

Kelly's Directory Extract 1915 Wingfield



WINGFIELD (or Winkfield) is a scattered village and parish, situated on the Somersetshire border, 1 mile east from the river Fromw, 2 miles south-west from Trowbridge station on the Great Western railway and 21/2 south from Bradford-on-Avon, in the Western division of the county, Bradford petty sessional division, hundred and union, Trowbridge county court district, Potterne rural deanery (Bradford portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Mary is a small but ancient edifice of stone, in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, north transept, south porch, and an embattled western tower with pinnacles containing 3 bells: the church was enlarged in 1861 by the addition of a north transept, at a cost of £110, and affords 180 sittings. The register dates from the year 1654. The living is a rectory, net income £170, with 6 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of trustees, and held since 1899 by the Rev Richard Earle BA of Corpus Chists College, Cambridge. The Baptist chapel, built in 1896, will seat 150 persons. There are two charities, one of the annual value of £4, for apprenticing boys; the other, of the annual value of £2 10s to be distributed among the poor of the parish. Midway Manor House was the residence of Lieut Gen Henry Shrapnel RA the inventor in 1785 of the shell which bears his name: he died 13th March 1842: on the pillars og the park gates are carved the names of 23 battles won with the Shrapnel shell. Wingfield House is the seat of Sir Vincent Henry Penalver Caillard kt. JP. The chief landowners are Sir Vincent HP Caillard JP, Mr Frederick William Woods and WH Laverton esq. DL JP. The soil is friable clay; subsoil, gravel. The land is chiefly pasture but some wheat is grown. The area is 1,381 acres of land and 8 of water; rateable value £2,271; the population in 1911 was 261 in the civil and 289 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Under the provisions of the "Divided Parishes Act 1882" detached parts of Rowley have been transferred to Farleigh, Hungerford, Bradford-on-Avon and Westwood.

ROWLEY is a tithing.

Sextoness: Mrs Elizabeth Harper

Post & T Office: James Hill, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive through Trowbridge at 7.05am & 5.45pm; dispatched at 9.30am & 7pm week days only; no Sunday delivery. The nearest money order office is at Trowbridge

Wall Letter Box: Malt House, cleared at 9.20am & 6.45pm week days only

Police Constable: Henry Plank

Elementary School (mixed): built in 1852 for 66 children; Miss Emily Bishop, mistress

All marked * postal address is Bradford-on-Avon

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish | |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Baynton | Ily Summers | | | * Midway Manor | |
| Bush | Matthew Henry | | | The Willows | |
| Caillard | Vincent Henry Penalver | Sir JP | | Wingfield House | |
| Clark | Thomas Herbert | Major | | The Green | |
| Earle | Richard | Rev BA | | Rectory | |

Gentry/Private Residents

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Traders

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|-----------|----------------------|---------|--|---------------------|
| Couch | Albert | | Baker | |
| Couch | George Tucker | | Farmer | * Oxtall Farm |
| Couch | Sidney | Manager | Reading Room | |
| Duke | Edwin | | Miller (water) | * Stowford |
| Edwards | William | | Head Gardner to Sir Vincent HP Caillard | |
| Evans | Tom | | Gamekeeper to WH Laverton esq.JP | |
| Greenhill | Edward | | Farmer | * Stowford |
| Hill | James | | Shopkeeper | Post Office |
| Huntley | Albert | | Farmer | |
| Moore | Sarah | Mrs | Laundress | |
| Pike | Sarah | Mrs | Farmer | * Snarlton Farm |
| Pike | Wyndham | | Farmer | |
| Wadman | Elizabeth | Mrs | Cowkeeper | |
| Windell | Thomas | | Farmer | Matthews farm |
| Woods | Frank Howard | | Farmer | Trowel & Belle Cour |
| Woods | Frederick William | | Farmer | Church Farm |