



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

Hilmarton



HILMARTON is a parish on the road from Calne to Wootton Bassett, 3 miles north-north-east from Calne terminal station of a branch of the Great Western railway, 7 miles south-west from Wootton Bassett, in the North Western division of the county, hundred of Kingsbridge, Calne union, petty sessional division, and county court district, 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 four pinnacles and containing six bells, re-hung and re-tuned 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 Catley 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 1880-88, the church was restored, under the direction of the late **Mr G E Street, RA**, the eminent architect, at the cost of the late **William H Poynder esq**: it was re-opened on 24th February 1881, and has 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1645.

The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £260, including 5 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Crown, and held since 1897

by the **Rev Walter Walshaw Payne**. There is Baptist chapel here, and Congregational and Primitive Methodist chapels at Goatacre tithing, 1.5 miles north, in this parish.

Jacob's charity, of £10 yearly, is for the second poor, and the royalty on the interest of £500 stock, for religious education. The Reading Room here, built in 1892 by the lord of the manor, has a library of 60 volumes, and is managed by a committee of working men.

In 1910 a rifle range was erected by **Lord Islington PC, GCMG, DSO**. Here are five almshouses, erected by the late **William Poynder esq**, lord of the manor of Hilmarton, in the year 1877, and endowed with £3000 2.75% Consols to provide 6s per week for 5 inmates, eligible at the age of 65 years, who have worked of the estate.

The principal landowners are **Lord Islington PC, GCMG, DSO**, lord of the manor and lay impropiator, Worcester and Magdalen Colleges, Oxford, **Thomas Pinnegar esq**, **Mrs Henry Bridges** and **Mrs Charles Bridges**, daughters of the late **Mrs Honly** and **B Bodman esq**.

The soil is Kammeridge clay, oolitic, except Clevancy district, which is on the chalk and greensand: subsoil of Goatacre is coral rug, of Hilmarton, other forms of oolite; large drainage Operations have been carried on by the late **Mr Poynder** and the trustees of his estates. The area is 5331 acres, rateable value £5428; the population of the civil parish in 1911 was 734, and of the Ecclesiastical, 654.

Beverbrook, 1 mile south, and Catcombe, 1 mile north, are tithings; Clevancy, 2.5 miles east, and Goatacre, 1.5 miles north, are hamlets; a district called New Zealand forms part of Goatacre. Highway, by an Order of the Wilts County Council, confirmed by a Local Government Board Order, which came into operation, March 25th 1890, was joined to Hilmarton for civil purposes, and will be found under a separate heading.

Sexton, **William Lewis**

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Hilmarton Private Residents				
Payne	Edward Walter Walshaw	Reverend	Vicar	Vicarage
Simpson	Arthur Basil			Hilmarton Manor
Simpson	Jas	Mrs		Hilmarton Manor
Simpson	Thomas Bonestead			Hilmarton Manor
Commercial				
Bryant	Edward		Estate Carpenter	
Craddock	Alfred John		Farmer	Lower Littlecot Farm
Lewis	Louis Frank	Secretary	Cricket Club	
Ferris	Frank		Farmer	Gorton Farm
Lewis	Louis Frank	Secretary	Football Club	
Fry	Fred		Farmer	Whitcomb & Spelmans Farms
Godwin	Herbert Maundrell		Farmer	Lower Pen Farm
Hillier	Henry John		Farmer	Manor Farm
Hiscocks	William John		Farmer	Manor Farm
Hobbs	George Nelson		Farmer	
Keevil	John		Farmer	Rodwell
Pincott	Brothers		Farmers	College
Pincott	Frank		Farmer	
Pinnegar	Alger		Farmer	Littlecot Farm
Pitman	William		Farmer	Catacomb
Atlay	Thos	Hon Sec	Reading room	
Smale	Frederick		Farmer	Cowage Farm
Smith	Samuel Alfred			Duke Inn
Stevens	Robert		Blacksmith	
Wiltshire	James		Grocer & Baker	Post Office
Wright	William John		Farmer	Beversbrook
GOATACRE				
Bridges	Charles			Fairview House
Commercial				
Burchell	John		Haulier & Asst Overseer	
Church	William		Farmer	

Dumbleton	Joseph		Farmer	New Zealand
Eattell	Ernest		Farmer	
Iles	Ewart V		Farmer	
Eattell	Tom		Farmer	
Garner	Harry		Head Gamekeeper to A.B. Simpson Esq	
King	Giles		Market Gardener	
Parsons	Victor		Farmer	Old Farm
Read	Fanny	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Simpkins	Frank		Farmer	
Taylor	Fred		Grocer & Carrier	New Zealand
Whale	John		Farmer & Haulier	

Post M O & Telephone Call Office; **James Wiltshire**, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive through Calne at 6.45am & 2.50pm, dispatched at 10am & 7.20pm, Sundays 8.20am, no Sunday delivery. (callers only 8.20 to 9.20am). Calne, 3 miles distant, is the nearest telegraph office.

Wall Letter Box, Goatacre, cleared weekdays only at 9.20am and 7pm (6pm from Nov to Feb), no mail on Sundays
Wall Letter Boxes, Clevancy cleared at 6.15pm (5.15pm Nov to Feb), no mail on Sunday; New Zealand cleared at 9.20am and 6.55pm (5.55 Nov to Feb) weekdays only.

Elementary School (mixed), built in 1851, for 122 children; **Thomas Atlay**, master.

Carrier; **Fred Taylor**, New Zealand to Swindon, thurs & sat