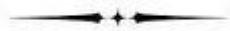


Dinton



ROMAN CATHOLICISM

Henry Mayhew, holder of a freehold estate, died excommunicated as a papist in 1587. According to a nearly contemporary local report, he was buried in the churchyard at Teffont Magna, which was not normally used as a burial ground. His two sons, Henry and Edward, left the country and entered the English College of Douai, then at Rheims. Between c. 1595 and 1613 Edward worked in England as a secular priest, possibly in the Dinton neighbourhood. He later entered the Benedictine Order and became prior of the monastery of St. Lawrence at Dieulouard (Lorraine). He died in 1625. The churchwardens presented 5 persons as papists in 1668 and 6 in 1676. In 1783 there was said to be none.

(British History Online)

In 1901, Rev. George Herbert Engleheart, a Clergyman with Church of England Church, purchased property in Dinton, named Little Clarendon. The property consisted of some 27 acres in which Rev. Engleheart could continue with his growing of daffodils & expand on the breeding of many new varieties of daffodils. When the house was purchased by Rev. Engleheart it was in a “dreadful state.” Rev. Engleheart & his wife – Mary Isabel set about its restoration & moved into Little Clarendon a year later, in 1902. Engleheart set up greenhouses and long numbered beds with broad grass walks between them for his daffodils of which he bred many important new varieties.



Little Clarendon *(Photo by Andrew Stacey 1967-68)*



Little Clarendon (Photo by Andrew Stacey)

In 1921 Mary Isabel Engleheart converted & furnished an old bakery that was on the grounds of Little Clarendon. She created her own Roman Catholic Chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Pity. In recent times this was served from Tisbury and mass was celebrated every Sunday. The chapel and vestments are still kept in occasional use and by special arrangement.



Roman Catholic Chapel adjoining Little Clarendon (Photo by Andrew Stacey 1963)



Catholic Chapel at Little Clarendon (*Photos courtesy of John Needle*)