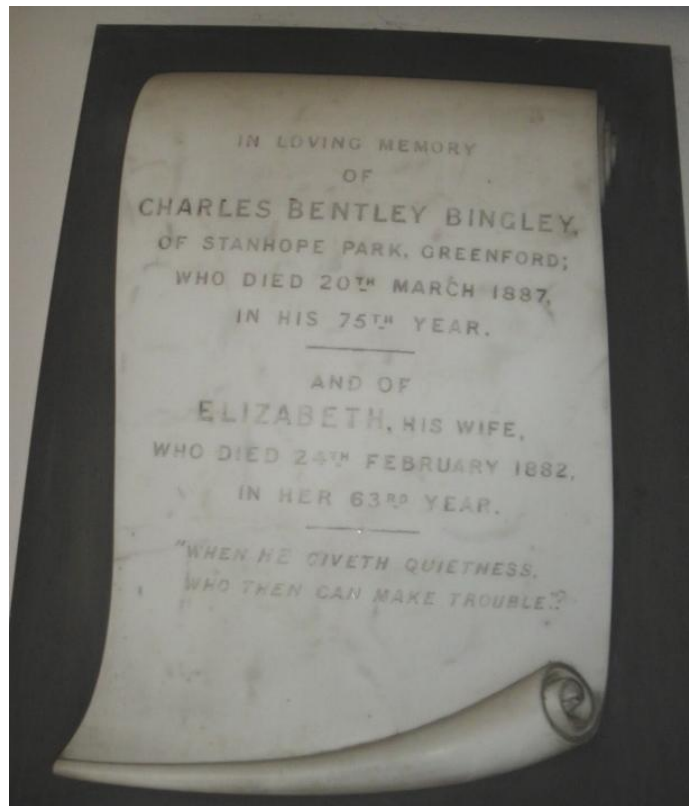


How Interesting!

During 2011, Magna will publish notes about twelve notable and interesting graves and headstones, in and around Holy Cross Church and environs, written by Neil Richardson.

For July, we look at the enterprising Charles Bentley Bingley



Charles Bentley Bingley was born in Newington in Surrey in 1813. He became a very successful Draper and in 1848, he registered a patent for a new design or shape for an overcoat which he called a “redingote”.

His business was based in Great Marlborough Street but he lived in Stanhope Park, a large mansion in Greenford. The census of 1851 notes that he was married to Elizabeth Bingley, and had four daughters called Emma, Florence, Constance and Rosalie. The measure of his success is visible in that he also had living in the house six servants, one of whom also had a wife, and a governess to educate the girls.

He died in 1887 aged 74. Elizabeth predeceased him, but her name appears second on the plaque, suggesting that the family waited until his death before having the memorial put in place. The funeral was conducted by the rector of the day, the Revd. Arthur Beard. (pictured)

The inscription on the memorial is a quotation from the Bible, from the Book of Job chapter 34 and verse 29:

“When he giveth quietness
Who can then make trouble?”

Ask any parent of small children!

