

# **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARISH OF HINDLIP**

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### **HINDLIP (HYNDLIPP)**

10<sup>th</sup> cent. Hindehlep; 12<sup>th</sup> cent. Hundeslep; 13<sup>th</sup> cent. Hindelupe; 16<sup>th</sup> cent. Henlipp

### **PARISH**

The Parish of Hindlip covers an area of 1,380 acres lies to the southeast of Droitwich.

Hindlip Hall the seat of Lord Hindlip, is on the site of the old house, which was entirely rebuilt in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and stands about three quarters of a mile to the north of the Worcester to Birmingham Canal.

The Church of St James the Great of 15<sup>th</sup> century origins, is in Hindlip park.

Hindlip as an ancient village has almost disappeared. Remaining is Cummins Farm a half timbered 16<sup>th</sup> century building to the south of Hindlip. Offerton Farm (Alhfretone, Auferton) south east of Hindlip. Seem to have formed part of the Hindlip Estate.

To the north of Offerton on the road which runs east through the Parish to Oddingley are the two Upper and Lower Smite farms. They were included in Hindlip Parish in 1880. Smite Hill was transferred to Hindlip from Claines Parish at the same date.

### **THE MANOR**

966: The manor of Hindlip belonged before the Conquest to the see of Worcester

1086 Domesday book; Urse D'Abitot held land at Hindlip and Offerton in the

Bishop Oswald manor. Urse's interest in the manor of Hindlip passed to

his descendants, the Earls of Warwick.

In the time of Edward the Confessor, it was held by Edric de Hindlip.

1164 William de Beauchamp held Hindlip.

1197 John D'Abitot held Hindlip

1277 Geoffrey D'Abitot held the manor

1351 Rights to Hindlip released to Thomas Beauchamp Earl of Warwick  
 1563 Estate sold to John Habington, treasurer of Queen Elizabeths household, his son  
     and heir was hanged for his share in the Babbington Gunpowder Plot in 1586.  
     Succeeded by his brother Thomas Habington (or Abington), another of the conspirators, who on account of his youth and because he was Queen Elizabeth's godson was pardoned.  
 1651 Hindlip House was plundered after the battle of Worcester.  
 1673 Sir Gilbert Talbot  
 1686 Sir William Compton, created a baronet  
 1716 Sir John Talbot

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1773 Sir Walter Abington Compton, a younger son of the fourth baronet died  
     childless, succeeded by his sisters Catherine Bearcroft and Jane Berkeley  
     his heirs.  
 1779 Catherine died childless but Jane left two daughters, also named Catherine  
     and Jane who were in joint possession of the manor until 1809.  
 1853 Held by one of the husbands Thomas Anthony, third Viscount Southwell  
 1860 Hindlip Hall and Estate was bought by Henry Allsopp, afterwards Lord Hindlip, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron of Hindlip.

1939 Hindlip Hall and Estate purchased by Ministry of Works, for period of World War II.  
 1947 Hall and Estate sold to Worcestershire County Council, south part of estate  
     with its Home Farm (Court Farm) formed Pershore & Hindlip Agricultural College.  
 1967 Amalgamation of police forces of Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire  
     and Worcester City; the Hall and Hindlip Park became the Headquarters of  
     the re-formed West Mercia Constabulary.

## **CANAL**

1791-1815 Worcester to Birmingham Navigation Canal built by Earl of Dudley  
runs south through the parish of Hindlip via Offerton to link with the River Severn for transporting coal from the Black Country to south west Midlands.

The canal and its surrounds is a Conservation Area and where Offerton Lane crosses the canal, the Bridge and Canal Lock No.24 forms a group of early 19<sup>th</sup> century Grade II Listed Buildings.

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