

GRINSDALE - BURGH-BY-SANDS

GRINSDALE. Jun. 29. The Church and Chancel both in Ruins; nothing left but a good handsome Stone-Table heretofore used for an Altar. Half of the Church-yard seems also to have been carry'd off, by the River Eden; against the further Encroachments of which the Parishioners have now built a strong Stone-wall, to preserve their Dead from being carry'd down the River. Burials are attended by Tho. Addison, whose father (one of the Petty Canons of Carlile) was lately Curate here; And Mr. Appleby the Impropiator, gives him four Nobles (antiently four Marks) yearly for so doing. The Parishioners, on Sundayes, attend Divine Service either at Carlile or Beaumont. If, as that prophecying (of which he was so great a Patron) should first cease in this and ye neighbouring Parish of Kirk-Andrews; the very next adjoining village.

ROCLIF. Jun. 29. The Curate of this place (Mr. Calvert) has no House nor Gleab; onely 20 li paid yearly, by way of Augmentation by (my sister Spooner) the Lessee of the Rectory, under the Dean and Chapter. The Church and Chancel are both in good condition in their Walls, plaistering and Floors: but the Quire wants pointing on the Roof, and Glass in the South-Window. No Sentences of Scripture on the Walls; nor any other Ornament, save the Queen's Arms in 1664. The onely letter'd Monument is alate one in the Church-yard with this Inscription.

Memoriæ Conjugis.

Here lyes the body of Jean wife  
of William Jackson of the New  
Town, who departed this life  
in the sixth of day of May and  
in the year of our Lord God  
1694.

Below which is a fair Coat of Arms, cut on the same Grave-stone; A Cheveron betwixt three Bucks heads erased. There's an old Cross inthe Church-Yard, which has had some curiosity on its forming; but has no letters. In a neighbouring House the Children are taught by Mr. Moor, a Scotch Mr. of Arts of Aberdene; who has contracted with ye Parishioners for a salary of 3 li and his Diet; He is also Clerk of the Parish, worth about 10s. under the Curate who never saw either an University or a College; excepting that in the Abbey in Carlile, where he is a Petty Canon.

BURGH-BY-SANDS. Jun. 29. The Vicar (Mr. Story) and Clark liveing bothat Kirk-Bampton, I could not meet with the Key of the Church; so that all the View I could take of its Inside was through Holes in the Doors and Windows. It seem'd to be in pretty good Repair; but I could see no Monuments within or without. The Bells hang in a good Square Steeple at the West End. There has been formerly another at the East; But this is now half-broken down. A small charge would turn it into a School-House; which they want. Enquireing after B.O's books, I met with John Hodgson, who was Churchwarden when they were given; and well remember'd the Engagement he and his fellows had enter'd to for the safe Custody of 'em.