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This document is within the Court of the Exchequer Files, the King's Remembrancer sits in this court, and it's sub-classed as the Office of First Fruits & Tenths and the Court of Augmentations. The Vicar of Shrivenham in 1585 was George Ellys and he was trying to claim back the money he has spent on the repairs made to the Chancel of Shrivenham Church. The interest of this is that it would have been the old church as it was before the rebuilding in 1638. This document was written during the reign of Elizabeth 1st who ruled from November 1558 to March 1603.

The deposition of the witnesses was taken at Shrivenham on 8th November in 1585, before Richard Humfry, Robert Watson and William Blagrove. The amount of money paid is listed but it is difficult to understand the abbreviations and amounts used.

The first to be questioned was Robert Mottar of Shrivenham of the age of 30 years.

1. His answer to question one is that he had known Shrivenham church for 20 years.
2. His answer to question two is that he knew that the Vicar of Shrivenham, George Ellys had spent money on "repairinge and amendinge the sayde Chancell" as well as in the roof and leads as also the windows and walls and paving in the ground.
3. His answer to question three was that he was given the work by the Vicar to pave the Chancel which he did with stones, lime and sand. Paid ...

Henry Leadbetter of Shrivenham a Taylor, age 53 years.

1. He had known Shrivenham church for 30 years
2. He agreed with what Robert Mottar, above said.
3. In 1581 the Vicar, Geoge Ellys hired a Bernard White to work on the Chancel and he was paid

And further to that he said that in October 1582 the Vicar hired John Bowyer of Malmesbury, Plumber, to repair the leads ...

And in February 1584, the Vicar hired Thomas Harper of Abingdon, Glazier, to repair the windows of the Chancel for which he was paid

And Henry Leadbetter knows this to be true because the Plumber and Glazier stayed at his house whilst they were working in the church ...

Thomas Mottar of Shrivenham a Mason, of the age of 50 years.

1. He had known the church for 30 years.
2. He agreed with what Robert Mottar above said
3. In 1584 he was hired by the Vicar to paint the walls of the Chancel on both sides and he supplied lime and sand for that purpose and was paid ...

Thomas Pitman of Ashbury, a Carpenter, of 44 years of age.

1. He had known the church for many years.
- 2 & 3. He agreed with Robert & Thomas Mottar above.

John Berry of Shrivenham, a Carpenter of 40 years of age.

1. He had known the church for 20 years
2. He agreed with Robert Mottar above
3. He was employed by the Vicar to repair the timber works of the Chancel for which he was paid ...

George Ellys produced an account book at the meeting that listed out all his expenses and disbursements.