

# Lordship of Hartley Dummer or Erbar or Arbor

County	Berkshire	Principal Source	Victoria County History
Parish	Shinfield	Other information	
Date	History of Lordship – Page 1		Monarchs
874	Creation of the English Monarchy		Alfred the Great 871-899 Edward Elder 899-924 Athelstan 924-939 Edmund I 939-946 Edred 946-955 Edwy 955-959 Edgar 959-975 Edward the Martyr 975-978 Ethelred 978-1016 Edmund II 1016 Canute 1016-1035 Harold I 1035-1040 Harthacnut 1040-1042 Edward the Confessor 1042-1066 Harold II 1066
1066	Hartley Dummer is part of the Reading Hundred. When the Theale Hundred is formed out of the Reading Hundred it went with it. The lordship is subordinate to the Swallowfield Lordship. Lord of Swallowfield is Saxi of Clatford with King Edward as Overlord.		
1066	Norman Conquest- Battle of Hastings		William I 1066-1087
1086	Domesday		
1086	William the Conqueror retains Hartley Dummer as lord.		William II 1087-1100 Henry I 1100-35 Stephen 1135-54 Henry II 1154-89 Richard I 1189-99 John 1199-1216
1215	Magna Carta		
1215-1217	First Barons War		Henry III 1216-72

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1200-1240	Richard de Dummer is holding 1 hide in Hartley providing a quarter of a knight's service. This is probably where the name Hartley Dummer originates from. Richard argues with the Abbot of Reading over common pasture in Grazeley (in the same parish) which he eventually quitclaims (transfers) to the abbey in return for a grant of the land between Fulritham and the Trunkwell road.	
1249	Sir Richard de Dummer grants Hartley Dummer (except the meadows called Eldermed and Niwemed), his free men, villeins (tenant farmers) and their tenements (tenants property) to Giles Bridport, then Archdeacon of Berkshire who becomes Bishop of Salisbury. The grant is confirmed by Sir Richard's daughter Alice and her husband Luke Rop. Giles Bridport bestows it to his college of St Nicholas de Vaux at Salisbury.	
1264-1267	Second Barons War	Edward I 1272-1307 Edward II 1307-27 Edward III 1327-77 Richard II 1377-1399 Henry IV 1399-1413 Henry V 1413-22
1455-1487	War of the Roses	Henry VI 1422-61 1470-71 Edward IV 1461-70 1471-83 Edward V 1483 Richard III 1483-5 Henry VII 1485-1509 Henry VIII 1509-47
1534	The Act of Supremacy – Church of England	
1541	The name of the Manor and Lordship has changed to Erbar or Arbor described as being situated in the vill of Hartley Dummer in the parishes of Shinfield and Burghfield. With the Dissolution of Reading Abbey Erbar comes to the Crown.	
1543	The Crown grants the manor and lordship to Sir John Williams (to become Lord Williams of Thame) who also holds the manor of Burghfield.	Edward VI 1547-53 Mary I 1553-58 Elizabeth I 1558-1603
1559	Lord Williams dies leaving his estate to his daughters. His youngest daughter Margery, (married to Henry Norreys, to become 1 <sup>st</sup> Baron Norris of Rycote) inherits Erbar.	

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1601	Henry dies and Erbar is left to his son Sir Edward Norreys.	James I 1603-25
1603	Sir Edward dies with no son and heir and his estates pass to his nephew Francis Norreys.	
1622	Sir Frances is made Earl of Berkshire. He commits a crime of elbowing Lord Scrope in the presence of royalty and is sent to the fleet. His estates are confiscated by the Crown. On returning to his family home he feels so disgraced that he kills himself with a crossbow. His daughter Elizabeth claims the family estates including Erbar.	
1642-1651	English Civil War	Charles I 1625-49
1645	Elizabeth dies leaving a daughter Bridget who inherits Erbar.	
1656	Bridget and her husband Montague Bertie, Earl of Lindsey convey Erbar to Anne James, widow.	Charles II 1660-85 James II 1685-88
1700	Erbar is still managed separately from the other family estates. This is the last time the lordship of Hartley Dummer or Erbar is recorded.	William III 1688-1702
1750-1850	Industrial Revolution	Anne 1702-14 George I 1714/27 George II 1727/60 George III 1760-1820 George IV 1820-30 William IV 1830-7 Victoria 1837-1901 Edward VII 1901-10 George V 1910-36 Edward VIII 1936 George VI 1936-52
2018	The title appears not to have been used for 318 years.	Elizabeth II 1952-