



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Bromham



BROMHAM is a parish, 3 miles north-east from Seend station on the Newbury and Bath section of the Great Western railway, 4 north-west from Devizes and 4 east-by-north from Melksham, in the Eastern division of the county, Potterne hundred, Devizes petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Avebury (Cannings portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The ancient houses of the village, built of timber and brick, are ranged irregularly on the east side, facing the church. The church of St Nicholas is a building of stone in the Lancet and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays, south aisle, south transept, south-eastern chapel, south porch and an embattled central tower with octagonal spire, 110 feet in height, containing a clock and 6 bells, hung at a cost of £600: the chancel was entirely rebuilt in 1865 in the Lancet style, at the cost of the rector: it contains a credence with trefoil-headed arch, and a hagioscope: the reredos is arcaded, and has marble shafts: the rest of the church is Perpendicular: the chapel, which is the most interesting portion, was built by Richard Beauchamp, and Baron St Amand (d.1508), who founded therein a chantry dedicated to St Mary and St Nicholas: it has an embattled parapet, with crocketed pinnacles, paneling and shields of arms: in the centre of the east wall, above the roof, is a richly designed canopied niche, the flat ceiling is divided into thirty-two compartments, painted and gilt, and profusely decorated, and against the east wall is a canopied niche, and there are sedilia, formed in the sill of a window on the south side: the chapel opens to the chancel by two lofty Perpendicular arches, a similar one communicating with the transept: in the centre of the chapel stands a large tomb, with a full length recumbent effigy of a knight in armour, in excellent preservation, representing Sir Roger Tocotes, or Touchet, who married the widow of William Beauchamp, 1st baron St Amand (d 1457): there is also a canopied tomb to his wife Elizabeth, and on an upright slab within the canopy is a brass kneeling effigy of a female in the costume of the period (circa 1490), and a representation of the Holy Trinity, formerly in a matrix above: immediately opposite, against the south wall, is a canopied tomb to Sir Edward Baynton kt. ob. 1578, with brass effigies of himself, his two wives, and two out of three children, all kneeling; and on the floor is a brass effigy of John Baynton, ob. 1516, cousin and heir of Richard Beauchamp, 2nd Lord St Amand: beneath the east window of this chapel are five recesses, three of which contain tablets to Sir Edward Baynton kt. ob. 1670; Henry Baynton, ob. 1691; and John Baynton, ob. 1716; and there is another to Lady Anne Wilmot, ob. 1703, besides many memorials to various members of the Baynton family: the chapel has a stained east window, erected in memory of John Baynton Starky, who died in Australia, by his widow: the transept has a stone-groined roof, with a long pendant in the centre: the porch is embattled, and on the west is a stair leading to a parvise above: three windows on the north side of the chancel are stained: on the tower is a curious figure of a skeleton, cut into the north wall, and near it, surrounded by a scroll, a skull and cross-bones, with the inscription, "Death is swallowed up in victori": in the churchyard rest the remains of Thomas Moore, the poet, who died at Sloperton Cottage, Chittoe, 25th Feb 1852, and above the grave rises a fine Celtic cross, erected in Nov 1906, through the efforts of the Rev A S Hartigan MA then curate here: it is of Ballinasloe limestone, 18 feet in height, on a base 7ft 6in by 4 feet, and cost £232: at the base are inscriptions, one being a verse from Moore's poems and the other a quotation from Byron: the west window, by Constable, of Cambridge, was erected by subscription to his memory, and there is a plain slab over the grave of his two children: Mrs Moore, relict of the poet, was also buried here in the year 1865, and is commemorated by the stained east window: in 1908 a stained glass window was erected in the nave to the memory of the Rev E Edgell, rector 1905-7: a new stone reredos was placed in the chancel in 1910, and also two stained windows: the interior was restored and renewed, and a stone pulpit and reading desk erected about 1843: there are 400 sittings. The register dates from the year 1566. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £438, including 60 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Lieutenant Colonel Albert Edward England RA of Soulderne Manor, Banbury, and held since 1907 by the Rev John Leofric de Buckenhold Thorold MA of New College, Oxford. Here are Baptist, Wesleyan Methodist and Primitive Methodist chapels. On a gentle declivity, at the lower part of the village, is an almshouse of six tenements, with a Latin inscription recording its foundation in the year 1612(10th James I), by a member of the Baynton family. Roman remains have been discovered here from time to time: in 1840, the late J S Money esq. FSA found portions of a Roman villa, including part of a tessellated pavement, baths, pottery, two urns, containing human bones, and various Roman coins. St Edith's, the residence of John Fisher esq. is a modern mansion of stone, in the Italian style, standing in its own grounds of about 36 acres, and has lawns, gardens and a

conservatory attached. The Old Manor House, an exceptionally fine structure, was erected by Sir Edward Baynton during the reign of Henry VIII but was, in 1645, burnt by the Royalists under Sir Charles Lloyd. James I sojourned here in 1616, 1618 and 1621. Rowdeford House, the property of Charles E H A Colston esq. VD DL JP and occupied by Mrs John Collins, is a modern building. The manor was given by William Rufus to Battle Abbey, Sussex, and was subsequently held by the Roche, Beauchamp and Baynton families, and afterwards by those of Bolt and Starky. In 1864 the estates were sold to the Spicer family. Capt John Edmund Philip Spicer JP who is lord of the manor, and the Crown are chief landowners. The soil is sand; subsoil, gravel. The chief crops are wheat, barley, potatoes and peas. The parish contains 3,519 acres; rateable value £5,722; the population in 1911 was, in the civil parish, 1,146, and the ecclesiastical parish, 1,044.

Part of this parish, including Spye Park, is in the ecclesiastical parish of Chittoe.

WESTBROOK is half a mile north-west; **NETHER STREET**, 1 mile east; **ST EDITH'S MARSH**, 1 mile south-east; **HAWK STREET**, half a mile south-east.

Parish Clerk: William Hughes

Post, MO T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office (to places within a limited distance): Mrs Louisa Emily Minty, sub-postmistress. Letters received from Chippenham at 5.10am & 4pm; dispatched thereto at 9pm; there is a dispatch to Rowde at 9.20am

Letter Box at Hawk Street: cleared at 8am & 7.30pm

Wall Letter Box at Nether Street: cleared at 6.50am & 7.30pm

Wall Letter Box at Pound: cleared at 7.35am & 7.50pm

SCHOOLS

Elementary (mixed & infants), built in 1867, at a cost of about £900, for 174 children; Lewis Stedman, master

Elementary (mixed), built for 130 children; Edmund H White, master

Carriers to Devizes, passing through, call at the Bell Inn, St Edith's Marsh, in the morning & on their return in the afternoon; George Hughes, to Devizes, Thurs.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Anstee	Henry			The Firs
Atkinson		Mrs		Baynton Cottage
Collins		Mrs		Rowdeford House (postal address, Rowde, Devizes)
Fisher	John			St Edith's
Gough		Mrs		Bank Side
King	Alderman John			
Radcliffe	W	Col		Battle House
Thorold	John Leofric de Buckenhold	Reverend MA	Rector	The Rectory

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Akerman	John William		Grocer	
Akerman	John William	Sec	Hope Coffee Tavern	
Austin	Henry			Greyhound PH
Bailey	Thomas		Market Gardener	

Barter	Henry	Sec	Bromham Cricket Club & Bromham Football Association	
Boulter	William		Brick & Tile Maker	
Brown	Albert W		Cycle Dealer & Agent; any make of cycle or motor cycle supplied; repairs etc	
Butler	John	& Sons	Builders & Market Gardeners	
Butler	Alfred James		Farmer	Bromham House Farm
Butler	Benjamin	Mrs	Market Gardener	
Butler	Ernest C		Farmer	Hawk Street
Butler	Jesse		Market Gardener	
Carter	William Charles			Bell Inn
Davis	I	Mrs & Son	Road Contractors	St Edith's Marsh
Davis	Edwin		Shoe Maker	
Dore	Henry		Brewers' Agent	
Fennell	Jesse		Market Gardener	
Fennell	Mark		Market Gardener	
Gregory	Briant		Farmer	Westbrook Fens
Gregory	Frank		Farmer	
Hobbs	George William		Laundry	
Hughes	George		Carrier	
Hughes	Jesse		Butcher	
Hughes	William		Farmer	Hobb's Farm
Hunt	Benjamin		Shoeing Smith & Fruit Grower	
King	Fred		Market Gardener	Nether Street
King	James		Family Grocer & Draper	
King	John		Builder & Contractor	
King	Jn	Sec	Bromham Fruit Farm Co Ltd & Horticultural Society	
King	T	Sec	Bromham Rifle Club	
King	Thomas		Asst Overseer & Clerk to the Parish Council	
King	Thomas Ewart		Market Gardener	
Leonard	Ivor Morgan		Farmer	Nether Street Farm
Long	Jn	& Son	Wood Turners	Loop Lane
Minty	Frederick	Mrs	Grocer & Post Office	
Paget	Fred		Smallholder	
Paget	George		Market Gardener	
Paget	John T		Farmer	Stills Farm
Palmer	William	Caretaker	Hope Coffee Tavern	
Pearce	Henry		Smallholder	
Perrett	Ralph		Farmer	Sloperton Farm
		Powney Bros	Builders	
Powney	Arthur Edward		Farmer	
Seager	Joseph		Shopkeeper	
Selman	Joseph		Farmer	
Stratton	John		Smallholder	
		Treise William & Stanley	Farmers	Moor House Farm, Nether Street
Vallis	F S	Manager	Bromham Fruit Farm Co Ltd	
Want	William	Manager	Working Men's Club	
Watson	John		Farmer	Maples Farm
Watts	Arthur		Saddler & Harness Maker	
Webb	Frank		Smallholder	The Com
Webb	Noah		Boot Maker	
Webb	William		Builder, Joiner & General Contractor & Agent for the Westminster Fire Insurance Co	
Webb	William James		Market Gardener	Hawk Street
Wheeler	James		Smallholder	
Williams	James		Head Gardener to Mrs Collins	
Wiltshire	George		Smallholder	

Wootton	Charles		Smallholder	
Wootton	Fred		Market Gardener	