

Blisworth Parish Records



Overview



- **Baptisms, Marriages and Burials**
- **Accuracy and reliability**
- **Historical Context**
- **Marriages Acts 1753, 1836**
- **Events affecting the records**

Baptisms

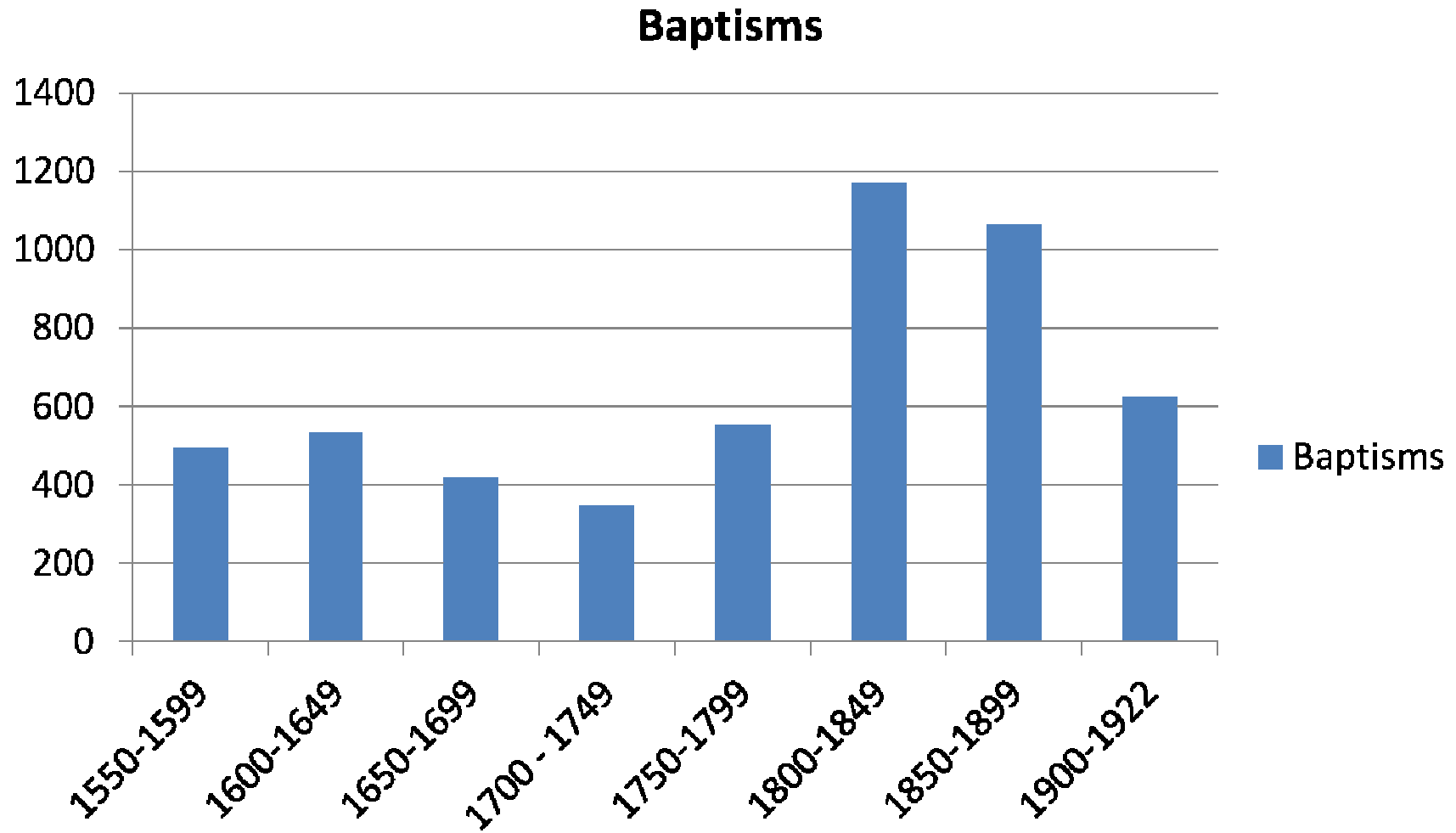
- **Between 1548 and 1922 there were 4,889 baptisms**



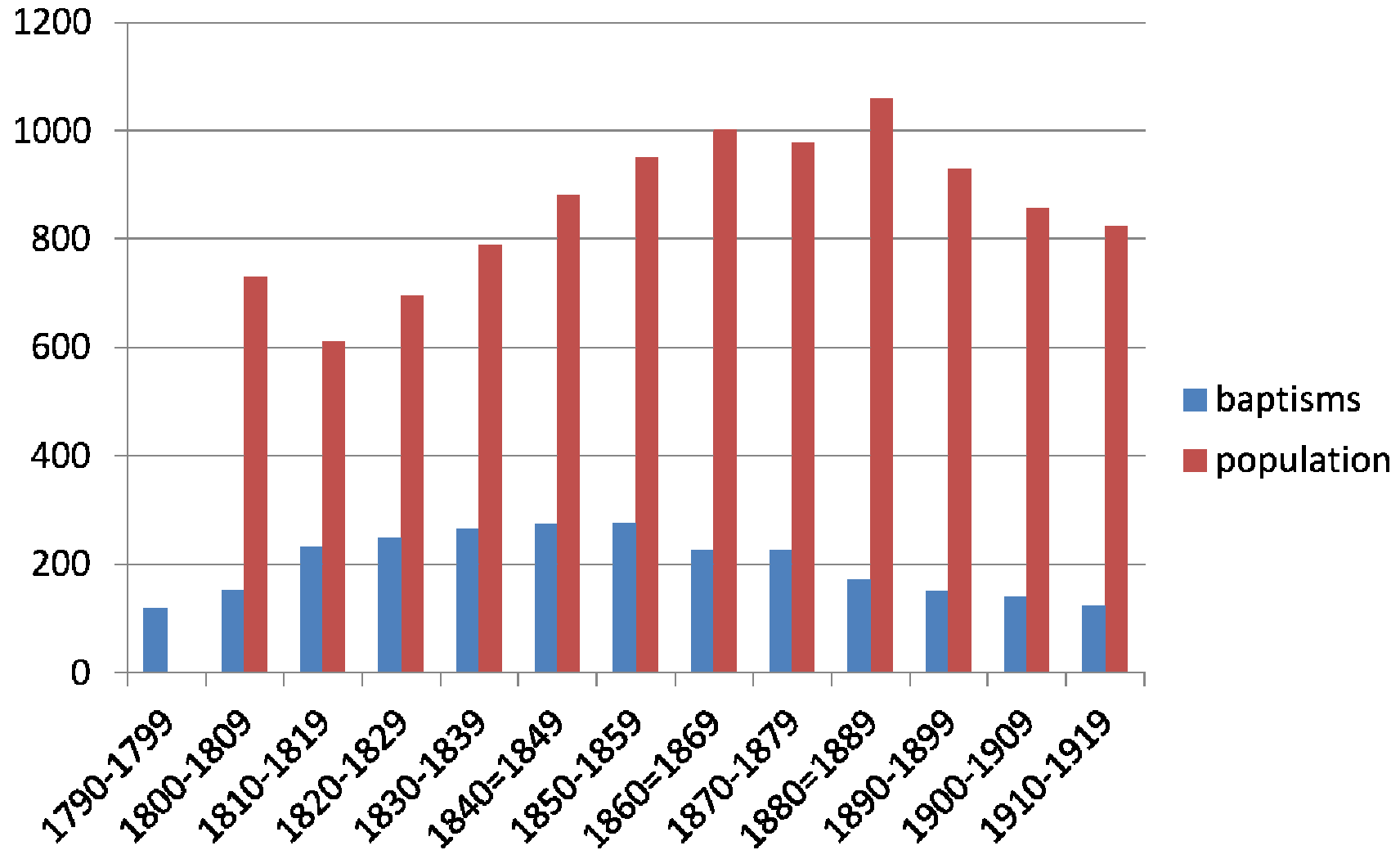
2,603 were male

2,284 were female

Baptisms 1548 - 1922



Baptisms by Decade



Christian Names

- 1550 - 99 56
- 1600 - 49 67
- 1650 - 99 43
- 1700 - 49 45
- 1750 - 99 70
- 1800 - 49 140
- 1850 - 99 242

Single occurrences 134

Names in all 8 periods

Francis, John, George,
Richard, Robert,
Samuel, William

Alice, Ann, Catherine,
Elizabeth, Lucy, Mary

Names in 7 periods

Henry, Joseph, Thomas

Eleanor, Francis, Jane,
Margaret, Martha, Sarah

Christian Names

Top 14 Boy's Names

William 457

John 381

Thomas 260

Richard 187

George 131

Henry 82

James 82

Robert 74

Joseph 68

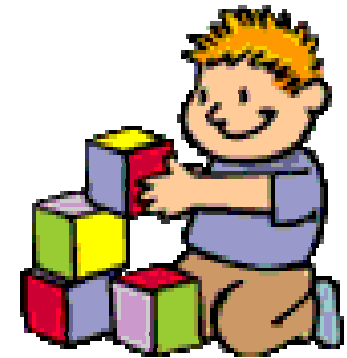
Charles 64

Edward 54

Samuel 54

Frederick 53

Benjamin 47



Christian Names

Top 14 Girl's Names

Elizabeth	350	Charlotte	37
Mary	294	Frances	37
Ann(e)	260	Caroline	36
Sarah	189	Emily	34
Alice	79	Hannah	33
Jane	56	Catherine	31
Agnes	39	Annie	30



Thomas and Elizabeth Facer

Multiple Baptisms

1847

George 1840

Alfred 1842

Eliza 1845

Emma 1847

1853

William 1849

Ellen 1851

Mary Ann 1853

No Baptism

John 1835

Ann 1837

Single Baptism

Richard 1855

Henry and Esther Chambers

Multiple Baptism 1851

Frederick 1841

Charity 1843

William 1845

Henry 1847

Thomas 1851

1852

Comfort 1852

Patience 1852

Single Baptisms

George 1838

John 1854

Alfred 1856

No Baptism

Francis 1840

John and Mary Judge

Multiple Baptism 1884

Joseph 1875

Charles 1876

Alice 1879

William A 1880

Ann 1884

1891

Charlotte 1890

William G 1891

Single Baptisms

Elizabeth 1885

Selina 1887

Marriages

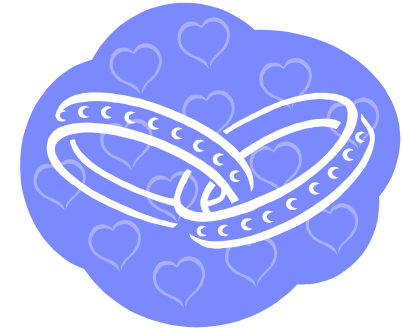


Marriages

Only in Church until 1836

1547 – 1699	64
1700 – 1799	169
1800 – 1899	586
1900 - 1925	131

**Between 1800 and 1849 there
were 384 marriages**



Marriages

- Frequency of marriages by month

January	46	September	64
February	53	October	126
March	41	November	82
April	72	December	100
May	69		
June	74		
July	54		
August	72		



Marriages 1754 - 1799

- **143 in total –**
 - 80 September – December**
 - 34 January - April**
 - 29 May – August**

35 marriages took place in October

Reflects the farming year

Marriages 1800 - 1849

335 in total

145 September - December

78 January - April

112 May – August

48 in October, 43 in November

**Marriages peaked between 1837 and 1839 with
17 – 19 per year - during the rest of this period
there were more usually under 8 marriages per
year**

Marriages 1850 - 1899

227 in total

83 September - December

69 January - April

75 May - August

October 29, August 26, December 25, June 23

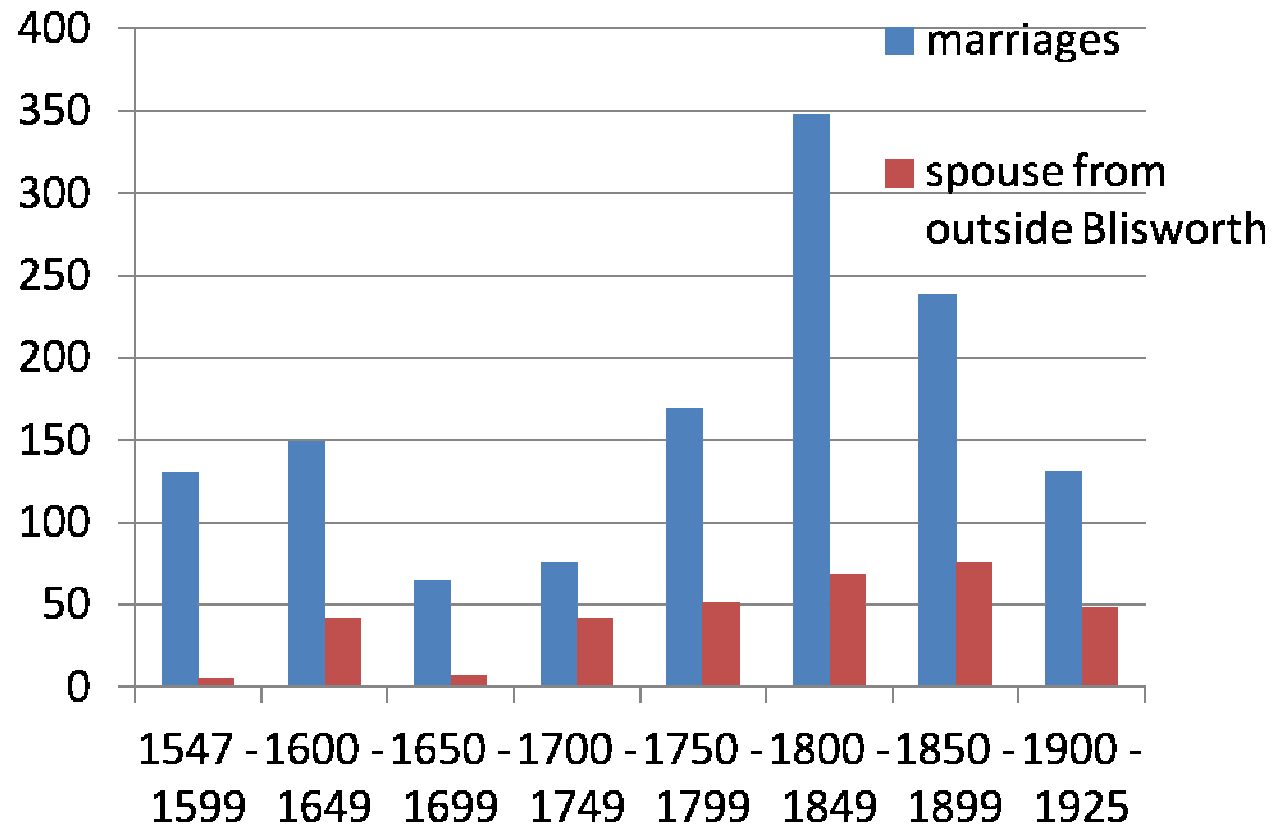
**1871 Bank Holiday Act established holidays on
26th December, Easter Monday, Whit Monday,
1st Monday in August **in addition to Christmas
day and Good Friday****

Marriages

- **22nd – 31st December very popular including 25**
- **Marriage day reflects national holidays such as Christmas, Easter and Whitsun**
- **Marriages on any day of the week – Sunday and Monday both popular**

Marriages

Where were spouses from?



Marriages

Most spouses from Blisworth or nearby villages.

From 1800 an increasing number from further afield – from 1850 reflecting railway routes.

154 towns and villages from which 281 grooms and 57 brides came from

Northampton 27

Bugbrooke 10

Milton Malsor 17

Roade 10

Gayton 14

Rothersthorpe 8

Stoke Bruerne 14

Ashton 8

Bugbrooke 10

Towcester 8

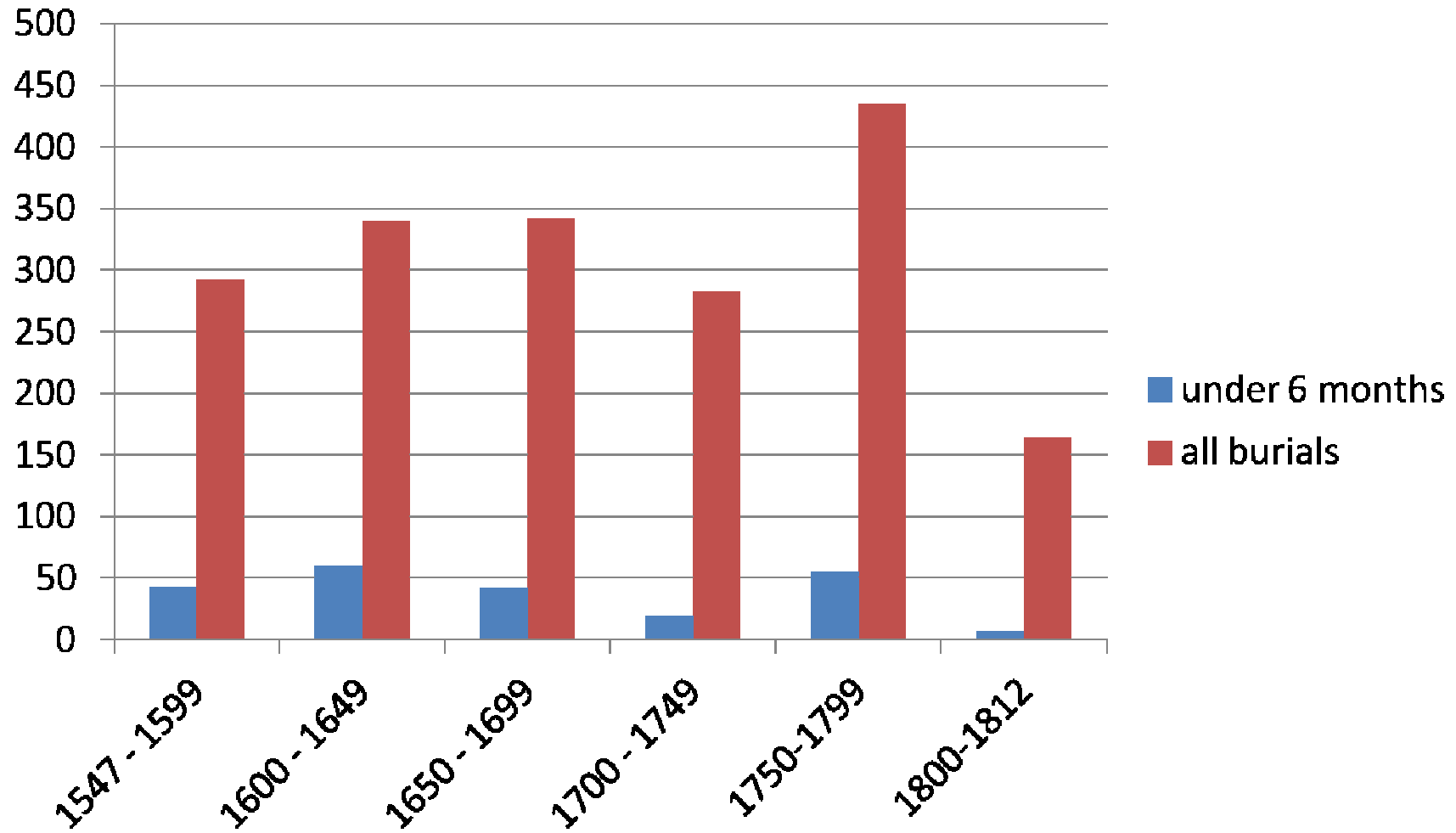
Greens Norton 7

Market Bosworth	6	Stoke Goldington	2
Paulerspury	6	Stony Stratford	2
Tiffield	6	Stowe	2
		Walgrave	2
Morton Pinkney	5	Brafield	2
Pattishall	5	Collingtree	2
Wootton	5	London	2
Duston	4	Middlesex	2
Shutlanger	4	Coventry	2
Courteenhall	3	Moulton	2
Hardingstone	3	Piddington	2
Kingsthorpe	3	Rugby	2
Milton Malsor	3	Welney	2
Long Buckby	3	Willesdon	2
Whittlebury	3	Wolverton	2
		Yardley Gobion	2

Burials

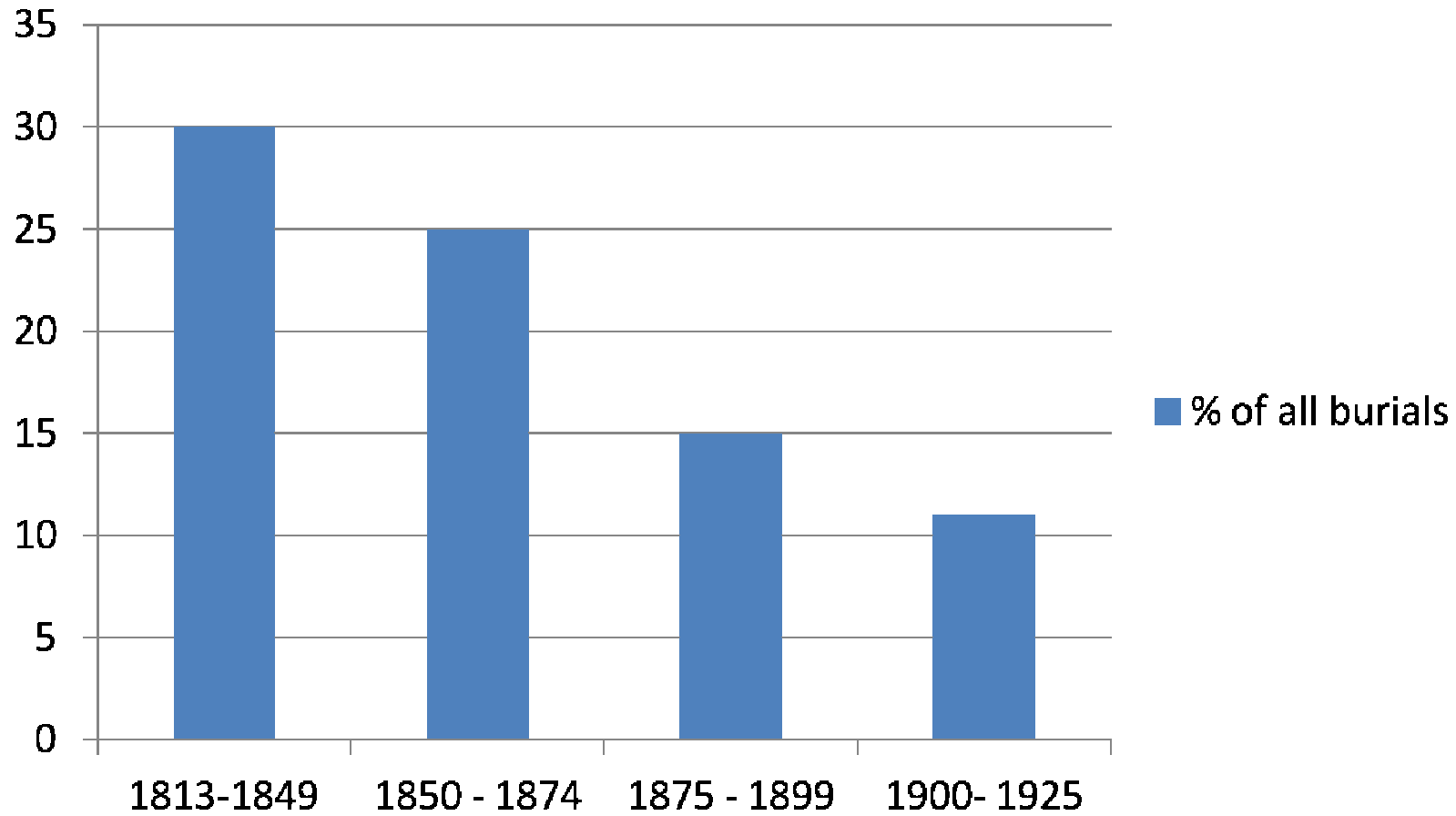


Infant Mortality



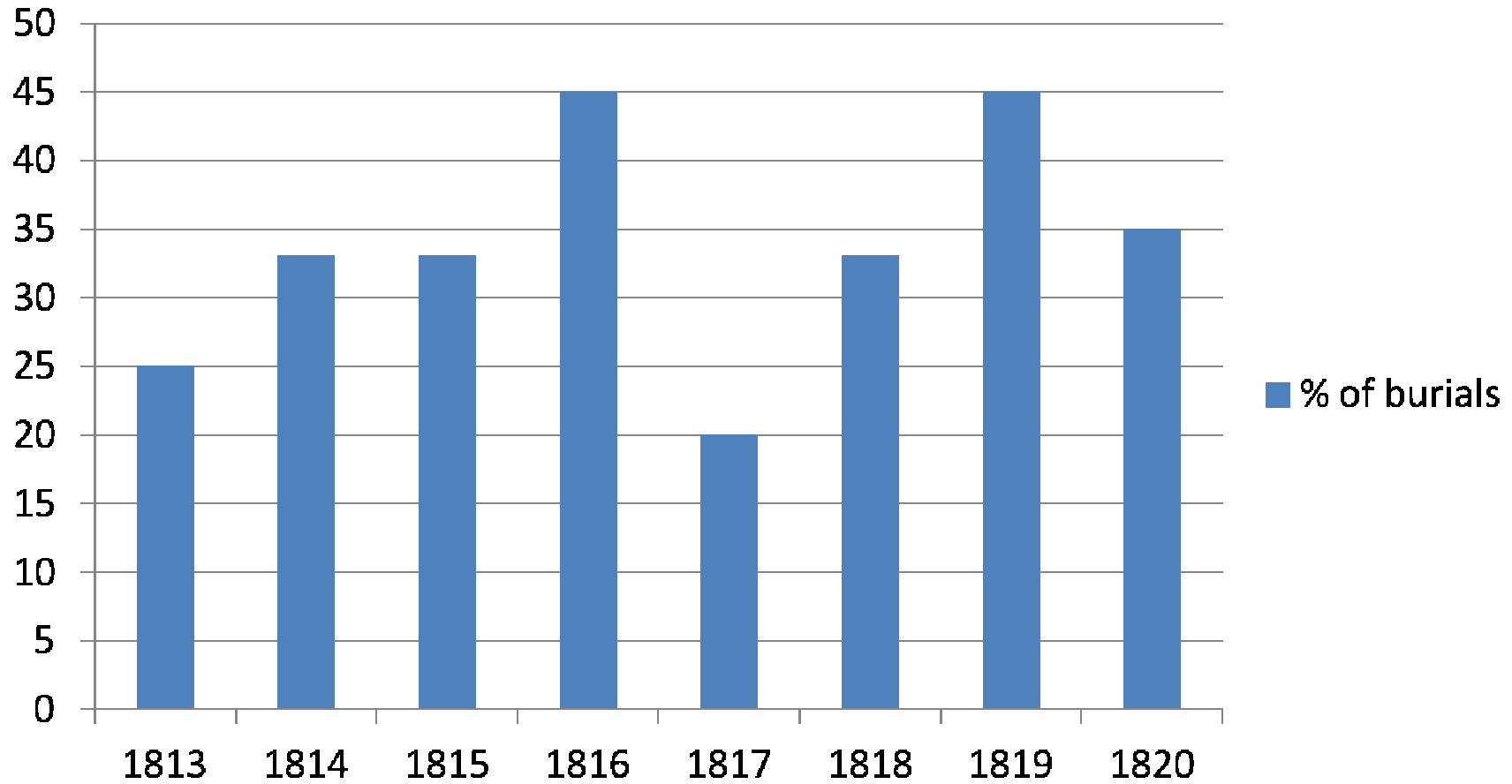
Infant Mortality

% of all burials



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% of burials



Burials

Several examples of both mother and baby dying – particularly between 1770 and 1825

- 1781 Richard Tebby infant Mary Tebby his mother**
- 1785 Ruth Judge and son William**
- 1790 Esther Garner and her infant son John**
- 1825 – Jane Judge 5 weeks – Mary Judge mother of Jane aged 19**

Family Tragedy

**Plowman Family – 1794 Thomas, Anne and
William
1795 Catherine
1797 William**

**Austin Family - 1797 Prudence, Mary and
Rhoda - July/August**

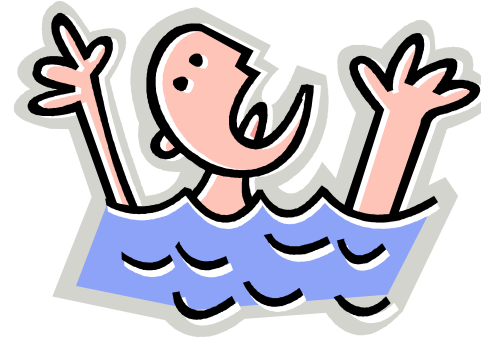
**Pinfold Family - 1804 John, Sarah, Ann,
Sarah – Jan/August
1805 Mary (March)**

Epidemics

- **Smallpox 1837 – 4/5 deaths**
1842 – 3 deaths
5 other deaths 1836 - 1863
 - **Typhus 1851 – 2 deaths**
 - **Measles 1860 – 2 infants**
James Carter 17 months
Sarah Jane Warren 18 months
- Cholera 1834 – John Carter**

Accidents

- **Drowning**
 - **1836 – age 6 and 67**
 - **1839 - age 45**
 - **1840 – age 4**
 - **1851 - age 30 and 49**
 - **1857 – age 43 and 39**
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- **Another accident in 1836 was when a 67 year old was killed when a wall fell**



Longevity

- Oldest burial in each decade 1820 – 1920

1827 93 m

1875 89 m

1920 90f

1879 89m

1838 87 m

1882 85f

1844 87 m

1898 93f

1853 84m

1904 91f

1862 90f

1910 92f

1915 92m