



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915



Sherston

SHERSTON or Sherston Magna is a village and parish on the River Avon, four & a half miles east of Badminton station on the main line to South Wales of the Great Western Railway via Wootton Bassett and the Severn Tunnel, 5 and a half miles west by south from Malmesbury terminal station on a branch of the same system, and about 5 and a half south west of Tetbury in the North West division of the county, Chippenham hundred, Malmesbury union, petty sessional division and county court district, and in Malmesbury rural deanery, North Wilts archdeaconry and Bristol diocese. The church of the Holy Cross is an ancient edifice in the Norman and Early English, consisting of chancel, nave in four bays, aisles, north transept, south porch and an embattled central tower containing a clock and 5 bells: there are a few memorials and on the porch is an ancient stone figure: the church affords 400 sittings. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a vicarage with Pinkney annexed, joint net yearly value £262, with 30 acres of glebe land and residence in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester, and held since 1913 by the Rev Alan Leslie MA of Selwyn College, Cambridge. There is a Congregational chapel, built in 1825, seating 20, a Baptist chapel, erected in 1837 with 150 sittings, and a Primitive Methodist chapel. Charities of about £13 value exist for the benefit of the poor. Here is a silk and cotton manufactory. In this parish, north of the Manor Farm are remains of British earthworks, consisting of rampart and ditch. Lady's Wood is the seat of Francis Arthur Davis esq. Mrs Clutterbuck is lady of the manor, and Lt Col Sir George Lindsay Holford KCVO, CIE and Lieut Col Wyatt William Turner JP are the principal landowners. The soil is brashy, subsoil gravel. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots. The area of the parish is 4725 acres, rateable value £6160: the population in 1911 was 1271 in the civil and 1487 in the ecclesiastical parish, including the hamlet of Willesley, 2 miles north.

The civil parishes of Sherston Magna and Sherston Pinkney were, at Lady Day, 1897 amalgamated and now form one parish called Sherston. The hamlet of Wick, 526 acres, is ecclesiastically in this parish, but for civil purposes, in Luckington.

Parish Clerk: George Peters.

Post, MO, T and Telephonic Express Delivery (to places within a limited distance) Office: Harry Dicks, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Malmesbury at 7.30am and 1.30pm; despatched at 2.55 and 6.40pm; Letter Box, Easton Town, cleared at 3 and 6.45pm; Sundays 11.05am.

Elementary School (mixed) to hold 270 children; Bowland P C Brinkworth – master

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Davis	Francis Arthur			Lady's Wood
Robinson	Fletcher J.			
Knapp		Mrs.		
Leslie	Alan	MA., Rev.	Vicar	Vicarage
Lightowler		Mrs.		High Street
Parkinson	Arthur Leonard			West View
Commercial				
Bignell	Joseph		Carpenter	
Brain	Amelia	Mrs.	Farmer	Witleys
Brinkworth	Rowland F. C.		Collector of Taxes	

Cam	William		Grocer & ironmonger	
Clark	John		Fellmonger	
Cooper	Annie Elisth.	Mrs.	Beer retailer	
Daniels	Gilbert W.		Farmer	
Dickenson	Sidney W.		Refreshment rooms	
Dicks		& Son	Drapers & grocers	Post Office
Elsip	James Percy		Baker	
Evans	James		Fruiterer	High Street
Fletcher	James Robinson	LRCP	Surgeon & medical officer	
Ford	Annie	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Ford	George		Tailor	
Goodfield	Silvia	Mrs.		Swan Commercial Hotel
Goulding	Sydney			Rattlebone Inn
Greenman	John		Saddler	
Greenslade	Albert		Farmer	Manor Farm
Gunning	Sydney H.		Farmer	Easton Town
Hanks	Henry	Son	Tailors	
Harris	William		Market Gardener	
Hill	George		Baker	
Hilty	William		Farmer	
Hilty	William Douglas		Farmer	
Jobbins	John		Baker	
Jobbins	Walter		Clerk to Parish Council	
Lister & Parkinson			Silk Manufacturers	
Matthews	Elizabeth	Miss	Draper	
Merchant	Arthur		Blacksmith	
Merchant	Harry		Blacksmith	
Mills	Simson		Bootmaker	
Neal	Edward		Farm & Butcher	
Neal	Estcourt		Shoe maker	
Neale	T.	& Sons	Chemist	
Neale	Duncan		Veterinary Surgeon	
Neale	Moses		Veterinary Surgeon	
Newth	Percy		Farmer	
Platt	George		Grocer	
Powell	George		Grocer	
Powell	Maurice		Beer retailer	
Pritchard	Thomas		Coal dealer	
Pugh	Arthur		Plumber	
Rarcliffe	Harry		Carpenter	
Ratcliffe	Martha		Farmer	
Ratcliffe	Thomas Shipway		Carpenter	
Rice	Alfred		Beer retailer	
Race	Henry		Tiler & plasterer	
Sainsbury	Alfred		Shopkeeper	
Sainsbury	Percy		Mason	
Sainsbury	Charles		Stone mason	
Sattely	William		Watch repairer	
Selwood	Alfred Robert		Painter	
Evans	Mary E.		Secretary	Sherston Co-op Milling Society
Smith	Charles		Hairdresser	
Smith	Simeon		Shopkeeper	
Stile & Miles			Shopkeepers & farmers	
Stock	Richard		Butcher	
Thompson	John Robert		Farmer	

Titcomb	Frederick		Farmer	
Wilcox	William		Beer retailer	
PINKNEY				
Turner	Wyatt William	JP., Lt. Col.		Pinkney Park
Edwards	Thomas		Farm Bailiff to Lt. Col. Turner	
Fry	Joseph		Farmer	
Godwin	Charles Henry		Farmer	Court Farm
Stanbrook	Mary	Mrs.		The Eagle Public House
Watkins	Herbert James		Farm Bailiff to F. A. Davis Esq.	
KNOCKDOWN				
Bristow	Gad			New Inn
Hillier	Thomas		Farmer	
Holborow	Henry George		Farmer	Byams Farm
Jefferies	Robert Victor		Farmer	
WILLESLEY				
Lindsay	David			Willesley House
Holborow	Rufus			Byams Farm
Lindsay	David		Land Agent to Lt. Col. Holford	
Daniel	Neal		Farmer	
Smith	William		Farmer	Vancelestes Farm

PINKNEY is a hamlet in the parish of Sherston, originally a parish. Pinkney Park is the property and residence of Lieut Col Wyatt William Turner JP: the house stands in a deer park of about 100 acres through which the River Avon flows. Mrs Clutterbuck is lady of the manor and Lieut Col Wyatt William Turner and Lieut Col Sir George Lindsay Holford KCVO, CIE are the principal landowners.

Letters arrive from Malmesbury at 7am. The nearest money order and telegraph office is at Sherston, 1 mile distant. Wall Letter Box cleared 3.5 and 6.50pm, Sundays 11.10am.

WILLESLEY is a hamlet in the parish of Sherston a mile north. Here is a mission room erected in 1907 at a cost of £200. Willesley House, the property of Lieut Col Sir George Lindsay Holford KCVO, CIE, and the residence of David Lindsay esq, dates from 1583. Mrs Clutterbuck is lady of the manor and Lieut Col G L Holford is the chief landowner.

Letters through Tetbury: Wall Letter Box cleared 9.10am and 5.25pm

KNOCKDOWN is a parish in the parish of Sherston, 2 miles west.