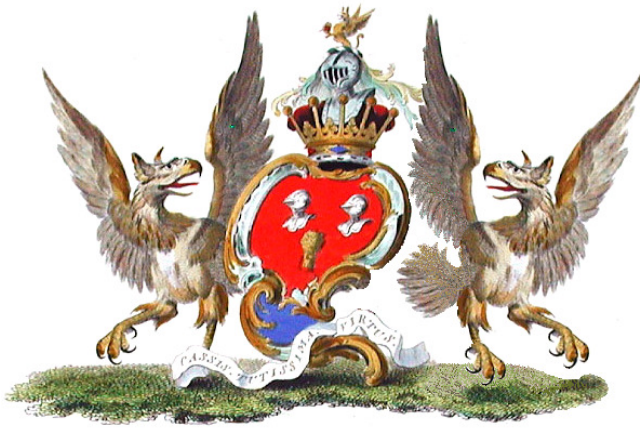


This map of the MANOR OF CHURCH MINSHULL

states it was copied in 1769 by Thomas Hale of Darnhall,
from an original of 1720, by Mr. Billington.



Arms of Thomas Cholmondeley

The dedication at the top states it was for the Lord of the Manor, Charles Cholmondeley of Vale Royal, but this too has been copied from the 1720 version, as Charles had died in 1759. This map would have been for his son, Thomas Cholmondeley, 1st Baron Delamere of Vale Royal, 1729-1779. It names every field in his lordship's ownership and records its area in acres, roods and perches. *The* (There are 40 sq. perches to 1 rood and 4 sq. roods to 1 acre). The

contents, in the bottom right hand corner, then record the tenants name for every house, farm and field. This was used at Minshull Hall to collect the tenants rent and was discovered there after the death of John Barlow in 2009.

His son, Michael, of Woodgreen Farm, gave it to St. Bartholomew's church in 2012.

Of special note:

- The bridge over the River Weaver is shown in its pre 1698 position, which suggests these maps were always copied from the previous version and that while properties were updated, items not owned by his lordship, were not.
- The roads, 1. from Church Minshull to Paradise (Paradise) Green and 2. From Wood End to Priest Field, have both gone, though much are still public footpaths.
- There were greens at Wood Green, Wades Green, Lee Green and Paradise Green that have now all disappeared.
- The grey squares that appear in many fields are usually marl pits, naturally filled with rainwater and retained as places for animals to drink .