

WHITELOCKE MONUMENT - FAWLEY, BUCKS

Some years ago the Whitlock Family Association began a fund raising campaign to assist in the repairs of the memorial to Sir James Whitlock and his wife Elizabeth Bulstrode at Fawley in Buckinghamshire. Over the past years subscribers have contributed £565 which have been passed on to the Fawley Parochial Church Council. I advised in September 1999 that the funds had been raised and I am very pleased to announce that the project is now complete.

Mr. Stuart reports that “the whole structure was taken down to the original church walls, lead and neoprene waterproofing fixed, the plinth rebuilt in open blockwork, the effigies cleaned and replaced, all the marble and alabaster restored as far as possible and the inscription regilded in gold leaf.”

The lancet windows that had once been in Sir James Whitlock’s home of Fawley Manor were also repaired as they had been damaged in a recent storm.

Mr. Stuart wished me to express the Council’s appreciation for the role played by the Whitlock Family Association in this project. While the overall cost was about £18,000 the first £500 received from us enabled them to complete the first survey that got the whole project rolling.

Thanks to all of you contributed to this project. If any of you are planning a visit to England in the near future, be sure to include a visit to Fawley Manor and Fawley Church in you itinerary. The village is a couple of kilometres east of Henley on Thames and looks much like it must have done when Sir James Whitlock bought the Manor House in 1617.