



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

Colerne



COLERNE is a parish and village adjoining the Gloucestershire and Somersetshire borders, 2 miles north from Box station, on the Swindon and Bath section of the Great Western railway, 8 west-south west from Chippenham, and 6 north-east from Bath, in the North Western division of the county, Chippenham hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district, and in the Chippenham rural deanery, North Wilts archdeaconry, and Bristol diocese. The great Roman road, called the "Fossway", from Bath to Cirencester, passes on the north. The church of St John the Baptist is an ancient and very beautiful building of stone in the Late Norman and subsequent styles, consisting of chancel with chantry, nave of 4 bays, aisles, south porch, and a fine Perpendicular embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing a clock and 8 bells: on the north wall of the sanctuary are 3 sedilia with 14th century canopies, restored and replaced in 1903: some remains of a Saxon cross, and a fragment of a reredos are preserved in the church, which was thoroughly restored in 1875, under the direction of Mr Wilcox, architect of Bath, at a cost of £4000, chiefly contributed by the late Richard Walmsley esq. and the late William Poynder esq.: there are sittings for 400 persons. The register dates from the year 1560. The living is a rectory, net yearly income £230, with residence, in the gift of New College, Oxford, and held since 1905, by the Rev Hippisley Stephens MA of New College, Oxford. Here are Congregational, Baptist, and two Primitive Methodist chapels. Charities of the yearly value of about £16, derived from bequests, left in trust for the deserving poor, are distributed at the discretion of the rector and trustees: there are also 25 acres of charity land, at present bestowed free in allotments of half an acre, to the second poor of the parish: the management of this charity has been modified by the Charity Commissioners. Brown's charity produces about £6 yearly and is managed by the rector and churchwardens. Lucknam, with a park, is the seat of John Walmsley esq JP, who is lord of the manor of Euridge; the Warden and Fellows of New College, Oxford, are lords of the manor of Colerne. The principal landowners are J Walmsley esq. JP, Lord Islington, PC, GCMG, DSO, Darcy Edmund Taylor esq. JP, and the Warden and Fellows of New College, Oxford. The soil is corn brash, sub-soil, rock. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots. The area is 3928 acres, rateable value £4569: population in 1911, 939.

Euridge, an ancient manor, 2 miles north-east, consists of a farmhouse and 3 cottages. Eastrip, half a mile east, Thickwood, 1 mile north-east, and Widdenham, 1.5 miles east, on the Box Brook, are hamlets.

Parish Clerk: William Holder

Post, M O T and Telephonic Express Delivery Office: Frederick William Woodward, sub-postmaster. Letters from Chippenham, arrive at 7am & 2.45pm, dispatched at noon and 7pm; no Sunday delivery. Wall Letter Box, Thickwood: cleared at 8.30am & 6.20pm, weekdays only

Elementary School (mixed), built in 1855, rebuilt 1879 and again enlarged in 1893, for 200 children: Archie A E Tucker, master

Carrier: Albert Tidmarsh, to Bath, on Wed. & Sat.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Curtis	Thomas			Charterhouse
Dumaresq	Reginald D. F.			Ford Cottage *
Stephens	Herbert Hippisley	Reverend	Rector	Rectory
Walmsley	John	JP		Lucknam
Weeks	Joel			Leonard Villa
Wilson	John			Vale Court

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
	Bath Cooperative Society			
Beer	John		Farmer	
Bence	Gilbert		Baker	
Bence	Hubert		Blacksmith	
Bevan	Albert		Farmer	
Derrick	Edward		Shopkeeper	
Gaisford	Ernest George		Shopkeeper	
Gaisford	Francis H.		Shopkeeper	
Gaisford	Frank		Beer Retailer	
Gifford	Alex. B.		Farmer	Manor Farm
Gifford	George		Farmer	Trimnells Farm
Gray	Thomas		Publican	Six Bells Public House
Hall	William		Farmer	
Hendon	Frederick		Farmer	
Hicks	Walter		Carpenter	
Hicks	William		Painter	
Hillier	Henry		Secretary	Colerne Liberal Club
Ings	Clarence L.		Draper & Grocer	
Jefferies	John Bryant		Shoemaker	
Johnson	Alfred		Hairdresser	
Jones	Henry		Dairyman	
Jones	Jacob	Mrs.	Farmer	Westwood Farm
Kent	Thomas		Saddler	
Knight	John		Farmer	Northwood Farm
Knight	William		Farmer	
Martin	James Pirie	LRCP Lond, MRCS Eng.	Surgeon (Attends Mon- Thurs, 12-4 pm)	
May	James G.		Farmer & Assistant Overseer	
May	Samuel		Grocer	
Maynard	George	& Sons	Shoemakers	
Mullins	Joseph		Water Finder	Elmsleigh
Osborne	George		Publican	Fox & Hounds Public House
Poulson	Alice	Miss	Farmer	Daubeney's Farm
Poulson	Ethel	Miss	Farmer	Daubeney's Farm
Pullen	Thomas		Farmer	Vineyards

Smith	Frederick		Farmer	Mount Seylla
Sprules	Thomas		Farmer	
Symes	Ernest	MRCS Eng., LCRP Lond.	Surgeon (Attends Tues. & Fri. 11-12)	
Weeks	Frederick		Shopkeeper	
Weeks	William	& Son	Hurdle Makers	
Wilson	John		Secretary	Colerne Conservative Club
Woodward	Frederick William		Baker	Post Office

*Letters through Ford

EURIDGE

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Webb	Aaron		Farmer	

THICKWOOD

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Benjamin	Ernest		Farmer	Hall Farm
Gifford	Joseph		Farmer	Thickwood Farm

WIDDENHAM

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Prior	William		Farmer	