



Kellys Directory Extract 1931

Blackland



CALNE WITHOUT is a parish formed by Order of the Wilts County Council, confirmed by Local Government Board Order, which came into operation March 25 1890; it comprises the portion of Calne original parish not included within the Municipal borough, and the parishes of Blackland and Calstone Wellington, beside the liberty of Bowood and part of the parish of Bremhill, and is in the Chippenham division of the county, hundred, rural district, petty sessional division and county court district of Calne, rural deanery of Avebury (Avebury portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Peter, in Blackland Park, is a small and ancient edifice of stone in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave, north porch and a turret with one bell: it was restored in 1907 at a cost of £1000: there are free sittings for 80 persons. The register dates from the year 1757. The church of St. Mary, Calstone Wellington, is of Bath stone in the Late Perpendicular style, and consists of chancel, nave north porch and an embattled western tower containing one bell: it was thoroughly restored at a cost of £1,300 in 1885, when two new bells were added; there are 100 sittings. The register dates from the year 1760. The living is a rectory, the two having been annexed November 2nd, 1880, joint net yearly value £380, including 28 acres of glebe, with residence, in alternate gifts of the Marquess of Lansdowne D.S.O., M.V.O. and Sir F. A. Hadow C.V.O., V.D. and held since 1927 by the Rev. Edwin James Matthews M.A. of Trinity College, Dublin. There is a Wesleyan Chapel erected in 1866. A reading room was built in 1883 by Lord Fitzmaurice, to which is attached a free lending library; the whole is supported by local subscriptions. Blackland House, of 150 acres, is a well-wooded demesne, watered by the River Marden; the mansion is now the residence of Mrs Wingfield-Digby. The Marquess of Lansdowne D.S.O., M.V.O., J.P. who is Lord of the Manor of Calstone Wellington, the Marquess of Crewe K.G., P.C. and Mrs Wingfield-Digby are the principal landowners. The soil is rich loam; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat and oats and some land in pasture. The area is 9,832 acres of land and 62 of water; the population in 1921 was 1,987.

Calstone Wellington parish; the population in 1921 was 333. Letters through Calne, nearest post, M. O. and T. office.

Sextons, Ernest Cleverly, Blackland and R James, Calstone.

QUEMERFORD is a tithing, 1 mile south-east. Holy Trinity chapel of ease here, erected principally at the expense of the Rev. J. Guthrie, a former vicar, is a building of native stone in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave and organ chamber, and affords 230 sittings: attached is a cemetery of two acres. The Plymouth Brethren have also a meeting room here, erected in 1860 and enlarged in 1866 to seat 200 persons. WHETHAM, 2½ miles east; STOCKLEY, 2 south, where there is a Primitive Methodist chapel, and part of STUDLEY, 2½ north-west, with a Wesleyan chapel, are hamlets and tithings. The ecclesiastical parish of Derry Hill includes a portion of the parish of Calne Without. Bowood will be found under a separate heading.

Post Office, Quemerford. Letters through Calne, nearest M. O. and T. office.

Holy Trinity School, Quemerford, built in 1867, for 128 children; Miss D. L. Long, mistress

Gentry/Private Residents (Blackland)

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Wingfield-Digby		Mrs		Blackland Ho.

Commercial (Blackland)

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brignall	Harry		Farm Bailiff to F. Darling Esq	Blackland Farm
Brown	George		Farmer (150 acres or over)	Sprays Farm
Cleverly	James Henry		Farmer	Dykes Farm
Melsome	George E.		Estate Agent to Mrs Wingfield-Digby	Park Farm
Vines	William		Farmer (150 acres or over)	Blackland Manor