



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Kilmington



KILMINGTON is a pleasant parish about 4 miles south-east from Witham Priory station on the Great Western railway, and 6 east from Bruton in the Eastern division of the Parliamentary county of Somerset, hundred of Norton Ferris, Mere and Tisbury petty sessional division, union of Mere, Frome county court district, rural deanery of Cary (Bruton district), archdeaconry of Wells, and diocese of Bath and Wells. The Wiley stream formerly had its source in this parish, which, originally in Somerset, has been transferred to Wilts, under the provisions of Section 54 of the "Local Government Act of 1888" (51 & 52 Vict. c 41) by "Local Government Board's Provisional Order No. 3) Act, 1896) (59 & 60 Vict. c 75) as from September 30th 1896. Order made March 23rd 1896 numbered P1226. The church of St. Mary is a plain building of stone, consisting of chancel, nave, north aisle, and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing 2 bells: the chancel was rebuilt in 1864 and the church was restored in 1869 at a cost of £1640, and in 1906, the tower was restored at a cost of £350 and two statues placed in niches on the south side: there are sittings for 300 persons. The register dates from the year 1538. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £475 including 52 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Earl of Ilchester, and held since 1910 by the Rev. Henry George Fox-Strangways of Keble College Oxford. Here is a Wesleyan chapel and a Gospel Mission hall. There are two charities of £300 each, the interest of which is distributed in money amongst 20 deserving poor annually. The manor of Kilmington once belonged to the Crown, but in the time of Edward I, it was granted to the family of Le Port: thence it passed to the family of Hartgill, two of whom, in the reign of Queen Mary, were assassinated by Charles, 7th baron Stourton, who was hanged for this crime, with a halter of silk, at Salisbury, March 16, 1557: it is now in the possession of Sir Henry Hugh Arthur Hoare bart, JP. The Rt. Hon. Henry Hobhouse PC, the Marquess of Bath and Mrs. Stokes are the principal landowners. The soil is sandy loam, sub-soil gravel. Most of the land is pasture. The area is 2777 acres; rateable value £3575, and the population in 1911 was 363.

Sexton: Henry Davis

Long Lane, 0.75 miles south, and **Norton Ferris**, 1.25 miles east, are hamlets.

Post Office: Miss Emily Ann Hill, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Bath, via Maiden Bradley at 7.05 a.m. & (to callers only) at 6.20 p.m., dispatched at 7 p.m. The nearest money order office is a Maiden Bradley and telegraph office, at Stourton, 2 miles distant.

Wall Letter Box: Norton Ferris, cleared at 7.20 p.m.

Elementary School: rebuilt with residence for the mistress in 1874, at a cost of £640, for 120 children. Mrs. C. D. Penn, mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Camborne-Paynter	O. P.			Manor House
Fox-Strangways	Henry George	Reverend	Rector	The Rectory
Hiscock	George			Rose Cottage
Pallister		Mrs.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bird	Henry		Farmer	Higher Church Farm
Cook	James Bence		Farmer	Church Farm
Coombs	Thomas		Mason	
Cottle	Laura Cicely	Mrs.	Publican	Red Lion PH, Long Lane
Curtis	William		Grocer & Draper	
Davis	Henry		Sexton	
Francis	Harry		Blacksmiths	Long Lane
Francis	James		Blacksmiths	Long Lane
Fripp	Edward		Butcher	
Gaisford	James		Old Iron Merchant	
Gascoigne	William James		Blacksmith	
Green	Joseph		Farmer	Norton Ferris
Hames	Edwin James		Farmer	Home Stalls Farm
Herridge	William Edgar		Farmer	Norton Ferris
Herrington	Mary	Mrs.	Farmer	
Hill	Emily Ann	Miss	Sub Postmistress	
Hill	Charles		Baker	
Johnceline	William		Carpenter	
Leather	Walter Ernest		Grocer	
Penn	C. D.	Mrs.	School Mistress	
Reeves	Edward		Farmers	
Reeves	William		Farmers	
Ryall	Edward Ernest		Farmer	Norton Ferris