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Continuing our series of Group Letters written by some of the many people who support the Hambleden Valley Churches, I have invited Jill Dean - Fingest churchwarden

and former lay chair - to write this month's Letter. Sue Morton

The Most Rev'd John D E Davies, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, in his introduction to The Churchwarden's Handbook 2020, likened Church buildings to the family home "from where, nourished, strengthened and enfolded, the family members emerge to be about the family's business in the wider community; and the family home must be fit for purpose, welcoming to the stranger, and where holiness is tangible"

The impact of this pandemic has meant our churches were closed completely for many weeks, unable to offer the usual pattern of services, - it feels we have been denied these "home comforts" at a time of most need. The Churchwardens of the Hambleden Valley have rightly prioritised applying the ever changing Governmental and diocesan guidelines, to keep people safe, but have felt as a

result great difficulty in fulfilling their core responsibility under Canon Law "to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion"

But isn't it true that home is where the heart is? "Normal" life and activities have been put on hold and we have had no choice but to look outside the physical familiarity of our parish churches for a community with whom to share prayer and worship God. .... Cue "Zoom." (Other video conference calling providers are available) Let's be honest, how many of us had heard of Zoom before lockdown? I suspect many of us of a certain age never felt the need to know, and yet it has been a revelation in these strange times. "Zoom Church" is thriving and the IT skills of "silver surfers" have developed rapidly. Even when we can return to formal worship in our churches I hope Zoom Church will continue in tandem with the "real thing" – it allows those unable to attend services in person for whatever reason to remain in touch, to see their friends and share fellowship, all of which is so important to our physical and mental well being.

Zoom will never replace the joys of a "real" meeting but could it become a second home?

Keep safe and well.

**Jill Dean, Churchwarden, Fingest**

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## GROUP NOTES AND NEWS

### 2020 Churchwardens' Update

It's been a varied year for the Churchwardens so far, beginning in January with the surprise of meeting a minister who had been helping out in the Valley six years ago. The Venerable Jonathan Chaffey joined us as Interim Minister together with his wife, Jane, who had been the Chaplain at Wycombe Abbey School. Jonathan joined us to assist Mieke, Peter Viney, Carol, John and others to run services through the Valley until Easter when he became the new Archdeacon of Oxford.

And so, services in the Valley returned to a degree of normality with the addition of Plough Sunday, Candlemas, a Valentine Celebration, Womens' World Day of Prayer, Footprints, Oasis and a couple of Compline services.

This normality didn't last long though, for in March the rota system was turned upside down as a result of the Coronavirus, things changed rapidly and church buildings were closed. However, there were available various live streaming services on a Sunday morning.

At Easter, Jonathan left and Mieke became Interim Minister until Sue returned. Jonathan had initiated a series of Church Wardens' meetings via Zoom and so life in the Valley slowly moved on.

Sue took over chairing the Church Wardens' meetings in mid-May and started a Wednesday morning service on Zoom, with members of the congregation reading the prayers and Bible readings from their own homes. They started slowly but these Wednesday services have gone from strength to strength.

A Sunday morning service was initiated, but after Zoom's country-wide crash affected the first service, it became a Morning Praise-style service with hymns provided by the choir of St Martin's in the Fields. The congregation is now regularly thirty or forty and growing.

Recently, churches have opened for private prayer at various times and short prayer meetings are happening in the Valley's churchyards. The times and days of these events are advertised on the Valley Website.

And so, by the time of publication of this update undoubtedly things will have changed even more, hopefully for the better.

### Around the Churches since Lockdown

In Hambleden we opened the church as soon as permitted and have subsequently held our first wedding since the imposition of the lockdown. Sue has conducted the first of her churchyard prayer gatherings which will continue, come rain or shine, at 12 noon on Sundays. There will shortly be a card reader placed in the church for donations by visitors.

In Medmenham, Mary rang the church bells (electronically) every day at noon and again on Thursdays to thank the NHS. The bells are now rung on Wednesdays and Sundays – at 11am and 1pm between which the church is open for private prayer. Starting on Wednesday 22nd July churchyard prayers will be said weekly at 1pm. There is an area set aside as a Living Churchyard – there have been two pyramidal orchids this year along with numerous wild flowers and insects.

In Fawley we have success in gaining Diocesan approval for the stonework repairs required at St Mary's and we press on with raising the related £21,000 of funding.

In Fingest we have had to cancel our Prayer walk with our link church St James in Lower Clapton, but it is in the diary for June next year. The church is open on Sunday and Thursday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm.

Frieth has been very quiet, the village hall unused, the Church stoical and silent. The school has been open for all classes since early July and the majority of children have gone back - made possible by the organisational skills of Mrs Reid and her staff. And, the swifts are back nesting under the Church eaves filling the air with their high pitched calls and supersonic flight as we prepare, at last, to open the Church for prayer. There is definitely light at the end of the tunnel.

Now that Turville again has two Churchwardens, work is progressing on Quinquennial Repairs, which had been held in abeyance. We also, sadly, have to fell an ash tree, which is suffering from ash die-back.

Also, the church is now open from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesdays for private prayer.

**Hambleden Valley Churchwardens**

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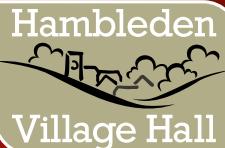
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*The children at Frieth School have, like all of us, had a strange few months. The restrictions in July meant that those in year 6, and due to move on to secondary school in September, have missed the usual end of year activities which they were all so looking forward to. Their class teacher, Mrs Goodchild, invited them to write about their thoughts and feelings as they reached the end of their time at Frieth. The children rose to the challenge magnificently and some of their words are published here, more next month .....*

### **Lockdown**

On Friday the 20th of March lockdown started, even though I was a little bit worried I was fine after a couple of days, we did schoolwork every day, except for the weekends, and PE with Jo Wicks. It was emotional not seeing my friends, but I could still talk to them. Every day was repetitive.

On Monday 1st of June schools were open again! It was nice seeing my friends. I was fine for a little while until I started getting worried and that made me feel sick, not all our teachers are back yet. But every day was a miffy day. We are not allowed anything like pencil cases.

What's different about school is that our desks are spread 2 metres apart, anything that someone else touches we can't touch unless it has been wiped down, when we play football only one person can touch the ball with their hands and our summer queen has been cancelled as well as our sports day. Our school is quite different, it's somewhat depressing.

### **Then to Now**

Playgrounds full of chattering, laughing children,  
Children running wild in fields of green,  
Sweet shops full to the brim of eager, sweet tooth  
children,  
Flowers picked by children to give to their tender,  
loving parents.  
But suddenly it stops,  
Playgrounds are empty, fields overgrown,  
Sweet shops closed and flowers strewn on the  
ground,  
The virus has come to swallow up the fun.  
Children stuck at home, staring longingly out the

window,

The world is on pause, but learning is still possible,  
Parents trying but with no avail to peel their  
children from screens and devices,

Arguments break out again and again, will this  
ever end?

"Finally they're back!" the parents cry, jumping on  
the sofa,

"Now it's my time for the TV!"

Parents forget their children, a phone call reminding  
them,

Children the parents, tapping agitatedly at their  
wrist watches, while the parents apologise meekly!

But school is not what it seems,

Summer Queen, Sports Day, French Trip, SATS,  
Missing out on these is a big disappointment,

But at least they can see their friends.

Some years are split apart into different bubbles,  
But some are together- although socially distant of  
course!

Year sixes are saying a forlorn goodbye to one  
another before going off to secondary school,

They've even missed out on some of the lovely  
transition things!

But with all the downfalls come some good things,  
Seeing all their friends, having shorter hours at  
school,

Wearing mufti everyday, having playtime, seeing  
their teachers,

The children are happy.

The world might be different but that's no excuse  
not to speak to someone,

Set up a zoom meeting, go for a walk, meet  
someone outside your house,

But mainly, just be happy!

*This is the first in a series of interviews asking  
people about their life in the Hambleden Valley  
and what living here means to them.*

### **Jeanne Keene from Colstrope Farm**

Born and bred in North Bucks, I spent the first twenty years of my life among the flat claylands with no river, hills or woods. During the last three

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years of the war I was a Land Girl, learning all the skills of farming.

After the war I went to University in Aberystwyth, where the hostels overlooked the crashing waves of the seashore. Then came seven years as a County Organiser for the Bucks Young Farmers' Club. During that time I must have been to most Buckinghamshire villages. The following seven years were spent in Northern Nigeria as a Rural Education Officer.

In 1964 I married David and came to live in the lovely Hambleden valley - there is nowhere I would rather be!

The Keene family had been in the valley since the seventeenth century and were much involved in the formation of a nonconformist church at Pheasants Hill. It was built in 1807, but the Church records start in 1810. I became Treasurer in 1970, and remained so until the Church closed in 2016. I became an accredited lay preacher in 1995. The church never had a large membership but it is very sad to see it standing empty. In more recent years the churches have become more ecumenical and there was much more contact between the churches of the valley. I now am a member of the URC in Henley but keep my roots by joining the Turville service on Wednesday mornings.

The first month after I arrived in the Valley I was taken to the Womens' Institute by Mrs Wilson of Little Colstrope, who had been a founder member in 1919. Over the years I became Secretary, Treasurer and President. I got to know a great many people, learnt several crafts and enjoyed the



photo Peter Taylor

meetings.

When I came to Hambleden there were many people who had lived all, or most of their lives in the village and had tales to tell. Today, very few residents over sixty years old were born here. That means we are losing the oral tradition of the countryside: "my grandfather told me".

### **Jeanne Keene**

On 14th July, Jeanne was 95 and her birthday was celebrated by her friends in a 'socially distanced' way!

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### **Solitary bees**

Have you ever noticed a small circular section of leaf flying past while enjoying a cup of tea in the garden? If so, it will almost certainly be attached to a female patchwork leaf-cutter bee (*Megachile centuncularis*) busily preparing a nest for her young. There are approximately 240 species of solitary bees in the UK and it is thought that a single solitary bee can pollinate 120 more flowers than a honeybee. Unlike bumble and honey bees, solitary bees don't live in family groups; there is no queen, no workers, no honey or wax. After mating, the males die and the females rear the next generation unaided. I have several different types here but leaf-cutters are such a joy to watch in action. After mating, the female finds a hollow stalk, a hole in a wall or wooden post (or a cardboard tube provided by me) and gets to work cutting sections of leaves and, sometimes, rose petals to line the first cell. She lays an egg, provides it with pollen and nectar, builds a partition wall and repeats the process until she has filled the tube and sealed the entrance. She then locates another suitable site and begins again. There is still a lot to learn about these creatures but in a row of six, it is thought that the first three contain female eggs and the final three nearest the entrance are males. This ensures the males emerge first, clean themselves up, stretch their legs and generally await the hatching of the females or go off elsewhere in search of one. The legs of both sexes are black and the females have a pollen brush on the underside of their abdomens, which is bright orange. Rather endearingly, both sexes like to waggle their abdomens about a lot

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after hatching; twerking describes this action very well... has that word ever graced the parish magazine before? They are active from late spring through the summer and hours can be wasted watching them once you've noticed holes in the leaves of your favourite roses or shrubs.

**Sarah Ronan**

### The Butterfly Isles - episode 2

In my first notes on the book 'The Butterfly Isles' I spoke of the complicated lives of some butterflies. Reading further, Patrick Barkham tells of his invitation to join other lepidopterists in Fermen Woods, Northamptonshire, hoping to see Purple

Emperors.

These enthusiasts had set out five tables covered in white cloths with a fat candle in the middle of each in a clearing in the woods. On these tables were set twenty paper plates on which various goodies were placed, on one two large king prawns sweating in the sun, on another dozens of tiny pickled mud fish, there were crushed grapes, rotten bananas, horse manure, fox scat, and plenty of dishes of stinking shrimp in various guises. This utterly rancid layout was to attract Purple Emperors and find out what they like most.

It seems the Purple Emperor rises at 8am for a morning roam around and about midday it usually retires to the treetops. However, as the lepidopterists, arriving about 10am, walked down the forest ride towards the laid feast, a Purple Emperor swooped high overhead back to the trees then others appeared. They were apparently looking for a mate, Patrick was told, and acting like lads out for an evening clubbing.

The female lays her eggs on Sallow and the caterpillars hatch in August. They are furnished with two small horns, like a snail's, and seem to glide unlike most caterpillars.

Two hours passed, the watchers were getting restless, 'Oh', said a walker 'Butterflies, there were a lot on a mud puddle further down there!'

In the afternoon, Patrick abandoned the watchers and joined another enthusiast named Hulme in a ride deep in the woods. Hulme had a jar of Shito, an evil smelling fish paste from Ghana, which he smeared on the gravel. Several male Emperors swooped about. One landed by Hulme's feet and another on his shoe, then some on the paste, strutting purposefully across it. As Patrick knelt down the sun came out and the butterfly opened its wings, gloriously iridescently purple. By the end of the day Patrick was dizzy with joy, he had seen 57 Purple Emperors. Whether they ever went to the prepared feast we were not told.

Other butterflies seem to enjoy smelly things like dog poo and it is not unusual to see a Peacock or a Red Admiral on some, keep a lookout for them.

If you saw Springwatch on 12th June the life cycle of the Large Blue was shown as described in my last episode.

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### First wedding of 2020 is local



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On July 11th Andy Hollis married Janey Barrett in the parish church. After two Covid postponements the wedding took place on a perfect summer day. Precautionary rules of distance and hand hygiene were strictly observed. They did not in any way lessen the abundant happiness of the occasion. Compositions chosen by the bride and bridegroom, played by Christine Wells filled the parish church once again with the joy of live music. Many local friends were in the churchyard to congratulate the couple. The service was broadcast live. All their friends abroad could follow the ceremony as it took place, including Janey's brother Giles locked down in Turkey.

**Alan Armstrong**

### St Thomas Cantilupe - Postscript to the June Article

The 1984 Spring Newsletter of the Archaeological Society for the County of Buckingham has come to my notice as it contained some additional information about Thomas Cantilupe and Hambleden Church.

Thomas was born in the Manor House in 1218 and became Lord Chancellor of England in 1264 and Bishop of Hereford in 1275.

After Thomas died in Italy in 1282 his remains were taken to Hereford Cathedral and to The College of Canons at Ashridge, but other relics (including an image of Thomas and a knife he had used to cut food) were placed in Hambleden Church by Edmund 2nd Earl of Cornwall (1249-1300) who owned Hambleden Manor at that time. These relics worked miracles, pilgrims came and

left offerings. However, in 1296 the Bishop of Lincoln forbade pilgrimages to Hambleden and they ceased.

Also in 1296 Edmund had a new Chantry Chapel built in Hambleden Church and the relics were very probably placed in the chapel.

Many more miracles were reported in and around Hereford and in 1320 Thomas was canonized by Pope John XXII and became St Thomas of Hereford.

### Peter Steward

### Verging on.....the future conditional

This is the last piece written for the as yet unborn researcher seeking in 2120 to find how Hambleden fared in the 2020 pestilence.

Without wishing to tempt providence, there are thought to have been no Covid 19 deaths or hospitalisations in Hambleden since the lockdown on March 22nd.

We have been in strict then easing lockdown for 100 days, keeping to the rules, staying healthy eating an apple a day. Easements lessened anxiety. Minds turned to future conditional and independent self-determining choices. The elderly of the parish stayed cautious mindful of the WW2 British Pathé cinema propaganda 'coughs and sneezes spread diseases'. The young, and some others self-confident in their immortality, behaved accordingly.

Way back In May the pub car park reopened. Hot sunshine brought more and more visitors to the village to the disdain of inhabitants who had socially behaved with great circumspection. The brilliant weather lasted through deepest Lent and Eastertide, on past Rogation Sunday, past Ascension Day, with parishioners still observant of the 'stay-home' rule. Then, by Oak Apple Day more airliners were overhead bringing essential fresh asparagus from Peru. The curse of the aimless helicopters returned. Crystal clear air (or gin clear in Hambleden) was no more. The smell of vehicles returned. Open-top sports cars passed through the village on essential journeys. By Pentecost anti-Covid compliance was said to have dropped below 50%. People were moving about freely and having family barbeques. On through Trinity Sunday, the preachers' Waterloo; on past Corpus

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# Sunday Services This Month

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Zoom Church (online Church) will continue to take place for the time being in the Hambleden Valley Group of Churches each week as follows:

Wednesdays 10am: Daily Prayer followed by coffee

Sundays 10am: Zoom Church, followed by coffee

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**Churchyard Prayers** – all are welcome to join these open-air, socially distanced gatherings for a time of simple prayer in each village

Sunday midday – Hambleden

Monday midday – Frieth

Monday 1pm – Fingest

Wednesday 1pm – Medmenham

Wednesday 2pm - Turville

Friday midday – Fawley

## Looking ahead

The Hambleden Valley continues to follow the guidelines circulated by the Diocese of Oxford as we explore how to safely resume worship in our churches. Please pray for all those involved in this decision-making process.



## Hambleden Valley Prayer Group

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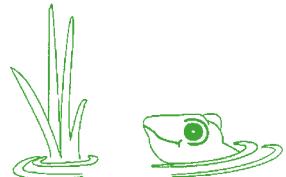
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## FRIETH

Christi, on past the Feast of Barnabus the Apostle, the companion and encourager of St Paul. Still the church stayed shut by national instruction. It was shameful that when rules were relaxed, clergy were not allowed into the parish church even for private prayer or to say their 'daily office' – Matins. All the while we could legally have had a service in a garden centre! On June 15th the parish church was allowed to open for private prayer and low attendance funerals only. On July 4th churches were open for non-singing worship. On that day collective worship ceased to be a criminal offence. The Church of England, the very pioneer of voluntary and successful social distancing in the pews, was back in business but only just. Bells and choir remain silent. Continued closure of the bell tower is understandable as ringers standing in a circle can place their outstretched knuckle on their neighbour's shoulder, itself a social distancing breach, not to mention the heavy breathing into a close circle of bell ropes. Local print media had reported that the parish church bells were rung for the late Oliver Bowden. No so. The bells are rung in celebration; an example being at weddings. A single bell was tolled for Oliver. The choir could not have socially distanced practised and performed. They robe in a cramped vestry. They sing face to face in the Chancel,

In this time period, Lady Sue Hunt of Yard Cottage in Hambleden Village died. She was ninety three; a gentle and lovely lady. Anti Covid rules allowed short prayers outside her door but not in church.

Your parish church's already slender income has collapsed. The financial situation deteriorated badly and is worsening.

Looking back on a long endlessly sunny locked-down Spring I think that I never saw dear old Hambleden half so beautiful. The weather was

just delightful. Spring was sublime. The engine of Spring was truly indomitable, in contrast to the fumbling faltering condition of humans.

**Alan Armstrong**

## FRIETH

### News From Frieth CEC School July 2020

As we approach the end of term, and restrictions are slowly being lifted, I am thrilled that we have been able to invite every class back to school from Monday to Thursday in their new socially distanced bubbles. Having the pupils back in school has been life affirming and joyous. They have been so positive in adapting to the new normality and have filled the school with smiles, learning and happiness. To be learning together again feels so special and not to be taken for granted.

The return to school has been an enormous achievement and one that would not have been possible without the dedication and flexibility of the staffing team and the generosity of the Village Hall Committee in allowing us exclusive use of the village hall to set up the additional teaching space we needed. It truly has been a community effort. Thank you again.

As I prepare to leave my role in Frieth alongside our year 6 leavers this summer, I have been reflecting on what it is that makes Frieth such a special place. One of the conclusions I came to is demonstrated in the overwhelming vote by the school to adopt the new vision statement.

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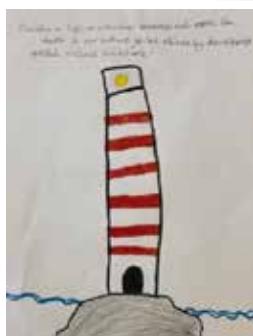
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This is based in the Christian narrative taken from Matthew 5:16

**'...your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do'**

Frieth is a truly inclusive community where everyone is valued and everyone has something special to give back; whether to each other, the school, Frieth Village, Marlow or to the wider world. Frieth Pupils past and present have so many gifts to share and I know they will continue to shine a light onto these wherever life takes them. I particularly want to wish the latest generation of Frieth pupils, moving on to their new adventures in learning,

Pictures by children to symbolise the new school vision



every success and happiness and have every confidence that they will shine their light brightly in their new school communities.

It has been an absolute joy and a privilege to have been trusted with the leadership of such

an amazing school since 2014 and I know that the Frieth School Community will continue its remarkable future in the safe hands of Mrs Tina Nowell as she takes the helm in September.

**Mrs Reid**

### **Frieth School Summer Premises Works notice**

Over the summer break, essential works will be taking place to replace the end-of-life sewage treatment plant at Frieth C.E.C. School. If this essential replacement work is not carried out and the existing plant was to

fail it would cause significant wider issues for the community and immediate neighbours and therefore cannot be delayed. Whilst every effort will be made to ensure the disruption is kept to a minimum, there will inevitably be an additional traffic flow as the works take place. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes and thank you for your understanding.

**Mrs Jo Reid**

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**FINGEST**

**Fingest Past**

### **Fingest Farmers in the 1800s (3) –**

The previous article mentioned that in the 1700s and 1800s the Hussey family from Cadmore End were farming in the Hambleden Valley. Great-great-great-grandfather William Hussey (1761-1835) married Sarah Deane, a farming family of Hambleden, in 1791. They lived and farmed in Skirmett where William owned property and land. Extracts from the Title Deeds of the Parmoor Estate

(Buckinghamshire Records Office) show some of his purchases.

"9) Purchased by William Hussey 1793 a messuage\* called Sheepwashers Place, 5a of land called Voke Hatch, 4a of land abutting on the highway from Skirmett to Hambleden, land of 1 acre called Church Piece, 3a of woodland in a field called Stoney Croft, also 2 gardens.

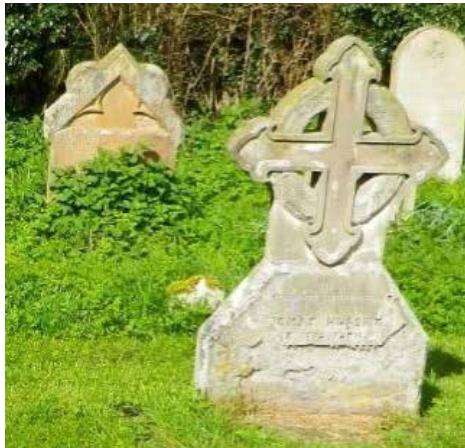
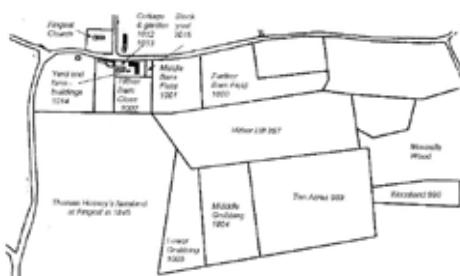
10) Messusage\* called Harsham with garden, orchard of 2a, 8a of land called Coombe Mead, 2 closes\*\* of land called Well Croft and Well Piece, 10a called Coomb Ground – purchased by William Hussey in 1803."

\* A messuge is a dwelling-house with outbuildings and land.

**\*\* A close is a small enclosed field.**

One of William Hussey's great-nephews, Thomas Hussey (1811-1876), lived and farmed at Stud Farm, Skirmett with his wife Emma. He owned and farmed 95 acres (tithe £21.8s.3d) and rented a further 15 acres (tithe £4.10s.10d) in Skirmett and Fingest.

### *Thomas Hussey's farmland at Fingest in 1845*



*Thomas and Emma Hussey's headstones in Fingest churchyard. Thomas's stone is in the foreground*

Extract from the Title Deeds of Parmoor Estate\*

"14) Parcel of 1 a called Church Plot, meadow of 2 r 15 p part of Pococks, (land formally part of Flint Hall Farm) – purchased by Thomas Hussey in 1842."

<sup>\*</sup>Buckinghamshire Records Office

The land and barns at Fingest owned by Thomas Hussey were eventually purchased by C. A. Cripps of Parmoor and formed part of the 20th Century Fingest Farm.

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