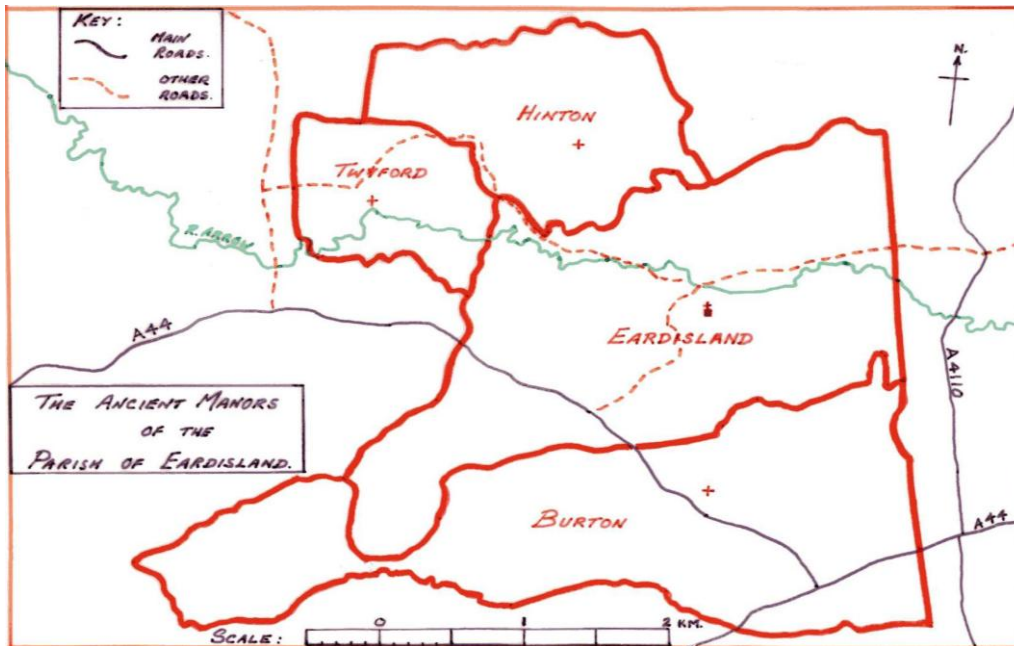


# TWYFORD.

## INTRODUCTION



This drawing shows the geographical position and extent of the area that came to be administered as the Manor of Twyford within the parish of Eardisland.

The position shown does not have the benefit of a surviving 'perambulation' as is the case with Burton and Hinton, but the parish boundary to the west and the likely course of the boundaries of the other adjacent manors, including also the Manor of Eardisland to the east, has allowed lines to be drawn.

The place name "Twyford" has been interpreted as 'double ford'; either across a river with parallel streams, or perhaps a place where there were two fords side by side in the same river.<sup>1</sup> A much less expert, but much more local source mentions that:

*Twyford lies, as its name suggests, between the fords, starting just below the Arrow bridge at Pembridge and flanking the river on both banks for about one and a half miles, not quite reaching the ford near Eardisland.*<sup>2</sup>

I have not seen documentary sources which can be said to substantiate either of these interpretations when applied to our local Twyford<sup>3</sup>. However, bearing in mind the likely antiquity of the name in some form or other, this is not surprising.

The Papers which follow address a variety of topics relevant to Twyford over the centuries.

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<sup>1</sup> Ekwall, E. The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Place Names. 4th Edition, 1959.

<sup>2</sup> Eardisland W.I. Book, page 66. Published in 1956.

<sup>3</sup> There is at least one other Twyford in Herefordshire, and others elsewhere in England.

