

Extract from the burial registers of Chenies parish suggesting evidence for a
Plague year in 1603

Goat Inn	(Anna Barfoots mayd	18 August
	(John, ye servant of John Barfoot	30 August
	(Edward, son of John Barfoot	30 August
Cottage attached to Goat Inn	Alice, widow of Charles Row	31 August
	Mother Lovett	25 September
Timber-framed cottage on S. of Green	Edward son of William of Ketteridge	-baptised 1598 died 4 September
	Joane daughter of Drew Gery	born 1594 died 9 September
	Mother Tokefield	11 September
	Drew Gery	11 September
	Goodwife Gery & her daughter Katherine	-born 1598
	buried both in a grave	16 September
? Red Lion alehouse	(Mary daughter of Edward Lodesman	October
	(Francis son of " "	16 October
	(Edward Lodesman	22 October

The fact that fourteen people died in the village between 18th August and the 22nd ~~October~~, and that several members of a household or family were affected, suggests an epidemic. 1603 is known to have been a plague year in London, and people escaping from it may well have brought infection to the two inns in Chenies. John Barfoot was the landlord of the Goat Inn, and Edward Lodesman probably the landlord of the Red lion. August was the month when plague was generally rife.