

**Text of the pew agreement dated Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1718 between Richard  
Lydiatt, Rector, and William Harbert, William Green,  
Churchwardens and Joseph Olorensha, Thomas Mason and William  
Jeacocks**

**transcribed by Colin Such (2023)**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1718

*Memorandum*

Agreed then by ye Minister & Church Wardens of ye Parish of Lighthorne & all other persons concerned at a general Meeting of ye *said* parish, (the consent of ye Lord Willoughby de Broke – being first obtained)

That Mr. Lydiatt ye present Rector that he is [MS creased] to erect a new Pew on ye North Side of ye Church in ye room of ye two seats next to ye Chancel one of *which* has usually went under ye Name of ye Cotton Seat and ye other formerly belonging to D'Orsheas and Highorns Houses but now in ye possession of *William* Jeacocks, *Thomas* Mason, *Richard* Hunt, *Widow* D'Orshea & *Joseph* Rencher, who have places given them by ye *said* Mr. Lydiatt [...] in Exchange for their five places in *aforesaid* seat.

Attested by us whose Names are Subscribed

Richard Lydiatt, Rector

William Harbert     )   Churchwardens

William Green         )

Joseph Olorencha X

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Thomas Mason

William Jeacocks

Subscribers	Summa			Places
	£	s	d	
Thomas Webb	0	2	6	1
Joseph Rencher & Sons	0	7	6	3
William Townsend	0	2	6	1
Judith Jeacock	0	1	0	
Thomas Garrett	0	5	0	2
Moses Tayler	0	5	0	2
Thomas Wright	0	2	6	1
John Allen	0	5	0	2
John Orshea	0	1	0	
William Townsend	0	5	0	2
Robert Newman	0	5	0	2
Thomas [Ladlow?]	0	2	6	1
Richard Tayler	0	2	6	1
Edward King	0	5	0	2
John Sanders	0	2	6	1
Thomas Townsend	0	1	0	
John Harris	0	2	6	1
William Halford	0	2	6	1
William Lee	0	2	6	1
Moses Tasker	0	2	6	1
Francis Webb	0	2	6	1
Thomas Marshall )	0	2	6	1
[...] of Linington )				
James Radcliffe	0	2	6	1
Samuel Russel	0	1	0	
	1	14	6	
	2	5	0	
	3	19	6	

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Memorandum

Agreed thereby yr<sup>e</sup> Minister & Church  
 Wardens of yr<sup>e</sup> Parish of Lighthorne & all other persons  
 concerned at a generall meeting of yr<sup>e</sup> sd<sup>e</sup> Parish, (the con-  
 sent of yr<sup>e</sup> sd<sup>e</sup> Willoughby de Drake being first obtained)  
 That Mr<sup>r</sup> Lydiatt yr<sup>e</sup> present Rector shall have power  
 to erect a new Pew on yr<sup>e</sup> North Side of yr<sup>e</sup> Church  
 in yr<sup>e</sup> room of yr<sup>e</sup> two Seats next to yr<sup>e</sup> Chancel  
 one of which has usually went under yr<sup>e</sup> Name of  
 Common Seat, & yr<sup>e</sup> other formerly belonging to  
 Parson & Highwain's House but now in yr<sup>e</sup> posses-  
 sion of Mr<sup>r</sup> Isaac & Tho: Mason, Rich<sup>d</sup> Hunt, Wm<sup>m</sup>  
 Parson & Joseph Rencher, who have place  
 given 'em by yr<sup>e</sup> sd<sup>e</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> Lydiatt in exchange  
 in Exchange for their five places in yr<sup>e</sup> Church  
 Seat. Attested by us whose Names are Subscribed

Rich<sup>d</sup> Lydiatt Rector

Will<sup>m</sup> Greaves Church Wardens

Joseph & Corneilus

Thomas Mason

William Parson

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Thomas Webb.	0:2:6	1
Joseph Rencher & Sons	0:7:0	3
William Townsend.	0:2:0	1
Judith Seacock.	0:1:0	2
Thomas Garrett.	0:5:0	2
Moses Tinker	0:5:0	2
Thomas Wright	0:2:0	1
John Allen.	0:5:0	2
John D'Orshea	0:1:0	2
William Townsend.	0:5:0	2
Robert Newman.	0:5:0	2
Thomas Litchlow.	0:2:0	1
Richard Tayler	0:2:6	1

Subscribers.	Sum.	Places
Edward King.	0:5:0	2
John Sanders	0:2:6	1
Thomas Townsend	0:1:0	1
John Harris.	0:2:0	1
William Halford	0:2:0	1
William Gee.	0:2:0	1
Moses Tasker	0:2:0	1
Francis Webb.	0:2:0	1
Thomas Marshall	0:2:0	1
Wm. of Linneston.		
James Radcliffe.	0:2:0	1
Samuel Russel.	0:1:0	1
	1:14:6	
	2:19:6	