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I am not happy to see that the name "Cuddington" could disappear from the name of our division. We were one of England's "lost parishes". The village of Cuddington and her church, near Epsom in Surrey, was razed by an army of workmen on 22 April 1538, the 30th anniversary of Henry VIII's accession. The village became the "little" hunting park and the palace of Nonsuch was completed after 1556 by Henry Fitzalan, 12th Earl of Arundel, who had part-purchased, part-swapped the palace and "Little Park" with Queen Mary I. She disliked hunting and had considered demolition, in exchange for Norfolk estates. Our association with Cuddington is that our "ressurrected" parish, standing in what was the "Great Park" - also used for hunting in the past by the Tudors and Stuarts - is also part of a long and rich history. This history also includes the construction of Merton College, the dissolution of Merton Abbey, the destruction of the original Cuddington Church and village for Henry VIII's Nonsuch Palace and the subsequent rediscovery of the "old" Cuddington by the archaeologist Martin Biddle in 1959. One of the first English Civil War battles took place here. Cuddington was at the centre of some pivotal moments in the history of our county and the United Kingdom. I

recommend reading The History of St Mary's Cuddington (Leach, 1995) ISBN 10: 0952702304 ISBN 13: 9780952702306

and also https://cuddingtonparish.org.uk/stmarys_history.html

Some of the intriguing master works of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood were inspired by Cuddington. "Ophelia" (Millais) and "The Light of the World" (Holman Hunt) are notable examples. An excerpt from Holman Hunt's book (underneath the parish map):

https://cuddingtonparish.org.uk/contact_stmarys.html

So my plea is to not obliterate our name from anywhere. It is a small ask!

Attached Documents:

None attached