



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

West Lavington



WEST LAVINGTON (or Bishop's Lavington) is a parish, 6 miles south from Devizes, one mile from Lavington station on the Great Western railway, and 1 mile south-west-by-south from Market Lavington, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Potterne and Cannings, Devizes union, petty sessional division and county court district, rural deanery of Potterne (Potterne portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of All Saints is a building of grey stone in the Transitional and Early English styles, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, transepts, south-eastern chapel, north porch, and an embattled tower, with turret, containing a clock and 6 bells: there is a piscina in the chancel and another in the chapel: the east window and eight others are stained: in the south transept is a fine alabaster monument, with recumbent effigy to Henry Danvers: the church was repaired in 1847, at a cost of about £1,600, and an organ chamber and clergy vestry were added in 1910: there are sittings for 500 persons. The register dates from the year 1595. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £250, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1908 by the Rev Henry Philip Montolieu Margesson. There is a Wesleyan chapel in the village and a Baptist chapel at Littleton Panell, erected in 1848, with 150 sittings. There are 10 almshouses endowed by Alderman Dauntsey, and now under the same management as the agricultural school. Three other almshouses, rebuilt in 1831, and called "South Bank", were founded in 1499, and endowed by Lord Churchill. The trustees of the late H Thomas Holloway esq. and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners are joint lords of the manor of West Lavington and the trustees of the late H Thomas Holloway esq. are the principal proprietors. The soil is rich loam; subsoil, greensand. The chief crops are corn and roots. The area is 5,906 acres of land and 3 of water; rateable value, £6,109; the population in 1911 was 982 in the civil and 987 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Fiddington, formerly in this parish, is now included in the parish of Market Lavington, and for church purposes in the ecclesiastical parish of Easterton.

GORE, in Domesday called "Gare", was a tithing of Market Lavington, but since March 1881, it has been included in West Lavington parish. It is about 2 miles south of West Lavington, and at a spot about 400 yards from where the roads crossed, known as "St Joan a'Gore" formerly stood a chantry chapel, dedicated to St Joan, to which, in 1347, one Robert de Heghtredbury was instituted priest, and it is mentioned in 1359 in a deed of composition between the vicar of Market Lavington and the monastery of Edington. No traces of it now exist.

LITTLETON PANELL, half a mile north-west, is a tithing.

Sexton: Charles Pike

Post Office, West Lavington: Miss Annie Mead, sub-postmistress. Letters through Littleton Panell, Wilts. Box closes 9.05am & 7.40pm. Littleton Panell is the nearest money order & telegraph office

Post, MO & T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office, Littleton Panell (Letters should have Wilts added): Mrs Hillier, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive at 6am & 3.15pm; dispatched at 9.35am & 8pm; Sundays, arrive 6am; dispatched 8pm

SCHOOLS

The Dauntsey Agricultural School, opened in 1895, was built at a cost of £10,000, provided from the accumulated funds of the "Dauntsey" foundation, so called from Alderman Dauntsey, who was born here in the 15th century, and whose will provided for certain local benefits. In 1889, the Mercers' Company, with a view to enlarge the scope of the original foundation, agreed to provide out of their funds a permanent endowment of £2,000 a year, for the different purposes directed by Alderman Dauntsey in his will, and an Order in Council, dated March 1891, provides for the establishment of a secondary school in this parish at which all subjects pertaining to agriculture are taught. The Wiltshire County Council contributed £1,000 towards the equipment of the workshops and laboratories, and give a further yearly grant. Considerable additions have been made to the buildings during the past 10 years. The school

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grounds comprise about 30 acres, the land being used mainly to provide practical work for the students in agriculture and horticulture. The school is under the management of 24 governors. JT Jackson, solicitor, Devizes, is clerk and James Welch, market Lavington, steward; there are now (1915) about 65 boys in the school, about 50 of whom are boarders. Head master, Frank Oakley Solomon FHAS FCS; Assistant masters: O Morgan BA, GG Reynolds BA, D MacDonald MA & DE Stannard (Lond. Univ)

West Lavington Dauntsey Elementary (mixed & infants): erected in 1854, and completed in 1898 for 400 children; Edward Frank Phelan, head master

Carrier to Devizes: Potter, omnibus Thurs.

A motor omnibus passes through from Market Lavington to Devizes twice daily on Mon., Tues., Fri. & Sun.; three times Thurs. & four times Sat.

Railway Station at Littleton Panell: 1 mile from West Lavington on GWR; Thomas Arthur Leonard, station master

Gentry/Private Residents – West Lavington

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Allsopp		Mrs		Dauntsey House
Carden	John	Col. CMG		Russell House
Davis	Edwin			Holly Cottage
Draper	Maurice			Prospect
Edwards		Miss		
Griffiths	George			Down View
Holloway	Thomas	Mrs		Manor House
Hooper	Henry William			Hunt's House
Hopkins	William			Homeleigh
MacDonald	Donald	MA	Assistant Master	Dauntsey Agricultural School
Margesson	Henry Philip Montolieu	Reverend	Vicar	Vicarage
Morgan	Osborne	Ba	Assistant Master	Dauntsey Agricultural School
Park		Mrs		The Dial House
Reynolds	George G	BA	Assistant Master	Dauntsey Agricultural School
Solomon	Frank Oakley	FHAS FCS	Head Master	Agricultural School
Stannard	Donald E		Assistant Master	Dauntsey Agricultural School

Traders – West Lavington

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baker	Joseph		Baker	
Brown	Isabella	Mrs	Farmer	
		Capital & Counties Bank Ltd	Open on Fridays	Head Office: 39 Threadneedle Street, London EC
Chapman	Robert		Market Gardener	
Dark	Thomas		Market Gardener	
Davis	Herbert Frederick Victor			Horse & Jockey PH
Dawes	George		Farmer	Newgate Farm
Deacon	William Richard		Grocer	
Fiander	Thomas		Farmer	Warren Farm
Fielder	Edward			Bridge Inn
Fox	Charles Heath			Churchill Arms PH
Giddings	Jacob		Shopkeeper	
Giddings	James		Market Gardener	

Goodall	James		Farmer	Blake's Farm
		Highlands Farm Co Ltd		
Holliday	Alfred Thomas		Cycle Agent	
Holloway	Frank H		Land Steward to the exors of the late H Thomas Holloway esq.	
Hooper	Henry William		Farmer	Hunt's House
Kelloway	John		Blacksmith	
Kite	Albert George		Boot Maker	
Maggs	Frank		Farmer	Pyt House
Mead	Daniel Foot		Wheelwright & Builder	
Mead	Frank James F		Rate Collector	
Mead	James		Estate Agent	
Pike	George H		Butcher	
Powell	Gerald		Farmer	Cornbury Farm
Rowlett	John Thomas		Draper	
Sawyer	William Thomas		Castrator	
Scott	Albert E		Baker	
Shore	James		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Shore	John		Farmer	Rick Barton
Thatcher	Sidney		Head Gardener to Mrs Thomas Holloway	
White	Albert John			Wheatsheaf PH

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Ayres	Wilfred	Reverend	Wesleyan	
Garton	Frederick			a'Becketts
Gibbons	Albert J			Hill Cottage
Hawkins	Isaac Francis			
May	Frank Hamilton			St Patricks
Morrish		Mrs		Pagnall
Nosworthy	John, sen			Littleton Lodge
Sainsbury	John			Highfield
Stone		Mrs		The Dawsons
Young	William T			Claremont

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Bolter	James		Grocer	
Borer	John		Baker	
Chapman	James		Market Gardener	
Fuller	Harry		Saddler	
Giddings	James		Market Gardener	
Helps	William Frank			Railway Hotel
Hillier		Mrs	Grocer	Post Office
Nosworthy	Oliver		Farmer	
Parker	William James		Blacksmith	
Raine	Thomas Joseph		Boot Maker	
Sainsbury	Herbert John		Builder & Contractor	
Sloper	Thomas		Miller	Woodbridge Mill
Top	James		Market Gardener	