



Kellys Directory Extract 1931

Bremhill – Spirthill



BREMHILL (or Bremble) is a large parish and village, 2½ miles north-west from Calne terminal station of a branch of the Great Western railway and 4 east from Chippenham, in the Chippenham division of the county, hundred of Chippenham, petty sessional division, rural district and county court district of Calne, rural deanery of Avebury (Avebury portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Martin is a building of stone in the Norman, Early English and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing 6 bells: a stained window was placed in the church in 1864, in memory of a former vicar, Archdeacon Drury, and there are five others, placed by the Rev. Canon E. P. Eddrup M.A. vicar 1868-1906; the east window was given in his memory in 1927: in the chancel is a monument to the last Hungerford of Cadenham, d. 1698: the font dates from 1180: there are sittings for 250 persons. The register dates from March 28, 1591. The living is a vicarage, with the rectory of Highway annexed, joint net yearly value £617, with 209 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1917 by the Rev. Arthur Edward George Peters M.A. of Worcester College, Oxford, prebendary of Durnford in Sarum Cathedral and rural dean of Avebury. In Bremhill there is a free library, the gift of Lord Fitzmaurice, with a convenient reading room. The principal landowners are the Marquess of Lansdowne D.S.O., M.V.O., J.P. who is lord of the manor, and the Marquess of Crewe K.G., P.C. The soil is the Oxford clay and calcareous grit of the upper oolite, presenting varieties of loam, brash and clay; subsoil, sand, clay and stone brash. The chief crops are wheat, barley and beans. The area is 5,874 acres of land and 38 of water; the population in 1921 was 937 in the civil and 915 in the ecclesiastical parish of Derry Hill.

CHARLCUTT is a tithing, 1½ miles north. There is a reading room here, and another at Foxham, both built by Lord Fitzmaurice on sites given by Lord Lansdowne, and now vested in a body of trustees.

SPIRTHILL (Sperthill, or Spurthill) is 2 miles north-by-east. Here is a Wesleyan chapel.

EAST TYTHERTON tithing is 2 miles north-west, where there is a Moravian church and a High School for Girls, founded in 1745, also a reading room.

Letters through Chippenham, nearest T. office. West Tytherton nearest M. O. office

AVON is a hamlet on the river Avon, 3½ miles north-east from Chippenham.

WICK tithing is 1 mile north-west.

By Local Government Board Order, 18,134, dated March 25, 1885, and by order 16,528, March 24, 1884, detached parts of Christian Malford have been added to Bremhill for civil purposes.

Sexton, Frank Gale.

Post & Tel. Call Office, Bremhill. Letters through Calne, nearest M. O. & T. office.

FOXHAM is a chapelry, 6 miles north-west from Calne and 5 miles north-east-by-east from Chippenham, on the northern Avon. The church of St John the Baptist, rebuilt in 1880 at a cost of £2,300, is an edifice of stone, in the Early English style, from designs by Mr. William Butterfield, architect, consisting of chancel, nave, vestry and south porch. There is a Wesleyan chapel. There is a reading room here, similar to that at Charlcutt.

Parish Clerk, George Diccox, Foxham.

Letters through Chippenham. Sutton Benger is the nearest money order and telegraph office.

Gentry/Private Residents – Spirthill

None listed

Commercial – Spirthill

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
James	Arthur Charles		Farmer	Side Row
Jefferys	Samuel		Farmer	Naish House
Matthews	Herbert James		Haulage contractor	
Pocock	Arthur Leopold		Farmer (150 acres or over)	
Smith	Ernest E.		Farmer (150 acres or over)	Leeksedge