

NOTES ON
FORMER OWNERS OF NEWLANDS CHAPEL.

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THE Manor of Newland in the parish of Charing belonged to the Bending family, who had held the Manor of Westwell. (See *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. VI.)

At the Charing Manor House, on 28th June 1279, Thomas de Bendinges did homage to Archbishop Peckham for the twentieth part of a Knight's fee at Newland in Charing. (*Letters of Archbishop Peckham*, iii., 997.)

In the reign of Edward I. (1272—1307) the Manor of Newland belonged to John de Newland. (*Hasted*, iii., 215.)

On 24th February 1374-5 the Prior and Chapter of Christ Church, Canterbury, acting as the guardians of the See during the vacancy caused by the death of Archbishop Whittlesey, granted to John Niewlonde of Charing a licence that within his chapel or oratory (*in capella sive oratorio*) within his Manor of Niewlonde he might have service for himself, his wife, children and household, saving the rights of the mother Church of Charing. (Register G, fol. 198, Cathedral Library.)

At the end of the reign of Edward III. (1327—77) the Manor of Newland became the property of a branch of the Brockhull family seated at Cale Hill in the parish of Little Chart.

Henry Brockhull sold Newland in 12 Henry IV. (1410-11), with other lands here and in adjoining parishes, to John Darell of Cale Hill. (See Darell Pedigree in *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XVII., 46, and *Hasted*, iii., 215.)

The Chapel seems to have been made over to Leeds Priory in Kent.

At a Visitation held at Charing by Archbishop William Warham in 1511 the following presentment was made:—

That the Prior of Leeds did not maintain the chantry-chapel of Newland in the parish (of Charing) and for which the Prior had certain lands valued at twelve marcs (£8).

That to the Chapel of Newland were given certain lands to a priest to sing there continually, the which lands the Prior and Convent of Leeds hath; but there is no priest singing. That complaint at the Visitation of my lord Henry Archbishop of Canterbury had been made, with the result that the said Prior of Leeds had been ordered to find a priest to sing in the said Chapel.

(The Commissary remitted the matter to the Archbishop of Canterbury.)

(Warham's Visitation, quoted in the *British Magazine*, vol. xxx., 664, xxxi., 267.)