

St. Mary the Virgin, Harby, Leicestershire

List of Graves

and

Monumental Inscriptions

*Reader, stand still and lend a tear
Upon the dust that sleepeth here,
And whilst thou read the state of me,
Think on the glass that runs for thee.*

From headstone H.163

The following details were compiled by recording the inscriptions on each grave in 2004. Where inscriptions had become illegible reference was made to two previous surveys: that conducted by members of the Harby Women's Institute in 1982, which records names, dates and relationships but not the full inscriptions; and that conducted by Rebecca Morant for her dissertation presented for an Honours degree of B.A. at Nottingham University in 1995; this contains a verbatim record of most inscriptions. In notes on individual inscriptions in the following pages these two previous surveys are referred to as "the 1982 survey" and "the 1995 survey". The work of these previous authors is acknowledged with thanks. Both surveys are available for study in the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland.

The format (punctuation, etc.) on the headstones has been followed as exactly as possible except that only surnames have been capitalised and verses, etc., italicised. Ends of lines have been indicated by a / only in the case of verses, where the end of the metrical line rather than the physical line has been marked (though the two are usually the same).

In the plan of the churchyard each grave has an identifying number. In the 'old' churchyard there is an upper case letter (A to V), which indicates a particular zone, followed by a number. Since the numbers are themselves unique, the prefixing letters have been omitted in the following index. The 'new' churchyard has been planned to contain six rows of graves, designated WA, WB, WC, WD, WE and WF, each row being numbered from 1 to, approximately, 50. Hence for these it has been necessary to include the prefix letters in the index. For the purposes of this document, the memorials within the church have been sequentially numbered with the prefix Ψ.

I am particularly grateful to the late Leslie Cram (see WD23) for his advice and encouragement generally and for revisiting the graves to check my work, and for spotting my many errors. Human frailty has doubtless allowed some errors still to pass unnoticed and I should appreciate receiving details of any that are found.

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