



Kellys Directory Extract 1931

Goatacre, Hilmarton



HILMARTON is a parish, on the road from Calne to Wootton Bassett, 3 miles north-north-east from Calne terminal station on a branch of the Great Western railway, 7 south-west from Wootton Bassett, in the Chippenham division of the county, hundred of Kingsbridge, rural district, petty sessional division and county court district of Calne, rural deanery of Avebury (Avebury portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Lawrence is an edifice of stone, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays, north aisle, south porch, organ chamber, and an embattled western tower, with 4 pinnacles, and containing 6 bells, rehung and returned in 1885, when a chiming apparatus was added, and again since; the nave is separated from the aisle by columns of the Early English order, and the chancel is entered from the aisle through an opening of unusual character in the buttress of the chancel arch; and a stone screen separates the chancel from the nave: the windows are mostly perpendicular; the east window is a memorial to W. H. Poynder esq. and there are others to Mrs. Elizabeth Goddard, wife of the Rev. Canon Goddard, the Rev. Francis Fisher, a former vicar, and to Isabella Poynder: the monuments include some to the Calley and Quinton families; to Thomas Poynder esq. who partly restored the church in 1840; Thomas H. A. Poynder esq. his son, and Mrs. M. A. Poynder: the old chained bible, with its wooden binding, was well restored by the Rev. F. Fisher; the original chain is still attached, and it has been replaced at the chancel arch: the tower was partly rebuilt in 1840, and in 1880-81 the church was restored, under the direction of Mr. G.E. Street R.A. the eminent architect, at the cost of William H. Poynder esq.: it was reopened on the 24th February, 1881: in the north aisle is a window erected as a memorial to the 21 Hilmarton men who laid down their lives in the Great War, 1914-18: there are 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1645. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £475, with residence, in the gift of the Crown, and held since 1930 by the Rev. Edward Stephens A.K.C.L., hon. C.F. There is a Baptist chapel here, and Primitive Methodist chapels at Goatacre tithing, 1½ miles north in this parish. Jacob's charity of £10 yearly is for the poor, and a Jacob charity of £2 for religious education. The reading room, built in 1892 by the lord of the manor, has a library of 60 volumes. There are five almshouses, erected by William Poynder esq. lord of the manor of Hilmarton, in the year 1877, and endowed with £3,000 Consols to provide 6s. per week for five inmates, eligible at the age of 65 years, who have worked on the estate. The land is owned by the farmers. The soil is Kimmeridge clay, oolitic, except Clevancy district, which is on the chalk and greensand; subsoil of Goatacre is coral rag, of Hilmarton other forms of oolite; large drainage operations were carried on by Mr. Poynder and the trustees of his estates. The area is 5,311 acres; the population of the civil parish in 1921 was 718 and of the ecclesiastical, 650.

Beverbrook, 1 mile south, and Catcombe, 1 mile north, are tithings; Clevancy 2½ miles east, and Goatacre 1½ miles north, are hamlets; a district called New Zealand forms part of Goatacre.

Highway, which by an Order of the Wiltshire County Council, confirmed by a Local Government Board Order, which came into operation March 25, 1890, was joined to Hilmarton for civil purposes, will be found under a separate heading.

Sexton, William John Wheeler

Post, M. O. & Tel. Call Office. Letters through Calne, nearest T. office

Carriers:- Fred Taylor, New Zealand, to Swindon, thurs; Giles King, on Sat. to Swindon

Gentry/Private Residents - Goatacre

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bridges	Charles			Goatacre House

Commercial - Goatacre

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Archer	Frank		Farmer	Corton Hill
Burchell	John		Haulier	New Zealand
Church	William		Farmer	
Heath	Fred		Farmer	
Iles	Ewart V.		Farmer	
Iles	Harry		Farmer	Lower Farm
King	Giles		Market Gardener & Carrier	New Zealand
King	Herbert		Market Gardener	New Zealand
Read	Fanny	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Taylor	Fred		Grocer & Carrier	New Zealand