

Kellys Directory Extract 1915 Hilperton



HILPERTON is a parish and pleasant village, on the road from Trowbridge to Melksham, 1.75 miles north-east from Trowbridge station, on the Great Western railway, 4 south-west from Melksham, in the Western division of the county, hundred of Melksham, union, petty sessional division and county court district of Trowbridge, rural deanery of Potterne (Bradford portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and Diocese of Salisbury. The Kennett and Avon canal passes through the parish, and has a wharf at Hilperton Marsh. The village is lighted with gas by the British Gas Light Co Ltd from works at Trowbridge. The church of St Michael is a plain building of stone in the Decorated style, consisting of chancel, nave, (rebuilt in 1854) south porch, and a 14th century western tower with spire,, and containing a clock and 6 bells: a new vestry and choir stalls were added in 1892: there are 4 stained windows, and a very ancient Saxon or early Norman font. The church affords 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1694. The living is a rectory, with that of Whaddon annexed, joint net yearly value, £290, including glebe and residence, in the gift of the Rt Hon W Hume Long MP PC, and held since 1904 by the Rev. Walter Charles Kirwan Sylvester. St Mary's in the Marsh, a chapel of ease, erected in October, 1889, is a plain building, consisting of a chancel built of flint, and a nave of iron, and has sittings for 100 persons. There is a Particular Baptist chapel, built in 1806, with 150 sittings, and a Weslyan chapel built in 1819 and re-erected in 1891, with sittings for 300 persons. The Rt Hon Walter Hume Long MP PC is lord of the manor, and messrs Amor Pike, Frederick George Pinchin, and Walter H E Greenhill are the principal landowners. The soil is clay, sub-soil, gravel, shallow rock and clay. The land is chiefly in pasture; the area is 1075 acres; rateable value £2906. The population in 1911 was 762 in the civil parish and 1114 in the ecclesiastical parish.

By Local Government Board Order 16493 dated March 24th 1884, detached parts of Semington and Whaddon, and by Order 16494 of the same date, part of Hinton were added to Hilperton.

Hilperton Marsh is a hamlet half a mile north-west. (Letters should be addressed Hilperton Marsh, Trowbridge).

Asst Overseer & Clerk to the Parish Council: George Bannister Oram, 12 Clarendon Rd, Trowbridge.

Parish Clerk: Frederick Joseph Algar

Police Constable: Frank Kilford

Post M O & T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office: Herbert J C Fare, sub-postmaster. Letters are received through Trowbridge, arrive at 6.15am & 4.15pm, Sunday 6.15am, and are dispatched at 10.15am & 7.30pm, Sunday, 10.15am.

Elementary School (mixed) erected in 1875 with residence for master, for 132 children. William John Pearson, master.

Carriers to Trowbridge pass through daily.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baker		Mrs		Lynwood House
Fillis		Mrs		Devizes Road
Gingell	Mark	Reverend	Baptist	
Haden	Joseph Poynton	JP		
Hale	Edward			
Simons	David			Devizes Road
Sylvester	Walter Charles Kirwan	Reverend	Rector	Rectory

Gentry/Private Residents

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Sylvester	Frederick Arthur P		The Orchard
Wallington	Edward William	CVO, CMG, JP	Oriel House
Witcombe	Albert James		Flora Villa

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	Edwin	& Son	Timber Merchants	
Buckley	Matilda	Mrs	Nurse	High Street
Dalloway	George		Grocer	
Downing	Henry Sidney			Crown Hotel PH
Fare	Herbert Joseph Cridland		Grocer & Post Office	
Greenhill	Walter H E		Farmer	Hilperton Marsh
Gulliver	John		Baker	
Gumm	Frederick William		Dairyman	
Hall	Frederick Herbert		Butcher	Whaddon Lane
Harding	Eli		Cattle Dealer	
Hedges	Eliza	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Hilperton Marsh
Hoar	Ernest			Lion & Fiddle PH
Hudd	James		Nurseryman	Hilperton Marsh
Jacklin	George		Nurseryman	Hilperton Marsh
Longstreet	Charles		Pig Dealer	
Macey	William		Beer Retailer	Hilperton Marsh
Matthews	Charles George		Wheelwright	
Mines	Albert		Nurseryman	
Mitchell	George		Jobbing Gardener	
Orchard	David		Blacksmith	
Pike	Amor		Farmer	Church Farm
Pike	James		Farmer	Hilperton Marsh
Pinchin	Frederick George		Farmer	Manor Farm
Pocock	Henry		Nurseryman	Hilperton Marsh
Pocock	Samuel		Poulterer	
Simons	Samuel		Shopkeeper	
Smith	Mary	Mrs	Laundress	Hilperton Marsh
Snelgrove	Minnie	Miss	Dressmaker	
Soames	Ward		Land Agent to Rt Hon Long PC, MP	The Grange
Stokes	William J		Nurseryman	Hilperton Marsh
Tucker	George		Nurseryman	Hilperton Marsh
Yates	Frank		Cowkeeper	Hilperton Marsh