



Interesting Entries from the Parish Registers

Westbury

3rd April 1764

Mrs. Catherine Rendall lived several years at Melksham and died there but in the year 1750 she lived at Fuges in Westbury Leigh & kept the Sign of the Sun there but her family were Westbury Parish people & are buried here & so was she in Westbury Churchyard with her head to the East End of the Chancel & her feet towards The Pitching, her Brother-in-Law paid me for breaking up of the Ground 6s. 8d. this third day of April 1764 the Day she was buried as Witness my hand, Thomas Hewitt, Vicar.

21st June 1766

Elizabeth Burt widow of John Burt she hanged herself, it was said she sold herself to the Devil some years ago, the Jury brought her in a Lunatick and so she was buried in the Churchyard June 21st 1766

22nd September 1766

Thomas son of John & Martha Marchant his wife of Leigh. This man died of the wounds he recd by shot in his head in his attempt with the rioters to pull down Beckington Mill in county Somerset.

27th October 1766

Edward Hayward, a kind of Cannibal man had ate some horse flesh raw and was never well afterwards he died soon upon it, has had 2 or 3 bastard sons by Jane Arnol, his father was hanged some years ago at Sarum for the murder of one Bayley of Westbury. I had buried Edward Hayward Oct 27 1766.

15th March 1767

Frances Perkins, widow, found dead at her door, she had been drinking drams etc. all day so suffocated with the strong liquors. Buried March 15, 1767

16th March 1823

Hannah, daughter of Mary Wheeler of Heywood, spinster, reputed father James Artworth (Baptised)

16th March 1823

Ruth, daughter of Mary Wheeler, reputed father Henry Carr of Westbury. (Baptised)

Date Unknown

Thomas Alley of Haveridge found dead in the Common, had been drinking at Jeffery Gully's.