</b>	6		
				<b>Guppy John</b>	6			<b>Guppy John</b>	12	<b>Guppy John</b>	4
<b>Gylle Thomas</b>	6			<b>Gylle Thomas</b>	3						

<b>Hayward Edward</b>	6			<b>Hayward Edward</b>	4			<b>Hayward Edward</b>	6		
						<b>Hayward Katherine</b>	4				
				<b>Hebdiche Robert</b>	6	<b>Hebdiche Robert</b>	4	<b>Hebdiche Robert</b>	6		
<b>Hillard John</b>	12										
				<b>Joyce John</b>	8			<b>Joyce John</b>	6		
<b>Kimbar Michael</b>	6	<b>Kimbar Michael</b>	10	<b>Kimbar Michael</b>	8	<b>Kimbar Michael</b>	8	<b>Kimbar Michael</b>	6		
<b>King William</b>	6			<b>King William</b>	8						
				<b>Masters John</b>	10			<b>Masters John</b>	6		
<b>Pirry Agnes</b>	6	<b>Pirry Agnes</b>	6	<b>Pirry Agnes</b>	8	<b>Pirry Agnes</b>	6	<b>Pirry Agnes</b>	12	<b>Pirry Agnes</b>	4
										<b>Pirry Joan</b>	4
<b>Pirry John junior</b>	12	<b>Pirry John</b>	6	<b>Pirry John</b>	12	<b>Pirry John</b>	10	<b>Pirry John</b>	18	<b>Pirry John</b>	4
<b>Pirry John son</b>	8			<b>Pirry John clerk</b>	8	<b>Pirry John clerk</b>	8	<b>Pirry John clerk</b>	12		
<b>Reeves Joanne</b>	2			<b>Reeves Joanne</b>	3						
						<b>Scott Elizabeth</b>	4	<b>Scott Elizabeth</b>	6		
<b>Scott Joanne</b>	12										
<b>Scott John</b>	8	<b>Scott John</b>	6	<b>Scott John</b>	8	<b>Scott John</b>	8	<b>Scott John</b>	15	<b>Scott John</b>	4
				<b>Scott Sio..?</b>	4						
				<b>Scott Thomas</b>	8						
				<b>Seym(er) Thomas</b>	4						
				<b>Spurrier John</b>	4						
								<b>Squibb Joanne</b>	6		
				<b>Sutton Andrew</b>	4						
				<b>Virarges Adrian</b>	6						
				<b>West Maria</b>	4			<b>West Mary</b>	12		
				<b>White Elizabeth</b>	4	<b>White Elizabeth</b>	4	<b>White Elizabeth</b>	6		
				<b>White Mark</b>	8	<b>White Mark</b>	8	<b>White Mark</b>	12	<b>White Mark</b>	4
<b>White John</b>	12	<b>White John</b>	4	<b>White John</b>	8	<b>White John</b>	8	<b>White John</b>	12	<b>White John</b>	4
<b>White Thomas</b>	12	<b>White Thomas</b>	4	<b>White Thomas</b>	4						

Wholmer George	6									
			Wooll John	6						
Young Alexander	4		Younge Alexander	10						



Gold Unite of 22 shillings



Spur Ryall of 15 shillings



Crown of 5 shillings



Shilling or 12 pence



Six pence



Half Groat or 2d



Penny



Half-penny



copper farthing

James I founded the Theological College in Chelsea which was later demolished to make way for the present Royal Hospital. It was intended to train clergy to cope with the controversial doctrines of the time. The first Provost of the college was appointed in 1610 but the building never finished due to lack of public support, despite appeals from the church and king himself. A poll-tax was re-introduced to be paid on taking the oath of allegiance and supremacy, to aid the funds but to no avail. The College was dissolved by 1655 and was used as a prison during the Commonwealth period of Cromwell. The following people of Butleigh, and their contributions made in 1617, are listed below. 1/- = 1 shilling

Thomas Symcocks	220/-	William Ewens	1/-	Roger Pope	1/-	John Wilton	8d	Thomas Harte	6d
Dyer Symcocks	40/-	Henry Poope	1/-	Joanne Callow	1/-	Edward Knolle	8d	Agnes Burdham	6d
Thomas Rock	6/8d	Edward Talbott	1/-	John Kyppin	9d	Thamezina Perryam	6d	Alexander Symcockes	6d
Briant Poope	1/-	Philip Pirry	1/-	John Ham	8d	John Perryam	6d	Thomas Rugg	6d
Christopher Coward	1/-	John Gybbes	1/-	Thomas Pirry	8d	Thomas Cope	6d	Richard Abbott	6d