

'What's in a name?'

A quick look at the Milborne Port parish registers in days-gone-by shows that the most popular names for boys were, unsurprisingly, John, William and Thomas and for girls Mary, Elizabeth and Ann.

However, every now and again, a more imaginative name can be seen and one wonders at the circumstances in which this name was chosen ...

(bpt = baptised; dau = daughter; mar = married; bur = buried)

1567 bpt Augustine son of Thomas Hallett

1603 bpt Magdalen dau of William Roe

1611 Florence Prankerd mar Henry Pullin

1617 bpt Guido son of Guido White

1640 Philadelpha Clench mar William Prankerd

1656 bur Basil Hallett

1677 bpt Priscilla dau of James James

1677 bpt Ceasar son of John Hillier

1678 bpt Moses son of Richard Searle

1679 bpt Love dau of Guido White

1682 bpt Honour dau of Guido White

1686 bpt Charity dau of Guido White

1688 bpt Julian dau of Luke Samon

1693 Deborah Smith mar Caleb Barrett

1700 bur Fortune Ellis

1708 bpt Angel son of Angel Smith

1712 bpt Warman son of Christopher Brown

1721 bur Stroud Jervis

1722 Hannibal Hallett mar Mary Game

1750 bur Theophilia Mantle

1767 Thomas Ford mar Repentence Williams

1768 bpt Paris son of George and Betty Baker

1770 bpt Achilles son of William and Sarah Spear

1770 bpt Violetta dau of Elizabeth Hore

1800 bur Thomasine Game

1803 bur Mervin Stockwell

1804 bpt Sylvanus son of George and Tabytha Dyke

1808 bur Onesiphorus Stockwell

1824 bpt Hope dau of John and Judith Rossiter

1890 Beatrice White mar Frederick Smith

What is the most unusual name in *your* family?

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