

## June 1917

### **MR. LEOPOLD DE ROTHSCHILD.**

A great sorrow has befallen us by the death of our beloved and respected Squire, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, who passed away peacefully on the morning of May 29<sup>th</sup> in his 72<sup>nd</sup> year. It is more than 40 years ago (1874), since he first came to Wing. Ascott House, before he took up his abode there, was a small farm house, which was wisely not pulled down, but altered and extended and became the nucleus and model of the continuous additions that have from time to time been made to it. From the first, though he usually only resided here for the six winter months, he regarded it as his real home, and has always taken the warmest interest in the well-being of his neighbours-an interest which his marriage in 1881 and the active co-operation of Mrs. Rothschild only served to intensify and increase. Wing has indeed been fortunate in the possession of such generous and thoughtful friends and benefactors for so many years. Over the grave of Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of S. Paul's Cathedral, are inscribed the words: "Si monumentum requiris, circumspice" (If you ask for his memorial look around you.) And we may say the same of our departed friend. Place and people are alike the visible tokens and monuments of his thoughtfulness and influence. The many houses and cottages, built or rebuilt, the Charlotte Cottage, which he instituted and named after his mother, Baroness Lionel de Rothschild, and which has been a boon to our sick and aged people, the school gardens, Rothschild Road, which he helped us to complete, and above all, our noble Hall, which was erected in memory of his and our dear friend, Mr. Charles Cotes- all these and many other mementoes of his kindness rise before our minds as we look round and look back. Neither must we forget his Christmas gifts and school treats, or the annual delights of the August Bank Holiday Flower Shows. That they became a great Buckinghamshire event as well as a happy reunion of families and friends was entirely due to them being held at Ascott, and to the services of his staff and the attractions of his unrivalled gardens. There are many rich people (not

(Sadly the rest has been torn.)

### **EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.**

#### **HOLY BAPTISM.**

May 6<sup>th</sup>.- Margaret Joan, daughter of Walter Duckett and Edith Emma Southern, of Burcott.

6<sup>th</sup>.- Alma Mary, daughter of Charles Thomas and Alice Maud Marriott.

11<sup>th</sup>.- (Privately) Charles, son of Bernal and Alice Rickard, of Burcott.

#### **MARRIAGE.**

May 28<sup>th</sup>.- William Tibbles, of Northwick, Middlesex, to Millicent Mary Jeffs, of Crafton, Wing.

#### **BURIALS.**

May 5<sup>th</sup>.- Matilda Roadnight, aged 41.

6<sup>th</sup>.- Annie, wife of William Meager, aged 57.

7<sup>th</sup>.- Edward William Biggs, formerly of Mount Pleasant farm, aged 69.

17<sup>th</sup>.- Joseph Northwood, aged 38.

26<sup>th</sup>.- James Watson, aged 45.

We regret to announce the death of Harry Pratt, formerly in the carpenter's shop at Ascott. He enlisted among the first in the autumn of 1914, being a member of the Wing C.L.B. Both his Captain

and Lieutenant wrote to his parents expressing their sorrow for his death, and their admiration for his character.

**OFFERTORIES.**

	£	s.	d.	
May 6 <sup>th</sup> .- 4 <sup>th</sup> S. aft. Eas.	1	14	7	Sick and Needy.
13 <sup>th</sup> . 5 <sup>th</sup> "	1	17	7	Ch. Expenses
17 <sup>th</sup> . – Ascension Day		4	11	Sick and Needy.
20 <sup>th</sup> .- S. aft. ""	6	2	8	Red Cross Soc.
27 <sup>th</sup> .-Whitsunday	3	16	6	

**WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.**- We again remind our readers the Hall is open on Mondays between 7.30 and 8.30 to receive subscriptions. Many have come forward already, but not as many as there ought to be in a place like Wing.