



Kelly's Directory Extract 1911

Broad Town

Broad Town – is a parish, formed in 1846 out of Broad Hinton and Cliffe Pypard parishes, and in 1884 made a civil parish; it is on the road from Wootton Bassett to Marlborough, 3 miles south-by-east from Wootton Bassett station, on the Great Western railway. 10 north-east of Marlborough, and 8 south-west from Swindon, in the Northern division of the county, partly sessional division of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett, Swindon county court district, Avebury rural deanery (Avebury portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. Christ Church is a modern building of stone, in the Early English style, consisting of nave and a western bell cot containing one bell: the east window is stained, and there is 190 sittings. The register dates from the year 1847. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £155, with residence and 2 acres of glebe, in the gift of the vicars of Broad Hinton and Cliffe Pypard alternately, and held since 1905 by the Rev. Henry Francis Crofton M.A. of University College, Durham. The vicarage house, nearly destroyed by fire in 1869, has been rebuilt. Here are Primitive Methodist and Wesleyan Chapels. The principal landowners are Brasenose College, Oxford, the trustees of the Broad Town Charity, Viscountess Bolingbroke, the Rev. Edward H Goddard M.A. vicar of Cliffe Pypard, and Mr. J.E.G. Bradford. The soil is clay; subsoil, white stone. The chief crops are wheat, oats and turnips, and pasture land. The area is 2,040 acres; rateable value, £3,347; the population in 1901 was 433.

Parish Clerk, John Archer.

Post Office – Henry Bathe, sub-postmaster. Letters through Swindon arrive at 6.45am & 12 noon; dispatched at 7.20pm; no Sunday delivery, Broad Hinton, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

Wall Letter Box, Broad Town lane cleared at 7.25pm. School (mixed), with residence for the mistress, erected by the late Rev. A.J.W. Morrison, vicar, for 90 children, & enlarged, in 1892, by the addition of a class-room; average attendance, 83; Miss Edith Mary Stocker, mistress

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Crofton	Henry Francis	Rev., M. A.		Vicarage
Darling	Stephen			Thornicroft
Eatwell	Charles			Springfield House
Hopgood	Charles			

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Armstrong	Walter Richard		Farmer	Barn Hill
Bathe	A.		Grocers & post office	
Bathe	H.			
Bond	Glen		Farmer	Bynoll
Brewer	William		Blacksmith	
Chesterman	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Farmer	
Chesterman	Richard Arthur		Farmer	
Henley	George		Cattle dealer	
Linzey	Wm		Farmer	Broad Town Lane
Little	John		Farmer	Broad Town Farm
Manners	Frank		Farmer	Cotmarsh
Maskell	John	Jnr.	Farmer	East farm
Matthews	Ellen	Mrs.	Farmer	
Maul	John William		Publican	Queens Head Public House
Miles	Catherine	Mrs.	Carpenter	
Ody	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Farmer	Hambrook
Palmer	George		Thatcher	
Parsons	Alice	Mrs.	Farmer	
Parsons	Victor		Farmer	Thornhill
Price	Frances Emma	Mrs.	Farmer	Manor farm
Telling	Julia Emma	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Tuck	Edward Jas		Farmer	Ham Farm