

1841 MARDEN TITHES

We are used to paying taxes to the government but for centuries they were paid to the Church via the local vicar. The payment of one tenth of local produce to the Church had been established in Anglo-Saxon England before the Norman Conquest and in some instances, a Tithe Barn was built to hold the tithes. Until 1891 the payment of the tithe rent was the owner's liability.

We have a highly detailed database of farming tithe information from transcribed tithes of the year 1841. This invaluable snapshot of Marden's farming and landownership patchwork frequently mentions some of the wealthiest Kent landowner names like Cornwallis and will be familiar to those researching property in other parts of 19th century Kent. The tithes show how much land they owned and rented out, to whom, its type, together with the tax levy and more. It will greatly assist in gauging Marden's overall property and land value when compared with what's known about Kent's generally, and specifically Marden's, then economy, and how people managed to pay rents and taxes.

You can access the tithe database online in conjunction with the wealth of other information we have available by becoming a web member for a small fee. Click [here](#) for an explanation of a record and [here](#) for details of how to join to enjoy this and so much more about Marden.

Alternatively you can drop in to view them here at the Centre, together with the CD of the tithe maps for Marden and a pictorial book of estate maps from around the same period which used the same numbering as on the tithe records. Our opening times are [here](#).