



Kellys Directory Extract 1889

Wilcot



Wilcot is a village and parish, close to the Kennet and Avon canal, 2 miles west-by-north from Pewsey and 6 south-west of Marlborough, in the Eastern division of the county, Pewsey Union, Swanborough hundred, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Marlborough county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough Pewsey portion, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of the Holy Cross is an Early English stone building, and consists of a chancel, nave and two bays, north aisle and south porch, with a square embattled western tower, with four pinnacles and containing one bell. There are 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1530. The living is a vicarage, with the chapelry of Oare annexed, joint gross yearly value £176, with residence, in the gift of the representatives of the late Lieut. Col. G. W. Wroughton, and held since 1856 by the Rev. Henry Smelt, M.A. of Jesus College, Cambridge. Wilcot Manor House, an old-fashioned gabled building of red brick, standing in a small park, is the residence of Hugh Owen Tudor, esq. Stowell Lodge, a plain stone building, the property of the trustees of the late Admiral Montagu, now occupied by Capt. Rawson Trafford, standing on a slight eminence at the north-western end of Stowell Park, at a short distance from the village, is finely wooded and of about 40 acres; the canal skirts the south end of the park, over which, from the grounds, is a light iron suspension bridge, and from its well-kept banks has the appearance of a piece of ornamental water. The trustees of the late Admiral Montagu, of the Manor House, Seend, are lords of the manor and principal landowners. The soil is clay, intermixed with greensand; subsoil, flint and chalk. The chief crops are barley, oats, what and beans. The area is 2,765 acres; rateable value, £2,392; the population in 1881 was 563.

OARE is a tithing and a chapelry in the parish of Wilcot, 2 miles north, on the road from Pewsey to Marlborough. Here is a chapel of ease; here is a Wesleyan chapel.

DRAYCOT FITZPAINE is a tithing in the parish of Wilcot, 1½ miles north-east.

RAINSCOMBE, a detached tithing of North Newton, was in 1885, under the Divided Parishes Act, attached to Wilcot.

POST OFFICE, Oare -- Mrs. Maria Parfit, receiver. Letters arrive from Marlborough at 6 a.m.; despatched at 7.25 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Pewsey. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid.

WALL LETTER BOX, Wilcot, cleared at 6.30 p.m.

SCHOOLS:-

Wilcot National (mixed) built in 1841, with residence for master, for 80 children; average attendance, 35; John Lacey, master.

Oare & Huish (united in one district), built in 1874, for 100; average attendance, 70; John Pace, master; Mrs. Pace, mistress.

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Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	John		Blacksmith	
Gilbert	David		Builder & Wheelwright	
Gilbert	Sidney		Carpenter	
Heath	William		Farmer	
Maidment	Susannah	Mrs.	Farmer	Manor Farm
Nutley	Edwin Philip		Publican & Grocer	Golden Swan Inn

Pearce	John		Woodman	
Redman	Herbert			
Smelt	Henry	Rev., M.A.		Vicarage
Trafford	Rawson	Captain		Stowell Lodge
Tudor	Hugh Owen			Wilcot Manor House
Wheeler	James		Shoemaker	

Oare

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bennett	Thomas Edward		Farmer	
Bridgeman	William		Carpenter	
Goodman	Edward			Oare House
Hiscock	Maurice		Woodman	
Hiscock	Thomas		Blacksmith	
Miles	William		Carpenter	
Nutley	Edward		Shopkeeper & Baker	
Parfitt	Maria	Mrs.	Shopkeeper & Post Office	
Price	John		Pig Dealer	
Reynolds	Alfred		Publican, Greyhound Trainer &c.	White Hart Inn

Draycot

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Strong	William		Farmer	

Rainscombe

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Gilling	Richard		Farmer	Rainscombe Upper Farm
Hancock	Robert		Farm Bailiff to Mrs. Rogers	
Head	James		Higgler	
Rogers		Mrs.		Rainscombe House