

Broade Chalke Protestation Return of 1641/42

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The Protestation Returns relate to the years 1641/42, around the start of the Civil War. It was an Oath of loyalty to the King.

The incumbent of each parish was to read the protestation to his parishioners and all men over the age of 18 had to sign the oath but the women were not usually asked to sign.

The Protestation itself runs in the following terms :—

"I (A. B.) doe, in the presence of Almighty God, promise, vow, and protest to maintaine and defend, so farre as lawfullie I may, with my Hfe, power, and estate, the trne Reformed Protestant Religion expressed in the Doctrine of the Church of England, against all Poperie and Popish Innovations within this Realme contrarie to the same Doctrine and according to the dutie of my Allegiance [to] his Ma'ties Royall person, honor, and estate. As also the Power and Privileges of Parliament, the lawfull rights and Liberties of the subject, and every person that maketh this Protestation in whatsoever hee shall doe in the lawfull pursuence of ye same. And to my power, and as farre as lawfullie I may, I will oppose, and by all good waies and meanes indeavor to bring to condigne punishment all such as shall either by Force, Practise, Counsells, Plotts, Conspiracies, or otherwise do anie thing in this present Protestation contained. And further, that I shall in all Just and honorable waies endeavor to preserve ye Vnion and Peace between the three Kingdomes of England, Scotland, and heland. And neither for hope, feare, nor other respect, reliquish this promise, vow, and Protestation."

Robert Payton, *vicar*
Christofer Coole
Willm. Michell
Henrey Norris
Samuell Penny
Willm. Savage
Thom. Kinge
Bartholomewe Kinge
Willm. Spearinge
Gabiell Kinge
Soloman Penny
Edward Bryne
John Whitmarsh
John Blake
Walter Newman, sen.
Charles Newman
Walter Newman, jun.
John Penny
Charles Sanders
John Samsburie
John Nott, sen.

John Nott, jun.
John Sanders
Nicholas Savage
John Guire
John Jenken
John VWhitm"sh
Thom. Holly, sen.
Thom. Holly, jun.
Wm. Holly
Richard Griffin
Willm. Bryne
Henrey White
Thomas Thorne
John Thorne
Richard Amberry, *gent.*
Laurence St. Lowe, *gent.*
Theophilus Wodenote
Ralph Myles
John White
Robert Shergall
Willm. Whitm'sh

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Willm. Wickes
Walter Savage
Thom. Finckly
Robert Pittman
Nicholas Glouer
Bartho Segar
John Blake
Ralph Streete
George Boulton
Thomas Jennings
John Penn
Peeter Streete
Thom. Lambe
John Smalwell
John Kinge
Thom. Pennye
John Chubb
Thom. White
John Maye
Symon Gravill
John Folliott
Walter Folliott
Clement Woodlord
Ellis Preist
Henrey Symes
Willm. Langtree
Wm. Deane
Ellis Witt
Thom. Penny
Christofer Penny
Andrewe Deane
Thom. Deane
John Coale
Walter Bennett
Thom. Scamell
Thom. [D]ewe
Robert Whitm'sh
Ellis Myles
Willm. Dewe [?]
Edward Foxe
Robert Haylocke
Richard Waidge
John Randoll
John Smith
Edward Targitt
Richard Shergall
Henry Randoll

Christofer Granger
John Penny, sen.
John Penny, jun.
John Randoll
Richard Blanford
Henrey Good, sen.
Henry Good, jun.
Wm. Good
James Witt
John Witt
Leonard Mells
Richard Stell
Edward Preist
Wm. Preist
Wm. Carter
Robert Toomer
Henry Lawrence
Charles Penny [crossed out]
Wilim. Whitm'sh
John Sweetaple
John Streete
John Hutson
Thom. Preist
Tymothy Lodge
John Lodge
Robert Ledford
Michael Farrant
Robert Kinge
Henry Penny
John Lawes, jun.
Henry Odber
John Odber
Thom. Odber
Thom. Shergall
Wm. Purchis
Anthony Angod
John Griffin
Thom. Randoll
Christofer James
Thom. Plowman
Will. Andrewes
Thom. Penn
Henrey Davies
Will. Skin
John Lawes
George Lawes
Willm. Archur

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John Lyllie
Henry Gilbert
Thom. Gilbert
Wm. Odber
Thom. Randoll
Thom. Frauncis
Willm. Angod
Thom. Angod
John Skamell
Christofer Skamell
Thom. Newe
Wm. Lawes, sen.
Wm. Lawes, jun.
Edward Bittilcombe
Ralph Woodford
Anthony Archur
John Randoll

Edmund White
Ambrose Newe
Thom. Wise
John Goaldinge
Richard Mullings
John Dewe
Willm. Dewe, sen.
Willm. Penny
John Randoll
John Bundy
Henry Good, sen.
Henry Good, jun.
Thom. Page
Robert Bishopp
Abraham Penny
John St. Lowe, *gent.*

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