



Kellys Directory Extract 1889

North Wraxhall



NORTH WRAXHALL and UPPER WRAXHALL. **NORTH WRAXHALL** is a village, and, including the hamlet of **UPPER WRAXHALL** and the hamlet of **FORD**, a parish, situated on the Gloucestershire border, in the North Western division of the county, hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Chippenham, rural deanery of Chippenham, archdeaconry of Bristol and diocese of Gloucester and Bristol. North Wraxhall is 7 miles west-by-north from Chippenham, 9 north-east from Bath, 7 north from Box station on the Great Western railway. The church of St. James' is an ancient edifice of stone in the Norman style, consisting of chancel, nave of six bays, north aisle, south porch, and a western tower with pinnacles, containing one bell; attached is a mortuary belonging to the Methuen family: the porch is a fine piece of Norman work: all the windows are stained: there are sittings for 250 persons. The register dates from the year 1677. The living is a rectory, tithe rent-charge £375, gross yearly value £500, including 87 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Oriel College, Oxford, and held since 1866 by the Rev. Francis Harrison, M.A. late fellow, tutor and dean of that college. There are two Congregational chapels, one at Ford, and the other near the Shoe hamlet. Legacies left by Miss E. A. Mabbett, £224 Jubilee collection, and £300 from Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, with increments amounting altogether to £833 6s. 8d., now held by the Charity Commissioners. Mr. John Howell, a native of this village, the founder of the house of Howell and James, in Regent street, London, built two almshouses in this parish for four inmates, and endowed them with the interest of £300; the trustees are the rector for the time being and two persons nominated by him. Upwards of forty acres of glebe are let out in small allotments to the poor. The principal landowners are Lord Methuen J.P., D.L. who is lord of the manor, Mr. Isaac Holborow, trustees of the late Mr. J. J. Bown, Mr. Charles Frankcom and Mrs. B. Holborow. The soil is corn brash; subsoil, rock. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 2,185 acres; rateable value, £1,952; the population in 1881 was 454. The land is particularly favourable for sheep.

UPPER WRAXHALL is 1 mile south-west.

FORD is 2 miles east, on the high road from Chipping Sodbury to Chippenham.

POST OFFICE, near the Rectory, Sarah Neal, receiver. Letters through Chippenham arrive at 8.15 a. m.; dispatched at 8.15 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Marshfield.

POST OFFICE, Ford, Joseph Blunsdon, receiver. Letters through Chippenham are delivered at 7 a.m. & dispatched at 8.35 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Yatton Keynell.

PILLAR Box, Upper Wraxhall, cleared at 8.5 p.m.; & at the Shoe hamlet the rector has put up a box, which is cleared every day at 8 p.m. at his expense.

National School (mixed), erected in 1870, at the expense of the present rector, who superintends the same, for 100 children; average attendance, 50;. Mr. Bennett left the school the interest of £928 £2¼ per cent. Consols & Mr. Howell the interest of £300.

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Andrews	John Bailey		Farmer	
Andrews	Robert			
England	John		Blacksmith	
Godwin	Herbert		Farmer	
Hall	James		Publican	Shoe
Harrison	Francis	Rev., M.A.		Rectory
Holborow	Isaac			
Holborow	Isaac, Jnr.		Farmer	
Widcombe	Henry		Carpenter	

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Frankcom	Charles		Farmer & Landowner	
Gent	George I.		Farmer	
Holborow		Mrs.		
Pullen	James		Farmer	

Ford

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bigwood	Thomas Arthur		Miller (water)	
Blunsden	Joseph		Hurdle Maker & Shopkeeper	
Croker	Charles		Publican	White Hart
Hall	Isaac		shopkeeper	