



Highways & Byways in Wiltshire



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Stratton St. Margaret

Stratton certainly got its first name because it stood upon the Roman road, and its second from the dedication of its church, which is in honor of St. Margaret. Aubrey notes that there was little ancient to be seen here, but speaks of " a window on the south side of the church wherein is a picture of St. Katherine with her wheel and another broken in the first column, which I suppose to be St. Margaret the tutelary saint of this church." both these whatever they were are gone. But Aubrey was too hard on the church, which boasts a Norman north door, now closed, and a nave with aisles of the end of the thirteenth century with particularly graceful arcades supported by slender round columns with richly molded capitals. The south porch is of the fifteenth century and has its original roof; and the clerestory and roof over the nave are of the sixteenth century, but the tower and chancel are both modern. Three seventeenth century monuments are to be found in the north aisle. The first, dated 1645 is of painted wood and commemorates "William Lacy alias Hedges of Kingsdown "; the second is of alabaster and dated 1640; it seems to commemorate the wife of the above, Catherine Hedges. The last is a brass to "Catherine Wakeman of Nyth." dated 1649.