



Kellys Directory Extract 1867

Great Bedwyn



GREAT BEDWYN is a large village, parish, and ancient borough, and polling place for the Southern division of the county, in Kinwardstone hundred, Hungerford union county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and rural deanery of Marlborough, completely surrounded by forest and woodland, situated 7 miles south-east from Marlborough, 5 south-west from Hungerford, and 66 from London. The church of St. Mary is of Late Norman architecture, and consists of nave, north and south transepts, chancel, and tower containing 6 bells and cock: it was restored in 1854, at the cost of the Marquis of Ailesbury and parishioners: in the south transept is an ancient monument, in a recumbent posture: there is a stained glass window, in memory of Sir Thomas Fellows, Knt.; in the chancel is a fine monument to Sir Joh Seymour, father of Lady Jane Seymour. The register dates from 1538. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £212, in the patronage of the Marquis of Ailesbury, and held by the Rev. John Dryden Hodgson, M.A., of St. Peter's College, Cambridge. There is a National school, which has an endowment of £8 per annum from Cox's charity; there is also a small charity of £10 per annum for apprenticing boys born within the limits of the borough. Wolf Hall, the ancient residence of the Seymour family, is 2 miles south-west. There is a pleasure fair held on the 26th and 27th of July. The Kennet and Avon Canal runs through the north-east part of the parish. The tithings of CROFTON, MARTEN, WEXCOMBE, East and West Grafton and Wilton are included in this parish. Savernake House, the seat of the Marquis of Ailesbury, is in the locality, surrounded by the forest and plantations extending for many miles, abounding with deer and game. The Berks and Hants Extension Railway has a station here. The Wansdyke passes through the parish. The marquis of Ailesbury is lord of the manor and sole landowner. The soil is clay; subsoil chalk and green sand. The chief crops are wheat, barley, &c. The area is 10,420 acres, and the population in 1861 was 2,263.

EAST and WEST GRAFTON are hamlets in this parish but forming a separate ecclesiastical parish, distant 8 miles south-east from Marlborough, 8 south-west from Hungerford station, and 69 from London. A very neat district church (St. Nicholas), in the Norman style of architecture, has lately been erected in East Grafton, the site and endowment of which was given by the Marquis of Ailesbury. The living is a perpetual curacy, annual value of £60, in the gift of the vicar of Great Bedwyn, and held by the Rev. G. Stallard, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge. Here is a school on the National system

POST OFFICE - Miss Jane Wooldridge, receiver. Letters arrive from Hungerford at 8.30 a.m.; dispatched at 5.30 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Hungerford. Letters for the hamlets of Great Bedwyn arrive from the Marlborough office.

INSURANCE AGENT - Phoenix Fire, Richard Neale

Registrar of Births & Deaths - Henry Palmer

Station Master - James Drew

SCHOOLS:

National - William Henry Pawson, master; Mrs. Mary Ann Talbot, mistress
National, East Grafton - James Francis, Master; Mrs. Lucy Francis. Mistress

CARRIERS:

Charles Smart to Newbury, every Thursday, & to Marlborough every Saturday; - Edmund Wild, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday.

Henry Davis, from Wilton to Marlborough, Saturday & Hungerford, Wednesday

Thomas Bartholomew, Marlborough & Hungerford

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Hawkins	Charles Frederick	Rev., B.A.	Curate	
Hodgson	John Dryden	Rev., M.A.	Vicar & Rural Dean	
Lidderdale	James	Esq.	Surgeon	
Palmer	Henry	Esq.		

Thatcher		Misses	
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Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Abery	Thomas Peaty		Carpenter	
Bartholomew	Thomas		Baker & Carrier	
Carter	Philip		Farmer	
Dobson	David		Tailor	
Drew	James		Station Master	
Edwards	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Farmer	Harding Farm
Edwards	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Farmer	Crofts
Ettwell	William		Farmer	
Evans	William		Tailor	
Fall	John		Bailiff to the Marquis of Ailesbury	
Gerrard	George		Shopkeeper	
Goodman	John		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Hatton	Isaac		Shopkeeper & Coal Merchant	
Hawkins	Charles		Bricklayer & Brick Maker	
Humphries	James		Blacksmith	
Knapp	George		Blacksmith	
Lloyd	John		Stone Mason	
Lovelock	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
May	Thomas		Farmer & Coal Dealer	
Neale	Richard		Publican & Insurance Agent for Phoenix Fire	Three Tuns
Palmer	Henry		Surgeon & Registrar of Births & Deaths	
Pawson	William Henry		National School Master	
Pocock	Samuel		Farmer	
Potter	Nevins Thomas		Farmer	
Sawyer	Edwin		Maltsters, Bakers & Drapers	
Sawyer	John		Grocer	
Sawyer	William		Maltsters, Bakers & Drapers	
Shefford	Thomas		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Smallbones	James		Butcher & Farmer	
Smallbones	John		Publican	White Hart
Smart	Charles		Carrier	
Talbot	Mary Ann	Mrs.	National School Mistress	
Wooldridge	Eliza	Mrs.	Publican	Crosskeys
Wooldridge	Jane	Miss	Post Office Receiver	

Marten

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barnes	Susannah	Mrs.	Publican	Nags Head
Francis	James		National School Master	
Francis	Lucy	Mrs.	National School Mistress	
Fruin	Sarah	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Selfe	Henry		Farmer	

Wexcombe

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Cane	William		Shopkeeper	
May	John		Farmer	

Miles	John		Farmer	
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Wilton

Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Edwards	Catherine	Mrs.		

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barnes	John		Miller	
Batt	Harriett	Mrs.	Farmer	
Carter	Charles		Brick Maker	
Carter	Tabitha	Mrs.	Farmer & Maltster	
Carter	Zebulon		Farmer	
Cummer	John		Shopkeeper	
Davis	Henry		Shopkeeper & Carrier	
Edwards	Thomas		Farmer	
Goddard	David		Boot & Shoemaker	
Harper	Edward		Tailor	
Lewis	Sarah	Mrs.	Farmer	
Rose	Henry		Publican & Blacksmith	Swan Inn

East Grafton

Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Stallard	George	Rev., M.A.	Incumbent	

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Astley	Ann	Mrs.	Saddler & Harness Maker	
Carter	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Farmer	
Davis	Sarah	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Francis	James		National School Master	
Francis	Lucy	Mrs.	National School Mistress	
Goddard	George		Carpenter	
Hayward	Thomas		Farmer	
Price	Sarah	Mrs.	Farmer	Wolfhall
Stagg	Thomas		Farmer	

East Grafton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Adams	James		Boot & Shoemaker	
Brown	John		Horse Breaker	
Cole	John		Farmer	
Goddard	David		Farmer	
Norris	Thomas		Farmer	