



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915

## Draycott Cerne



**DRAYCOTT CERNE** is a parish and small village, 3 miles north from Chippenham station on the Swindon and Bath section of the Great Western railway, and 7 south from Malmesbury, in the North Western division of the county, hundred of Malmesbury, Chippenham petty sessional division, union, county court district, and in the rural deanery of Chippenham, archdeaconry of North Wilts, and diocese of Bristol. The church of St James is an early edifice of stone, chiefly in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, north porch, and a Perpendicular western tower, containing one large bell and a clock with chimes, presented by the 2nd Marquess of Salisbury, (died 1868); the chancel is conjectured to have been the original church, and retains the tomb of the supposed founder: there is a fine brass to Sir Edward Cerne and memorials to the Long family: the font is Decorated and there are some good stained windows: the church affords about 110 sittings. The register dates from the year 1690. The living is a rectory, yearly income £210, including 19 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Earl Cowley, and held since 1891 by the Rev Richard Edward Neville BA of Trinity College, Dublin. The cemetery, of about a quarter of an acre was formed by the 2nd Earl Cowley, and has one mortuary chapel. Charities of about £15 yearly, derived from charges on land left by the Long family, are distributed in bread and fuel. Draycot House, a large mansion of stone, standing in a park of 217 acres, stocked with deer, is the property of Earl Cowley JP, who is lord of the manor and principal landowner, but is at present occupied by H S H Princess Francis de Hatzfelt-Wildenburg. Henry Richard, the first Earl Cowley KG, succeeded to this property in 1863 by gift of the 5th and last Earl of Mornington, who died at Paris 25th July in that year. The soil is rich loam, sub-soil partly gravel. The land is mostly in pasture; the area is 1015 acres; rateable value £1302; the population in 1911 was 123.

**Sexton:** Edward Wilkins

Letters through Chippenham, arrive at 6am & 3.40pm. Sutton Benger, 1 mile distant, is the nearest money order and telegraph office. Pillar Box against Draycot Park cleared at 10.45am and 9.45pm, Sundays, 9.45pm.

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Neville	Richard Edward	Reverend, BA		Rectory
Wildenburg	Francis de Hatzfelt	HRH Princess		Draycott House

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Dunford	Henry George		Farmer	Nabels Farm
Fear	Henry Thomas		Farmer	Manor Farm
Newman	Arthur		Farmer	Roward Farm
Ody	Frederick		Farmer	Lake Farm