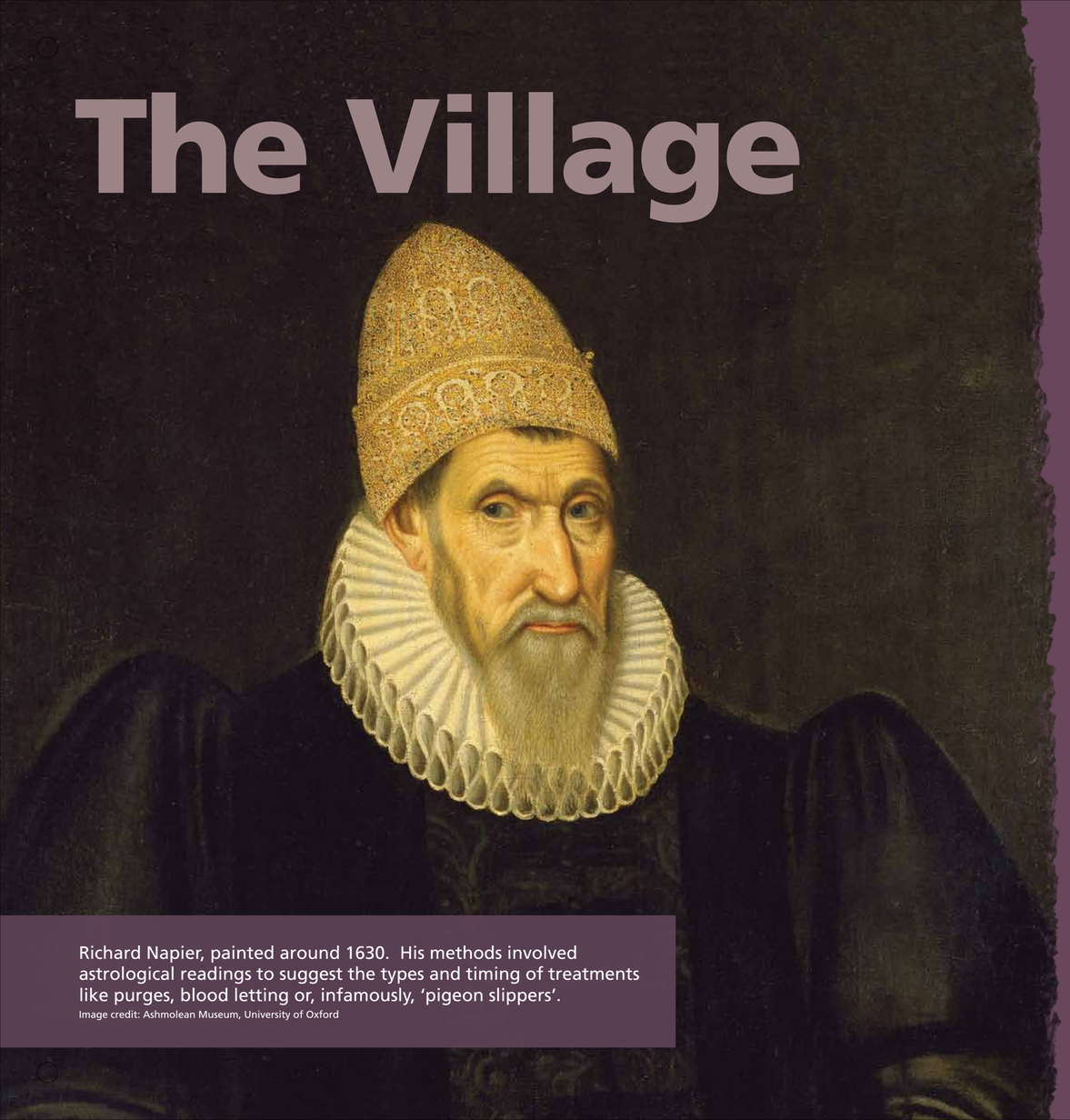
The Village



Richard Napier, painted around 1630. His methods involved astrological readings to suggest the types and timing of treatments like purges, blood letting or, infamously, 'pigeon slippers'.
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Medieval Settlement

'Linforde' is mentioned in the Domesday book (1086), and it is thought it was first settled as early as the 10th century. The earliest maps show this area amidst dwellings dotted around what is now the Park.

Rich History

Many medieval remnants have indeed been found, but as old buildings were often a source for materials to build anew, many borrowed stones are now part of the church, the Arts Centre barn, and the Manor.

The village has a rich history, amongst other things having been the home and base for the practice of Richard Napier, a renowned 16th century physician, plus the country home of William Pritchard, wealthy supplier of rope to the English navy, and Lord Mayor of London in 1682.

The earliest known map of Great Linford village, dated 1641, showing the manor between the church and Parsonage.
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