



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Woodford



WOODFORD (MIDDLE, UPPER and LOWER)

Woodford is a parish, consisting of three villages, pleasantly situated on the west side of a valley through which flows the river Avon, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Underditch, Salisbury and Amesbury petty sessional division, Amesbury union, Salisbury county court district, rural deanery of Amesbury (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. Middle Woodford is 3 miles east from Wishford station on the Great Western railway, 5 south-by-west from Amesbury and 4½ miles north-west from Salisbury. Upper Woodford is 5½ miles north from Salisbury, and Lower Woodford, 4 miles north-west. The church of All Saints is an edifice of flint and stone, originally Norman, and consisting of chancel, nave of two bays, aisles and south porch, and a western tower containing a clock and 6 bells: the chancel was built at the expense of the late Giles Loder, esq., the lay impropiator, and has a stained window: the church was rebuilt, with the exception of the tower in 1845, and affords 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1538, and is in good preservation. The living is a vicarage, held jointly with Wilsford, net income £250, with 2 acres of glebe and residence, rebuilt in 1832, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1914 by the Rev. Reginald Edward Coles M.A. of Charsley Hall, Oxford. A club and reading room was built in 1901 through the generosity of the Hon. Louis George Greville. A village cross was erected in 1913 to commemorate the Coronation of H.M. King George V. on a site given by the Hon. Louis George Greville. Heale House, now the seat of the Hon. Louis George Greville, was formerly the residence of the Hyde family, and after the battle of Worcester, 3rd Sept. 1651, Charles II fled to Heale House, and was secreted there for 14 days, by Mrs. Hyde, previous to his departure from England. Here was formerly a palace of the Bishops of Salisbury, of which no trace remains, excepting a few carved stones found by a former occupier of Court House Farm, which stands on a part of the site. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who are lords of the manor, and the Hon. Louis G. Greville, who owns the Heale estate, are chief landowners. The soil and subsoil are chalk and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 2,774 acres of land and 22 of water; rateable value, £2,060; In 1911 the population was 422.

Parish Clerk, Edward Beauchamp.

Post, M. O. & T. Office, Middle Woodford – William George Dear, sub-postmaster.

Letters from Salisbury arrive at 4.40 & 12.15 p.m. & delivered 6 a.m.; dispatched at 1 & 8 p.m.; Sundays, 5.30 p.m.

Pillar Letter Boxes, Lower Woodford, cleared at 11.50 a.m. & 1.5 & 8.15 p.m.; Sundays, 5.40 p.m.; Upper Woodford, 11.50 a.m. & 7.40 p.m.; Sundays, 5.15 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Middle Woodford.

County Police, George Hill, constable

Elementary School, with residence for mistress, built in 1872 & enlarged in 1913, for 93 children; Mrs Emma E. Grasse, mistress.

Carrier – Tom King, Woodford to Salisbury, on Tues., Thurs. & Sat.

Gentry/Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|----------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Coles | Reginald Edward | Rev., M A. | Vicar | Middle Woodford |
| Cunliffe | Alan P. | | | Druid's Lodge, Upper Woodford |
| Grasse | Emma E. | Mrs. | Schoolmistress | Middle Woodford |

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| Greville | Louis George | Hon. | | Heale House, Upper Woodford |
| Morley | Alfred | | | Druid's Lodge, Upper Woodford |
| Pile | | Misses | | Upper Woodford |
| Ratcliffe | Francis Reynolds Yonge | M.A., K.C., J.P. | | Lower Woodford |
| Shubridge | | Col. | | Manor House, Lower Woodford |
| Stapylton | Nunthorpe | Mrs. | | Lower Woodford |

Traders

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
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| Beauchamp | Edward | | Carpenter | Middle Woodford |
| Bound | Thomas | | Grocer | Lower Woodford |
| Dear | | Brothers | Publicans & Framers | Wheatsheaf, Lower Woodford |
| Dear | William George | | Post Office & Shopkeeper | Middle Woodford |
| Dyke | Tom | | Builder | Middle Woodford |
| Feltham | William | | | Middle Woodford |
| Flower | Walter | | Farmer | Upper Woodford |
| Grasse | William Matthew | | Gamekeeper to Hon. L.G. Greville | Middle Woodford |
| Harding | Henry Luke | | Wheelwright | Upper Woodford |
| King | Tom | | Carrier | Middle Woodford |
| Lawes | Charles Cecil | | Farm Bailiff to Hon. L.G. Greville | Upper Woodford |
| Merchant | Charles | | Blacksmith | Upper Woodford |
| Morley | Alfred | | Racehorse trainer | Druid's Lodge, Upper Woodford |
| Nobbs | Robert John | | Publican | Bridge Inn, Upper Woodford |
| Pile | John Arthur | | Farmer | Upper Woodford |
| Sidford | Edmund Frank | | Farmer | Lower Woodford |
| Staples | Edward | | Woodford Village Club | Middle Woodford |
| Welby | Thomas | | Gardener to Hon. L.G. Greville | Upper Woodford |