

Introduction and Welcome to Broad Hinton & Uffcott

We welcome you and your family to these beautiful villages and hope that you will be very happy here.

You'll learn a lot about what is going on in the villages from the *Local News* which should be delivered free to your door monthly. But this guide will help to get you started.

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With the current Covid situation, some of the events and organisations are not functioning as would normally be the case. Nevertheless the activities and contact names will hopefully be useful when the country moves back to a more normal way of life.

Village Facilities

Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday morning 10.00 am - 12.00 noon in our Village Hall. Everyone welcome. The coffee is fresh and delicious - we serve caffeinated and decaff. A variety of teas available as well as hot chocolate: all it costs is £1.00 per cup/£2.00 per mug. There is always a wonderful selection of yummy cakes or you may prefer a toasted crumpet or muffin and these come **free** with the coffee! What better value could you find anywhere?

Come along and join in the repartee with friends, neighbours and visitors. Catch up with all the latest details of forthcoming events as well. We look forward to seeing you. Volunteers to join the coffee team are warmly welcomed.

Post Office

A mobile Post Office function is available in the Village Hall during the coffee morning. (Opening time is 9.00 am)

THE CROWN Public House (Arkells Brewery)

The landlord and staff welcome you to the pub which is at the heart of Broad Hinton. The garden backs onto national walkways and bridle paths. The pub has stepless wheelchair access and WC. We serve daily a wide-ranging menu of good food as well as a carvery at Sunday lunchtimes. We are happy to cater for events and meetings.

Various specialty events such as steak nights or pie weeks are held regularly, more information is available on the web site. www.thecrownatbroadhinton.co.uk. Or call 01793 731302

Waste Collection Services

The schedule of household and garden waste collections and costs can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk . Dates may vary due to holidays, the monthly **Local News** will normally have an up to date schedule for the forthcoming month.

Village Facilities (continued)

LA STRADA Restaurant

This traditional Italian restaurant (formally The Barbury Inn) offers a warm welcome to you with a very varied menu of typical Italian foods including pastas, pizzas and risottos, all of which are also available as 'takeaways'. A good wine list is also available to complement the international cuisine. Situated on the A4361 opposite the end of Post Office Lane. For bar and food opening hours and reservations look at their website, www.lastradaswindon.com or contact them on tel. no.

01793 731510.

Garage

Gary Pearce owns the garage where he has worked at for many years. He will continue to provide full maintenance and servicing, including MOTs (by arrangement) for a wide range of vehicles as well as specialising in classic car restoration. Gary also offers full maintenance of horse lorries and trailers. (He does not sell petrol). Contact: 07850 215020 or 01793 731321.

Mobile Library

Calls monthly, parks outside the Village Hall. For general information and to renew items by phone, contact Chippenham Library 01249 650536. To renew items online and to check the mobile library timetable, visit the library's web site: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries.

Fresh Fish

Chris Davies of Fresh Grimsby Fish, mobile 07944 264340, cjdavies@gmail.com, brings his fresh fish van to the Crown Inn car park 7.00 pm – 7.30 pm each Tuesday.

Local General Shopping & Papers

Small Tesco's, a Co-Op, Post Office and newsagents in Wroughton.

A paper delivery service is available through R&J News Swindon 07793 556561 or email roncollier@aol.com

Medical

Hospital

The nearest hospital with Accident and Emergency facilities is the Great Western, on the edge of Swindon near J15 of the M4, at Marlborough Road, Swindon, SN3 6BB, 01793 604020.

A *defibrillator* is installed on the Village Hall for emergency use. This is an automatic device and can be used by untrained personnel. If more information is required, contact the Parish Clerk

Some Local GP Practices

Ridgeway View, Wroughton, 01793 812221, also a linked surgery in Chiseldon.

Tinkers Lane, Tinkers Field, Royal Wootton Bassett 01793 852131

New Court Surgery, Borough Fields Shopping Centre, Royal Wootton Bassett 01793 852302

Some Local Chemists

R A Jephsons, Barret Way, Wroughton, 01793 812250

Kennet Pharmacy 55 George Street, Marlborough 01672 512543

Boots, 133 High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett 01793 852364

Some Local Dentists

Wroughton Dental Practice
2 Wharf Rd, Wroughton 01793 813541

Cottage Implant Clinic
8 High St, Royal Wootton Bassett 01793 855335

The Savernake Dental Practice
Salisbury Road, Marlborough 01672 512418

Some Local Vets

Thameswood Vets, 39B Station Road, Royal Wootton Bassett 01793 852458

Drove Vets, 252 Croft Road, Swindon (just after the motorway bridge in Wroughton) 01793 522483

Facilities Further Afield

Nearest Supermarkets –

A large Sainsbury at Bridgemead and a smaller one in Royal Wootton Bassett.

Large Waitrose stores in Marlborough and at Wichelstowe, near Wroughton.

Large Tesco in both Marlborough and Swindon.

Aldi in Swindon and Royal Wootton Bassett

Lidl in Swindon.

The largest local street market is in Marlborough on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Devizes markets are on a Thursday.

There is a weekly market in Royal Wootton Bassett on Wednesday mornings.

Nearest Big DIY Store –

B&Q on the edge of Swindon near Bridgemead and in Devizes.

Screwfix in both Marlborough and Swindon

Nearest Petrol –

There are two garages in Royal Wootton Bassett and a number on the edge of Swindon. All have mini shops attached to them.

Nearest Recycling –

There are household recycling centres at Purton and Marlborough (closed Tuesday & Wednesday), Calne/Cherhill (closed Wednesday & Thursday) and on the edge of Devizes (closed Thursday & Friday). Again look at Wiltshire web site for up to date opening hours. ***During Covid, slots have to be booked***

Nearest Railway Stations –

Swindon and Great Bedwyn. There is a Park & Ride for Swindon at Wroughton.

Nearest Bus –

Buses to Swindon and Devizes can be boarded on the A4361, by the Uffcott crossroads or opposite La Strada.

Broad Hinton Church of England Primary School

Our village school serves children aged 5-11. It nestles in the Wiltshire Downs in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Founded in 1743 by Thomas Benet, from a wealthy local family, it was taken over by the LEA about one hundred years later.

We pride ourselves on the welcoming and family atmosphere we create for our children, parents and community. We provide opportunities for all our children to learn and achieve within a happy, safe, structured and disciplined Christian environment, including gifted children and those with special needs.

We are proud of our educational heritage and the fact that generations of children have left the school with a love of learning, well prepared for secondary school and adult life.

We encourage pupils to develop as creative, innovative and responsible individuals within a learning community that values the input of the pupils themselves as well as that of parents, governors, the church and the wider community.

The school has excellent facilities, as a result of a recent major building programme, and prides itself on its ability to offer a rich and diverse curriculum, with extensive extracurricular opportunities, including sporting, musical and creative activities.

Unusually we believe we have captured the 'small school' ethos with 'big school' opportunities.

We also offer Beehive Nursery Care for ages 2-4, a Breakfast Club and an After School Club.

Contact: Mrs Sharon Keen, Finance & Admin Officer, 01793 731262,
admin@broadhinton.wilts.sch.uk Further information is available via
www.broadhintonschool.org

St Peter ad Vincula Church, Broad Hinton

Our church is one of eight that make up the Upper Kennet Benefice. The Rector, the Revd Maria Shepherdson, assisted by three Lay Pastoral Assistants, Mrs Claire Stiles, Mrs Sibella Laing and Mr Graham Kitchen, continues a 1200+ year tradition of ministry to all people in the Benefice, irrespective of where they are on their spiritual path. The normal routine of our services is:

Sung Eucharist at 09.45 on the first Sunday of the month;

Sung Matins at 09.45 on the second Sunday of the month.

On other Sundays there is a Benefice Service at one of the churches in Revd Maria's care. Further details of services can be found in the Local News.

We have two churchwardens:

Mrs Gill Crabtree and Mr Robert Fitzpatrick

Contact details are in the Local News

Should you require a priest in an emergency, if you cannot make contact with the Rector (01672 539643, revmariashepherdson@outlook.com) then please contact one of the churchwardens.

Revd Maria writes: "Someone once challenged me to sum up my faith and reason for being a priest in two sentences. I responded, God is Love and those who live in Love live in God and God in them, and Love your neighbour as yourself in the manner of Jesus"

The tradition of Christian welcome and support for all has been lived out in Broad Hinton and Uffcott for more than a thousand years – and recent findings indicate that pilgrims had a central and important place in the ministry of our churches.

So Welcome, Pilgrim, to St Peter ad Vincula – here you'll receive a warm welcome (without being 'pounced on') wherever you are in your life-journey and will meet people of all ages and stages of life. Whatever your background and wherever you're coming from, we'd love to meet you. If you're looking for a spiritual home, space to explore and grow in understanding and faith, or are just plain curious about this strange thing called 'church', you are very welcome here.

In addition to our Sunday services, the doors of our church are open daily through the week to all generations for peace and quiet.

From baptisms to weddings to funerals, our desire is to help all who live in the village make their way through all of life's significant events. Through all that we do at our church, we aim to bring hope and joy in an ever-changing world. I do hope I will have the opportunity to meet you personally in the very near future and that you will quickly feel at home in the area. You will usually find me at the Tuesday Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall and I am always happy for you to phone for a chat and to arrange a meeting."

We are extremely fortunate to have a Church Choir and there are vacancies for all voices. Choir practices are held on Monday evenings.

To join our bell ringers, please contact Brian Poulton (01793 731158), our Bell Captain. He can arrange free tuition if you need it.

Broad Hinton & Uffcott Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Not to be confused with the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive committee of our Church of England parish. It consists of the Rector and churchwardens of the parish, together with representatives of the laity elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by means of being nominated and seconded at the meeting, and also being listed on the Parish Electoral Roll for at least six months. The Rector is the chairman of the PCC and a lay member is appointed vice-chairman.

The PCC meets at least four times a year. The PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church and the care and maintenance of the church fabric and its contents. It has a part to play in promoting the mission of the church. To this end it has a voice in the forms of service used by the church and may make representations to the [bishop](#) and [deanery synod](#) on matters affecting the welfare and [pastoral care](#) of the parish.

The PCC is required to appoint a church electoral roll officer who maintains the roll of lay members entitled to take part in the annual parish meeting. Generally the roll is revised annually. Most parish post-holders are appointed by the PCC, e.g. the treasurer, but churchwardens must be elected at the annual PCC meeting.

Broad Hinton Village Hall

You'll soon discover that the Village Hall plays a central role in village life. We send out a monthly email about events and activities. Kate Marshall (01793 731734), will add you to the mailing list. <mailto:villagehall@broadhinton.org.uk>

To book the Hall (special rates for residents), contact Marilyn Martin (01793 731521), hallbookings@broadhinton.org.uk.

Other ways to learn what is going on at the Hall:

- visit our website www.broadhinton.org.uk
- like our FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/Broad.Hinton.Village.Hall>
- follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/BH/VillageHall>

Our handsome Hall was opened in 2009, replacing one that had stood since 1963. Funding for it was completed with a £100,000 loan from the Charity Bank. It's a measure of the Hall's popularity that this loan was paid off in 2017, a rate far exceeding expectations as the original plan was to repay by 2034.

The Hall is run by a Committee of Trustees, chaired by James Gates (01793 731197, jamesgates@btinternet.com) Joining the Committee is an enjoyable way to meet people and take part in village life – James would be very glad to hear from you if that appeals.

The Hall is very well used as shown by the list of clubs and societies. In addition, there are many special events, including balls and concerts and the Watermill Theatre Group (Newbury) brings us professional theatre once a year.

There is a Book Café every quarter and as previously mentioned there is a weekly Post Office facility on every Tuesday to coincide with the coffee mornings.

Societies and Clubs

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Badminton Club

The Badminton Club has been running for over twenty years. Originally we played at The Ridgeway School in Wroughton but for the last 8 years we have been thrashing the shuttlecocks at the Limekiln Leisure Centre in Royal Wootton Bassett.

The club is based on social, mixed badminton – we don't play league matches but that doesn't mean it's not competitive! The social side tends to continue in the local hostelry after play has finished as part of the warm down!

Currently we have courts booked from 9.00 to 10.00 every Thursday evening. Ladies and gentlemen of all ages and abilities are very welcome. For more information, contact Kim Eagle 01793 739131.

Broad Hinton Amateur Dramatic Society (BHADS)

BHADS was formed in 2000, to produce entertainment for the local community (and ourselves). We put on a pantomime every January and a summer production every July. We're always ready to include anyone interested in taking part in any way, on or off stage.

Please contact one of the following (all 01793): Sally Cartwright 731050, Alex Laroche 731850, Marilyn Martin 731521 and Chris O'Neill 07775 995432.

We've quite a collection of costumes available to hire at £10 a time. Mostly suitable for adults, but we've also a number of children's costumes from pantomimes. For details contact Sally Cartwright (see above) or sally.cartwright@broadhinton.org.uk. Think of us next time you are invited to a fancy dress bash!

Vintage Cinema Club

Film showings last Wednesday in the month September-May in the Village Hall. Bar 7.15 pm and programme starts 7.30 pm. Extensive library of DVD/VHS copies and cinematic-themed books available for free loan. Contact Roy Oakshott 01793 731165 or email roy.oakshott@btinternet.com.

White Horse Cricket Club

www.whitehorsecricketclub.co.uk The White Horse is Broad Hinton's own cricket club.

Originally formed as Winterbourne Bassett Cricket Club in 1983, the club moved to its present ground at Manor Lane in April, 2007 and re-branded itself. Founded as a village and social cricket club, in 1996 the club entered the Swindon Midweek League. Promotion followed steadily to Division I; presently the club plays in Division II.

In 2012 White Horse joined Wilts County Cricket League, winning Division V in 2014 and Division IV in 2015. The leagues were reorganised in 2016 meaning we were facing stronger opposition but we still managed to finish 3rd and this meant another promotion to Division 3 for the 2017 season. Despite this mammoth climb up the leagues we were still able to remain competitive. Having said that we were very unlucky to be relegated after the 2019 season finishing just 2 points away from safety having suffered injuries to key players.

Sunday friendly games, however, remain an essential part of the club's ethos. As does the regular annual tour in August, 4 days to the Isle of White, we are almost classified as islanders now!

We are also committed to developing youth cricketers and once again are heavily involved in the national AllStars initiative.

So, if you play cricket to any sort of standard or you just want a pleasant relaxing afternoon on a Saturday or Sunday, why not come and join us for a refreshing drink and an excellent BBQ? New members, whether playing or social, are always welcome.

Karate Club

Every Tuesday 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm in the Village Hall. All welcome from age 5 upwards. Contact: Kevin Sanger 01793 851410 banger@btinternet.com.

Botanical Pencil Art

Held in the Village Hall on the first and third Wednesday of each month between 10:00 and 13:00. These group sessions are lead by Pat Rhodes and are based around pencil work and of course some fun and and chat. Costs are £4 per session, just turn up on the day if interested.

Ridgeway Ladies

The Ridgeway Ladies group meets on the first Wednesday of the month (excluding August) in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. We have six Speakers in the year, a June outing, parties in July and December and a Christmas dinner at a local hostelry. Subscription is £20 pa, which includes refreshments. New members very welcome. Contact Marilyn Martin on 01793 731521 or maz149@btinternet.com.

Table Tennis

The Table Tennis Club meets in the Village Hall every Thursday from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm. We provide bats and balls and welcome anyone regardless of age or standard. Adult annual subscription is £10 pa (3 month free trial memberships available); £5 membership for those in full-time education £15 family membership. Adults pay £3 per head each time they play (£2 for those in full-time education). Please bring trainers or similar to play. Contact: John Hutchings 01793 731050 or email hutchingsjohn@hotmail.com

Tennis

There is an annual Tennis Tournament every August, played on the courts at Marlborough House and Marlborough Lodge (details in *Local News*). If you want to play tennis, the Marlborough Lodge court is available for use. Contact Sally Cartwright on 01793 731050 to check availability. Annual “membership” £10.00 plus £2.00 per head each time you play. All proceeds to the Village Hall funds.

White Horse Garden Club

Our club is a friendly, informal group of people with a common interest, namely gardening. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. From September to May we have a programme of talks/lectures given by horticulturalists ranging from local experts and nurserymen to enthusiastic amateurs.

During the summer months we visit nearby gardens. These include National Trust properties, gardens open under the NGS scheme and local specialist nurseries. All have included the essential ingredients of plants, tea and cakes! Everyone is welcome and you may come as a guest or as a full member. Annual subscription is £20.00 pp but you can try us out as a guest for £3.00.

We also have in the village a number of allotments. These are half-size plots but are large enough to grow sufficient vegetables for a family. They are rented on a yearly basis for £20.00. To rent a plot contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Happy Hours

Happy Hours is for 60+ and meets in the Village Hall apart from outings. Membership £5 per half year. New members welcome, contact Penny Brewer 01793 731366 for details.

Youth Club

The Youth Club runs every Friday from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm in term-time only in the Village Hall. It's for 10-16 year olds and the cost is £2.00 per session (plus tuck shop money!)

New members are very welcome and Bridget would welcome new faces to help with the running of the club. We always have table tennis, table football, a snooker table, an indoor net for badminton or volley ball, a wii and a play station, as well as a tuck shop. We sometimes have other activities like art and craft. Contact: Bridget Cooper 01793 731106,

broadhintonyouthclub@btinternet.com

Broad Hinton Kids Club

We are a friendly group run by mums for mums, dads, grandparents, and carers with any bumps, babies or toddlers. We meet from 9.30 am – 11.30 am on Friday mornings in the Village Hall during term time. Sessions include a craft activity, snack time & free play with the many toys available. £2 per family to include drinks & snack. Contact Clare on 01793 739226 or clare.dyer@hotmail.co.uk for further details.

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Exercise classes

Mondays

18:15 to 19:15 Pilates: Improves posture and strengthens your back.

19:30 to 20:15 Circuits: All-over body workout, designed to burn fat and reshape your body

Contact Louise Holt: 07843 388938 or

louise.energise@btinternet.com or [Facebook](#)

Wednesdays

18:30 to 19:30 Tai Chi An hour of gentle but engaging exercises held by John Riddle a qualified Tai Chi and Chi Kung instructor in the Village Hall

Thursdays

9:30 to 11:00 Yoga: Helen Clowes runs this session in the Village Hall for further details contact via e-mail at Helen@clowes.com

18:30 to 19:30 Zumba: An hourly Zumba session in the Village Hall run by local qualified teacher Sharon Li. Enjoy the music and move your body!! Contact shaaaaaron@hotmail.com or 07880 724288

Local Authorities

Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council

Uffcott comes within the remit of this Parish Council, which comprises nine elected Councillors and a part-time Parish Clerk. All live within the Council's boundary and will be pleased to help you in all matters concerning local government. A list of current councillors is available on the Village Hall website in the Parish Council section.

Council meetings are normally held bi-monthly with the Annual Parish Meeting being held in May prior to the Annual General Meeting. A notice advertising these meetings will be placed in *Local News* and posted on the noticeboards within Broad Hinton at Post Office Lane, by the Well, on the High Street opposite the shop and outside the Village Hall. Minutes of meetings will be published in *Local News* and on the Parish Council section of the Village Hall website.

The main matters for the Parish Council meetings are: Planning, Highways, Environment and Emergency Planning, Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Police Liaison, as well as interaction with the Marlborough Area Local Board and Wiltshire Council.

The Parish Council is also responsible for the finances of the allotments.

Parishioners are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and, if they wish to raise matters, then they should contact the Parish Clerk Wendy Law (wendylaw_clerk@yahoo.com) who will discuss appropriateness and schedules with the Council Chairman.

MP

Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett and Uffcott fall within the Devizes Parliamentary constituency.

Wiltshire Council

Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett and Uffcott are classed as North Wiltshire by Wiltshire Council which is our unitary authority, they are based in Trowbridge, telephone 0300 456 0100, web site www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

Location and History

The parish of Broad Hinton (which includes Uffcott, 2.3 km/1.3 miles to the east) is situated in the Marlborough Community Area within the local authority area of Wiltshire. The parish had a population of some 650 people. Neighbouring Winterbourne Bassett is a separate parish but unites with Broad Hinton in administration through a single Parish Council.

Broad Hinton and Uffcott lie within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and are on the edge of the Marlborough Downs which provide breathtaking views for walkers and other lovers of the countryside.

The highest point is Hackpen Hill, at 272 metres above sea level, which has on it one of the famous Wiltshire White Horses.

Broad Hinton covers 1,260 hectares/3,144 acres, is 192 metres/630 feet above sea level and lies 11.5 kilometres/7 miles north-west of Marlborough. Other neighbouring towns are Swindon, Devizes and Royal Wootton Bassett.

Broad Hinton lies at the head of the Kennet Valley and at a watershed. The great antiquarian, William Stukeley, the first to accurately measure and draw Stonehenge and Avebury, wrote in 1743 about the village: *“In a field of Broad Hinton the water runs two ways, into the Thames and Severn, and they pretend ‘tis the highest ground in England.”*

The parish used to be larger. In the 13th century it comprised the townships of Hinton Columbers, Hinton Wase, Uffcott, Bincknoll and Broad Town, but in 1884 part of Bincknoll and part of Broad Town became the new parish of Broad Hinton.

The area of the parish richest in archaeological evidence is Hackpen Hill. The Ridgeway Path, often called the oldest prehistoric road in Britain, runs along the crest of the Downs here. There are also several Bronze Age barrows and a rectangular earthwork in which Bronze Age pottery fragments were found, on the Downs nearby. A Saxon burial with an iron sword lies just off the Ridgeway.

Below the hill, towards the Weir, the village's only Iron Age coin has been discovered. Bincknoll Castle, at the other end of the village on the north facing ridge overlooking Broad Town, has a fortified enclosure which may be of Iron Age origin but was re-used in the early Middle Ages as a motte and bailey castle.

Evidence for the Romans in the area is slight. Some burials, coins, pottery and perhaps also evidence of a house of the Romano-British period were found in 1910 at a site east of the Weir.

There is little evidence of any settlement in the vicinity of the village prior to the late Anglo-Saxon period and even this is restricted to some elements of carved Saxon stonework incorporated into the church. The modern village of Broad Hinton appears to have grown from two hamlets: Hinton Columbers (centred around the church and well area) and Hinton Wase (around the Manor House and school area).

Domesday Book records two estates in Broad Hinton as having been held by a Saxon named Wulfgar in 1066. The larger of Wulfgar's estates had been taken over by Gilbert of Breteuil, a Norman, by 1086. By 1242 this manor was owned by Matthew Columbers, who gave it its name. The other of Wulfgar's estates was taken over by another Norman, Humphrey Lisle, by 1086. John Wase is recorded as having acquired this manor in 1189. His family held Hinton Wase, as it became known, until the 14th century.

By the late 14th century, these two estates were held together and in assessments for taxation, Broad Hinton was treated as a single settlement. However, the lands may still have been worked separately in the late 15th century when two tithingmen, separately representing Hinton Wase and Hinton Columbers, were still being sent from Broad Hinton to courts of the Selkley Hundred. Even into the early 17th century the constituent estates of Hinton Columbers and Hinton Wase were still distinguished through separate leaseholds and copyholds.

In 1645 Hinton Wase Manor, described as 'a very fair dwelling house' was destroyed by Royalists to prevent the establishment of a Parliamentary garrison there.

Much of the land and property in the village was bought by Sir Henry Meux (pronounced 'mews') in 1869 to become part of a vast estate covering most of the Marlborough Downs and the villages of Lockeridge, West Overton and parts of Avebury as well as Broad Hinton.

The unusual numbering of many of the houses in Broad Hinton (from number 132 to 174) dates from this time and relate to their position on estate registers and maps. Sir Henry died in 1900 and Valerie, Lady Meux (who had a pretty racy past prior to her marriage, see the internet) sold the estate in several lots in 1906.

The Saxon fragments of stonework in the church indicate a building pre-Conquest but nothing more is known before the 13th century.

The names of vicars before 1299 are lost – the earliest Institution Register of the Salisbury Diocese starts in 1297. The church was probably at an early period appropriated to the See of Sarum and the advowson, or right of presentation of a Vicar, seems to have been granted out to the de Hinton family.

In 1248 the Bishop granted the great tithes to the Hospital of St Nicholas, Salisbury by which means the Hospital became the appropriator but the advowson still remained in the hands of the de Hinton family until granted by Richard de Hinton to the Hospital in 1253 (but the Bishop still presented to the Vicarage until 1478).

The church was originally dedicated to St Mary but that was changed in the 19th century to St Peter ad Vincula (St Peter In Chains). There are only a handful of such dedications in the country, the most notable being the Chapel Royal in the Tower of London.

Some 12th century masonry fragments in the nave and a late 12th century priest's doorway survive in our church. The chancel was altered and the nave rebuilt in the 13th century. In the 15th or early 16th century the tower was built and also in the 16th century a rood stair was inserted in the north wall of the nave. The nave roof was renewed in the 17th century and the east end of the chancel was altered or rebuilt in the 18th century. In 1879 the church was restored and many medieval features renewed.

Recently historian Martin Palmer suggested that a tombstone in the floor to the north of the altar belonged to a 13th century prioress and is rare because it is both carved and incised.

Until the 18th century there were three main roads through the village but only one, the Clyffe Pypard route, survives as a road today. The other two, Vize Track to Yatesbury and Wettles to Winterbourne Bassett, are now just footpaths. What caused the change was the creation of a turnpike road in 1747 from Swindon to Devizes along the route from Red Barn, above Wroughton Hill to the Weir passing to the east of Broad Hinton village through Elm Cross – the A4361 of today. The Barbury Inn was probably built at this time.

The 18th century saw another significant development with the opening of Broad Hinton School in 1743.

Broad Hinton proudly boasts one of the famous Wiltshire White Horses on Hackpen Hill. All these use the symbol from the coat of arms of Hanover to celebrate significant events in the reigns of the Hanoverian dynasty. This one was cut by Robert Witt, landlord of The Crown, and Henry Eatwell, the Parish Clerk, in 1838 to celebrate Queen Victoria's coronation. During the Second World War, the horse was covered with turf to avoid giving German aircraft a reference point.