



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915

## Corsham



**CORSHAM** is a parish and town with a station on the Great Western railway, 98.25 miles from London, 3.5 west-by-south-west from Chippenham, 36 north-west from Salisbury, 12 north-west from Devizes, 8.5 north-east from Bath, 4 north-west from Melksham, and 7 north-east from Bradford, in the North Western division of the county, Chippenham hundred, union, petty sessional division, county court district, Chippenham rural deanery, North Wilts archdeaconry, and Bristol diocese. At Thingley, 2 miles east, the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth railway diverges from the Great Western Railway. The church of St Bartholomew is an ancient edifice of stone, in the Norman, Decorated, and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of 5 bays, aisles, south porch, and a southern tower with pinnacles and spire, containing a clock and 6 bells, and on the north side of the chancel is a lady chapel, built by the Tropnell family, and still repaired by the owner of the Neston estate, of which the Tropnell family were formerly the possessors, and a chapel erected in 1897 by Lord Methuen for himself and his household: the church was restored in 1878 at a cost of £5500, and has 650 sittings. The register dates from October 1563 and contains the following curious entry:- "Memorandum of Sweets Hole, in Minty Mead, August 4th, 1606. Here William Sweet and (-) Bricker fought with swords concerning a woman, and in the fray, the former was slain and the latter acquitted". The living is a vicarage, net income £153, with 2.5 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Field Marshall Lord Methuen, and held since 1912 by the Rev Henry Bloomfield Ellison MA of Pembroke College, Oxford. The church of St John the Baptist, Gastard, was dedicated in June, 1913, and has 100 sittings.

Lord Islington's chapel, in Hartham Park, is also now the charge of the vicar of Corsham. There are 3 Congregational chapels, 3 Baptist, 1 Primitive Methodist and one Wesleyan, and a meeting place for the Brethren. The Town Hall in High St, rebuilt in 1882 at a cost of nearly £2000, is an edifice of Bath stone, in the Italian style, and has over the principal entrance, a medallion portrait of Queen Victoria, surmounted by a clock, erected in 1897 in commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee: on the ground floor are the library, reading, smoking rooms and billiard room of the Mechanics' Institute, a coffee bar and attendants' room: an upper floor includes an assembly room holding 400 persons, with a platform at one end. Petty sessions for the Chippenham division are held at the Methuen Hall every third Thursday at 11.30am: for magistrates and places in the division, see Chippenham. In this and the adjoining parish are extensive underground quarries of the celebrated Bath stone, where a large number of men are employed by the Bath Stone Firms Ltd, and Yockney & Hartham Park Stone Co Ltd. The charities include Lady Hungerford's charity, originally consisting of an almshouse for a master and 6 aged poor, endowed with £20 yearly for the master, and £30 for the 6 inmates, with rooms; the endowment was increased by Mrs Alexander in 1913, however, the property being in a bad state of repair, it was proposed to dispose of it, but Lord Methuen then provided £1000 for repairs and for the endowment of the charity. The Charity Commissioners approved of a scheme appointing Lord Methuen as patron, and provided for the appointment of two nominated trustees by the patron, and two representative trustees by the Parish Council: out of the income of the charity, £20 is dedicated to educational purposes and £30 to the inmates. Mrs Mary Alexander gave in 1860 £250 for the upkeep of a wheelchair and wages of an attendant. Lady James' charity, producing about £31 yearly, is given in blankets and sheets. William Kirby's of about £48 yearly is divided between 8 poor persons of good character. The feoffees are trustees of certain lands and funds, producing £195 yearly for, 1st the repair of the fabric of the parish church and necessary utensils thereof; 2nd, for affording medical relief to 300 families of the second poor, dwelling in the parish; 3rd; for the repair of all decayed bridges in the parish. Corsham Court, the property and residence of Field Marshall Lord Methuen GCB, GCVO, CMG, JP is a ancient mansion of stone, partly surrounded by a park of 400 acres, in which there is an extensive lake: the mansion contains a good collection of paintings; Hartham Park is the property of Lord Islington PC, GCMG, DSO, and the residence of Col the Hon George Talbot; Monks Park is the property and residence of Sir John Tankerville Goldney MA, JP, and Pockeredge House the residence of George A Fitzadam-Ormiston esq. Lord Methuen is lord of the Royal manor, which has as its bailiff, who is chosen by the tenants, and invested with the power of a coroner; a court leet is held annually: Sir John Tankerville Goldney MA, JP is lay rector and lord of the Rectory manor. The principal landowners are Field Marshall Lord Methuen, G P Fuller esq, Lord Islington, Sir J T Goldney MA, JP and Miss Fowler.

The soil is various, sub-soil, stony; the chief crops are wheat, barley and roots; the area is 6588 acres of land and 16 of water, rateable value £23,322: the population in 1911 was 4209 in the civil and 3221 in the ecclesiastical parish.

**Verger & Sexton:** Fred Mallard

**PICKWICK** is a tithing half a mile west.

**EASTON** tithing and **GASTARD** (or Gustard) are hamlets, the former 1 mile east and the latter 2 miles south-east of Corsham.

**NESTON** is an ecclesiastical parish, formed from Corsham civil parish, and will be found under a separate heading.

**Post, M O & T and Telephonic Express Delivery Office (letters should have Wilts added):** Frederick John Bryant, sub-postmaster, letters delivered at 7am, 11.30 and 6.30pm, dispatched at 9.5 and 11.30am and 2.50, 6.50 & 9.15pm, Sundays, 9.15pm.

**Fire Brigade;** High St, Alfred Butt, captain and 12 men.

**Police Station:** Pickwick Rd: Henry A Nicholas, sergeant, and one constable.

#### **PUBLIC OFFICERS**

**Assistant Overseers:** Lewin Spackman, High St, and Harold William Wilfrid Moody (and collector of rates), High St.

**Bailiff of the Manor and Coroner** for the Liberty of Corsham, Arthur George Wood, LRCPEdin, MRCSEng, High St

**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Lewin Spackman, High St

**Medical Officer, Corsham District of Chippenham Union:** James Ellis Crisp MRCSEng, High St

**Public Vaccinator, Corsham District, Chippenham Union:** Arthur George Wood MRCSEng, LRCPEdin, High St

**Registrar of Births and Deaths:** Corsham Sub-District, Chippenham District, Arthur George Wood, High St, deputy: Lewin Spackman, High St.

**Registrar of Marriages, Chippenham & District:** Robert Baily, The Bungalow, Pickwick, Corsham.

**Relieving Officer, No. 3 District, & Vaccination Officer, Corsham Sub-District:** Edward Norton, South St.

**Road Surveyor to Chippenham Rural District Council:** Arthur Henry Lapham, Pickwick.

**Inspector of Nuisances to Chippenham Rural District Council:** Rowland Thomas Rhodes, The Causeway, Chippenham.

**Veterinary Inspector under the "Diseases of Animals Acts" to the District Council:** Edward Barry, MRVS, Pickwick House, Pickwick.

#### **PLACES OF WORSHIP**

**St Bartholomew** (parish) Rev Henry Bloomfield Ellison MA, vicar; Rev Arthur James Winnington Ingram MA and Rev Reginald Felix Donne BA, curates: holy communion, 1st Sunday, 7.45am (choral) and midday; 2nd Sunday: 7 & 8am; 3rd Sunday; 8 & 11am (choral); 4th & 5th Sundays, 8am; saints days, Tues. & fri, 8am, Thurs., 7am, Sundays, 11am (3rd Sunday, 10.15am) & 6.30pm; the catechism, 3pm daily: 8am & 7pm, except Mon, 10am, and days when no celebration, 7.30am.

**St John the Baptist**, Gastard; Sunday 6.30pm; HC 2nd Sunday, 9.30am

**Hartham Park Chapel:** Sunday, 11am & 6pm, HC 1st Sunday, 8am and 3rd Sunday, midday.

**Baptist**, Priory Lane: Rev James Smith, 10.45am & 6.15pm, Thurs., 7pm

**Baptist (Ebenezer) Velly:** 2.30 & 6pm. Tues., 7pm.

**Brethren**, Hastings Rd: 11am & 6pm

**Congregational**, Pickwick Rd, Rev William Philip Tucker, 10.45am & 6.15pm, Thurs., 7.30pm

**Congregational**, Gastard: 6pm

**Congregational**, Monks Lane: 2.30pm

**Primitive Methodist**, Station Rd, (Chippenham Circuit), 10.30am & 6pm, Thurs., 7pm.

**Weslyan**, Pickwick Rd: (Wiltshire Mission), 10.30am & 6pm, sat, 7pm

### **SCHOOLS**

**Elementary, Melksham Rd, built in 1895 for 250 boys & 140 infants:** Charles William Churchill, master, Miss Evans, infants' mistress.

**Pickwick Elementary, Pickwick, erected about 1858 for 165 children:** Miss Phillips, mistress.

**Methuen Elementary (girls) for 150 children:** Miss Sarah Watts, mistress

**Elementary (mixed) Chapel Knapp**, erected in 1873, and enlarged in 1892, for 119 children, William Tessyman Dent, master.

**Railway Station:** Thomas Morgan, stationmaster

**Carriers to Bath:** Harris, from Chippenham, passes through, wed & sat, returning same days, and Singer, fri

**Railway Omnibus:** Wilfred Snook Merrett, meets all trains.

### **Gentry/Private Residents - Corsham**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Given Names</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Industry/Occupation</b>	<b>Place/Parish</b>
Bansk	Herbert			The Limes
Bayliffe		Misses		Lilac Cottage, Pickwick Road
Brakspear		Miss		Ash Villa, Pound Pill
Brown	John			Pickwick Road
Bryant	Frederick John			High Street
Burbidge	E	Mrs		The Cedars, Pickwick Road
Churchill	Charles William			Ferndale, Stokes Road
Clark	Thomas Charles	Reverend MA		Eastfield
Clarke		Miss		Station Road
Cole	A J	Mrs		Church Street
Crisp	James Ellis			High Street
Cruttwell		Mrs		Selborne, Pickwick Road
Darlow	David John			Lindisfarne, Pickwick Road
Donne	Reginald Felix	Reverend BA	Curate	South Street
Dowding	William G			The Wilderness
Dunsdon		Mrs		Richmond Villa, Pickwick Road
Edwards		Mrs		Hillside, Station Road
Ellison	Henry Broomfield	Reverend MA	Vicar	Vicarage
Fitzadam-Ormiston	George A			Pockeredge Park
Freeth	John			Prospect Place
Gibbons	Henry			Prospect Place
Gillett		Mrs		Kilkenny, Pickwick Road
Gooding	Charles H			Roseleigh, South Street
Gough	Henry			Northleigh, Pickwick Road

Granville	R K	Mrs		Warden's House
Halhed	William Barwell			The Mansion House
Hart	George Henry Reeves			The Priory
Hatch	Alfred			High Street
Hawkins		Miss		South Place
Haynes	Catherine	Miss		Prospect Place
Hays		Mrs		Prospect Place
Hiscocks	Arthur S			Cambridge Va, Pickwick Road
Ingram	Arthur James Winnington	Reverend MA	Curate	South Street
James		Mrs		Pickwick Road
Kinneir	Arthur Charles	JP		The Laurels, Pickwick Road
Kirkpatrick		Miss		Pickwick Road
Little		Miss		Ethelred House, Church Street
Luchford		Miss		Pickwick Road
Mackland	Frederick			Old Vicarage House
Manton		Mrs		West View, South Street
Mayo		Mrs		Ivy House
Mayo	Edmund Godfrey	MD		Ivy House
Mayo	Robert	Reverend BA		Ivy House
McLaughlin	Hubert William Charles			Lockingarth, Pickwick Road
Methuen		Field Marshall Lord GCB, GCVO, CMG, JP		Corsham Court & Travellers' Club
Neale		Miss		Pickwick Road
Parker	Cecil Thomas	Hon, JP		The Grove and Carlton Club
Parkinson	Percival George	Colonel		Dunsford
Pollard	Frederick George			Pickwick Road
Rigden		Miss		The Nutshell, Stokes Road
Rogers		Mrs		Morley House, Pickwick Road
Sainsbury		Miss		High Street
Smith	James	Reverend	Baptist	Pickwick Road
Southey		Miss		Arnold House
Spackman	Herbert			Priory Street
Tanner		Misses		High Street
Taylor	Thomas			Elborough Ho, Pickwick Road
Taylor	Thomas Henry	Reverend		Priory Terrace
Taylor	Willie			Whitehill, Pickwick Road
Tennant		Miss		The Nutshell, Stokes Road
Thomas		Mrs		Prospect Lodge
Tucker	William Philip	Reverend	Congregational	Pickwick Road
Williams	Henry			Priory Cottage
Wood	Arthur George			High Street
Yockney		Miss		Olive Cott, Alexander Terr

### Traders – Corsham *early closing Wednesday*

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Abrahams & Sons	Butchers	Pickwick Road
		Bath Stone Firms Ltd	Quarry Owners	
		Bond & Son	Grocer	High Street
		Cawte Bros	Cycle Agents	High Street
		Chippenham		High Street

		Co-op Society		
		Kibble & Tidmarsh	Saddlers	High Street
		Moody, Gooding & Oatley	Auctioneers	High Street
		Neale & Gough	Brushmakers	Pickwick Road
		Osbourne & Son	Stone Masons	Station Road
		Star Tea Co	Grocers	High Street
		Webber & Corben Ltd	Stone Contractors	
		Yockney & Hartham	Bath Stone Quarry Owners	Pickwick Road
Amey	Harold W		Farmer	Pockeredge Farm
Aust	George		Coal Dealer	Station Road
Badminton	Henry			White Lion PH, Pickwick Road
Baines	Francis		Chemist	High Street
Baines	Herbert jun		Grocer	Pickwick Road
Ball	John		General Smith	Station Road
Barton	Walter Lindsay		Estate Agent	
Bath	Sarah	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Priory Street
Batley	James T		Dairyman	High Street
Besant	Wm Herbert		Butcher	High Street
Bird	Alfred		Baker	High Street
Bishop	Martha Jane	Mrs	Stationer & Draper	High Street
Blake	Herbert H		Coal Merchant	Station Road
Boscombe	James		Boot & Shoe Makers	High Street
Brakspear	Harold	FSA, ARIBA	Architect	High Street
Brett	Frederick George		Watchmaker	High Street
Bryant	Frederick John	Agent		Capital & Counties Bank, High Street
Burgess	Henry		Seedsman	Station Road
Butt	Alfred		Tailor	High Street
Butt	Alfred	Captain	Corsham Fire Brigade	High Street
Carey	William John		Insurance Agent	Lyppiat Road
Carter	Fred		Masonry Contractor	Stokes Road
Chappel	D P	Miss, Hon Sec	Nurses Home	Pickwick Road
Coates	H B	& Sons	Butchers	High Street
Coleman	George J		Farmer	Holywell Farm (letters via Chippenham)
Crisp	James Ellis	MRCs Eng	Medical Officer	High Street
Crocker	Thomas		Blacksmith	Pickwick Road
Crook	George Douglas		Draper	High Street
Dagger	Fanny	Miss	Shopkeeper	Station Road
Davis	Caleb		Boot Dealer	High Street
Davis	Urbane		Fruit Salesman	Home Lea, South Street
Day	Robert			Pack Horse PH, High St
Daymond	Joe		Baker	High Street
Dew	Albert Sidney		Dairy Farmer	Pound Hill Farm
Dinham	Kimber		Baker	High Street
Dutch	William		Beer Retailer	Pound Pill
Eastmond	Joseph Essery		Plumber	High Street
Evans	Thomas		Lime Burner	Station Road
Everitt	Mary Jane	Mrs	Farmer	Milburn Farm (letters via Chippenham)
Field	William		Tobacconist	High Street
Frankham	Henry		Carpenter	Pickwick Road
Fricker	Lionel		Chemist	Pickwick Road

Fry	George Tughill Wilkins		Farmer	South Bank
Gardner	Lewin		Building & Quantity Surveyor	High Street
Goddard	Ernest H		Hairdresser	Pickwick Road
Gooding	Charles H		Accountant	(see Moody)
Hale	William		Shopkeeper	Priory Street
Hancock	Alice	Mrs		Station Hotel, Station Road
Hancock	James	Manager	Post Office Telephone Exchange	Paul Street
Hancock	William		Coal Dealer	Alexander Terrace
Harding	John Henry		Grocer	High Street
Harris	Bert		Insurance Agent	Priory Street
Hatch	Alfred	Manager		Lloyds Bank, High St
Hays	George	Asst Supt	Insurance	High Street
Head	E		Masonry Contractor	Hastings Road
Head	George		Masonry Contractor	South Street
Head	W		Masonry Contractor	Hastings Road
Helyar	William Alfred	LDSRCS	Dentist, wed 2.30 – 4.30pm	High Street
Hibberd	George Bailey			Royal Oak Hotel, High Street
Hiscocks	Stuart		Motor Garage	Pickwick Road
Hobbs	Arthur James		Saddler	High Street
Hobbs	Francis William		Masonry Contractor	Pound Pill
Hulbers	H J	& Sons	Carpenters & Joiners	High Street
Hulbert	Frederick Charles		Bath Stone Worker	High Street
Ives	Frederick Thomas		Butcher	High Street
Jeffery	James		Vaccination Officer	The Cleeve
Jones	Annie	Mrs	Dressmaker	Pickwick Road
Kennedy	Violet	Mrs	Beer Retailer	Priory Street
King	Alfred Arthur		Farmer	Mynte Farm
King	William Charles		Ironmonger	High Street
Kingston	Joseph		Shopkeeper	South Street
Law	Fanny	Miss	Preparatory School	High Street
Little	Ernest James		Boot & Shoe Maker	Pickwick Road
Marsh	Charles William		Fishmonger	Pickwick Road
Martin	Henry		Haulier & Public Weighbridge	High Street
Maynard	John William		Wheelwright	Station Road
Merrett	Edwin		Undertaker	Pickwick Road
Merrett	Eli		Grocer	High Street
Merrett	Walter Edwin		Motor & Cycle Agent, Furniture Dealer & Fruiterer	High Street
Merrett	Wilfred Snook		Job Master	Station Road
Mines	Herbert H	Sec	Pioneer Sick Benefit Socy	
Mitten	James		Chimney Sweep	Bences Lane
Moody	Harold Wm Wilfred		House & Estate Agent	High Street
Mortimer	Frank		Stone Merchant	Potley Lane
Norton	Edward		Relieving Officer no 3 District	South Street
Oatley	Charles		Auctioneer & House Furnisher	High Street
Ogburn	E S		Family Wine & Spirit Mercht	Methuen Arms Hotel
Osmond	Henry		Ironmonger	Pickwick Road
Ottaway	Charles		Head Gardener to Lord Methuen	
Powell	Edward John		Hairdresser	High Street
Pritchard	Mary	Miss	Dressmaker	Church Street
Reeves	Frederick W		Stationer	Pickwick Road
Say	Stephen			Duke of Cumberland PH, Priory Street
Skull	Alfred		Decorator	Stokes Road
Snell	Henry		Blacksmith	Pickwick Road
Spackman	Henry	& Sons	Linen Drapers	High Street
Spackman	Herbert		Photographer	High Street

Spackman	Lewin		Clerk to Parish Council etc.	High Street
Taylor	Walter		Insurance Agent	High Street
Threadgold	James		Head Gamekeeper to Lord Methuen	The Folly
Tidmarsh	Thomas Robert		Saddler	
Townsend	Emily	Mrs	Apartments	Pickwick Road
Walters	Moses		Refreshment Rooms	Pickwick Road
Ward	George	& Son	Linen Drapers	High Street
Wood	Arthur George	MRCS Eng, LRCP Edin	Surgeon & Public Vaccinator	High Street

### Gentry/Private Residents - Easton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barton	Walter Lindsay			Easton House
Curzon		Miss		Old House, Westrop
Mildmay	Paulet St John			Westrop House

### Traders - Easton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Flower	Ernest Charles		Farmer	Lower Easton Farm
Mattick	Reginald Chard		Farmer	Westrop Park Farm
Miller	William		Farmer	Thingley
Minty	Horatio Nelson		Farmer	Thingley
Palmer	Charles Raymond			Roebuck PH
Taylor	Henry J		Farmer	Easton Farm

### Gentry/Private Residents - Gastard

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Berry	Cecil Huntley	Reverend AKC Lond		Claremont, Linleys
Clutterbuck	Hugh Frank	VD, JP Colonel		Dicketts
Fowler		Miss		Gastard House
Goldney	John Tankerville	MA, JP, Sir		Monks Park

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Aust	Arthur		Quarry Owner	Velly
Batley	William H		Farmer	Linleys Farm
Bennett	Elizabeth	Mrs	Farmer	Monks Farm
Bennett	F T		Farmer	Boyd's Farm
Berry	Cecil Huntley	Rev & Mrs, Principals	Claremont College, Ladies Boarding School	Linleys
Collett	James		Builder	Linleys
Dicks	P G	& Son	Farmers	Attwood Farm
Dyke	Mary	Mrs	Grocer	
Early	William		Wheelwright	
Edwards	Annie Rose	Mrs	Grocer	
Gale	Robert		Baker	Linleys
Gillson	Cyrus		Farmer	Sandpits

Hatherell	Arthur James			Harp & Crown PH
Helps	Frederick W		Insurance Agent	
Marsh	William		Farmer	Court Farm
Merrett	James		Carpenter	Linleys
Slade	Andrew George		Farmer	Pandown Farm
Walters	Horace T		Farmer	Lane's End Farm

### Gentry/Private Residents - Pickwick

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baily	Robert			The Bungalow
Berry	Edward	MRCVS		Pickwick House
Brakspear	Harold			Bean Close
Coles	Stratton	Mrs		Guyer's House
Corbett	John Soden			Pickwick Lodge
Farebrother		Mrs		Crossways
Gane	Percy James			Ferndale
Goldney	Frederick Hastings	JP		Beechfield
Hill	Albert Edward			Hartham Parsonage
Lapham	Arthur Henry			Bath Road
Parker	Geoffrey	Mrs		Wayside
Pictor		Mrs		Bath Road
Shewting	Daniel			The Cottage
Talbot	Milo George	Colonel the Hon		Hartham Park & Army & Navy Club
Trim	Robert W	Captain		Meadlands & Army & Navy Club
Williamson	C	Mrs		Hedworth, Middlewick

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baily	Robert		Registrar of Marriages	The Bungalow
Berry	Edward	MRCVS	Veterinary Surgeon	Pickwick House
Bird	Alfred		Baker	
Bishop	Owen			Hare & Hounds PH
Blackman	Tom		Farmer	
Brinkworth	Henry		Farmer	Stowell Farm
Corbett	John Soden		Estate Agent to Lord Islington	
Dyke	Edward John		Beer Retailer	
Francis	William		Farmer	Pickwick Lodge Farm
Gane	Percy James		Estate Agent to Sir Gabriel Prior and other Gentry	
Lambert	Albert Edward			Cross Keys PH
Lapham	Arthur Henry		Surveyor to Chippenham RDC	
McIntosh	David		Head Gardener to Lord Islington	Hartham
Smith	Edmund George		Colt Breaker	
Taylor	Robert James		Farmer	Manor House
Taylor	Herbert William		Farmer	Hartham Farm
Willis	Henry James		Dairy Farmer	Pickwick Dairy
Wills	Henry		Head Keeper to Lord Islington	Hartham