



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

Blunsdon St. Andrew



BLUNSDON ST ANDREW is an ecclesiastical parish, formed out of the parish of Highworth in 1884, 4.5 miles north from Swindon, and 2.5 north-west from Stratton station on the Highworth branch of the Great Western railway, in the Northern division of the county, Highworth hundred, Swindon petty sessional division, county court district and union, Cricklade rural deanery, North Wilts arch-deaconry and diocese of Bristol. The tithing of Blunsdon St Leonard (or Broad Blunsdon) was united with Blunsdon St Andrew in 1854, and together form one civil parish under the name of Blunsdon St Andrew, but are still separate ecclesiastically. The church of St Leonard is an edifice of stone, in the Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular styles, and consists of chancel, with chantry chapel, nave of 4 bays, south aisle, south porch, and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing 6 bells; there is a memorial to Lady Susanna Ernle, 1669, a brass with the figure of a knight in armour, and a wall tablet to John and Philedelphia Potenger, 1693: in 1902 a memorial window was erected to the late Mrs Auchauty, widow of the Rev A C Auchauty MA, curate here 1871: the chantry chapel retains a piscine: the church was restored in 1872 and afford 250 sittings: in the churchyard, (closed to internments in 1888) are the base and portion of the shaft of the old village cross, now converted into a sun dial. The register dates from the year 1679. The living of Broad Blunsdon is a rectory, so constituted 1st February, 1867, net income £270, with 3.5 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and held since 1895 by the Rev Herbert Edward Robeson MA of Oriel College, Oxford, and surrogate. The church of St Andrew, Little Blunsdon is of stone in the Early English style, and consists of chancel, nave of 3 bays, south aisle, south porch, and a turret at the west end with two bells: the church was completely restored, and the windows filled with stained glass in 1869: there are 120 sittings. The churchyard of this church is still in use. The register dates from the year 1650. The living is a rectory, net income £180, without residence, in the gift of Alexander Lonsdale Fell esq, and held since 1907, in plurality, by the rector of Broad Blunsdon. There Primitive Methodist, Particular Baptist and Wesleyan chapels in Broad Blunsdon. The churchyard of Broad Blunsdon was closed for burial purposes, by Order in Council on 31st July 1888, and a cemetery, 2 roods in extent, provided at a cost of £165, which is under the control of a Burial Board of 6 members. At Bury Town, in this parish, are the remains of a Roman encampment. Holdcroft, a quarter of a mile south, is the residence of Henry Cecil Sutton esq, Blunsdon Abbey, the property of Alexander Linsdale Fell who is lord of the manor and owns the principal part of Little Blunsdon, was destroyed by fire in 1908. The chief landowners are Sir R V Sutton bart, H C Sutton esq, and A Lonsdale Fell esq. The soil is clay and stone brash, sub-soil clay; the chief crops are grass, wheat, barley, beans and roots. The area is 3478 acres; rateable £4103; the population of the civil parish in 1911 was 834, and of the ecclesiastical, 91. HYDE is a hamlet 1 mile south-east

Parish Clerk & Sexton, Edwin Ball

Post M O & T Office; Miss Alice Strange, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Swindon, via Highworth, at 6.45am & 3.30pm, dispatched at 11am and 7.15pm weekdays, Sundays 9.50am, open Sundays 8 – 10am. Wall Letter Box, Little Blunsdon, cleared at 6.40pm, Sundays, 9.30am: the nearest money order and telegraph from here is Blunsdon St Andrew. Wall Letter Box, Cold Harbour, cleared at 9.25pm, Sundays, 10pm Wall Letter Box, St Leonard, cleared at 9.15am & 7.5pm, Sundays, 7.15am

Elementary School, (boys & girls) built in 1871 upon the church land, and enlarged in 1899 for 220 children; James Henry Rowland Skyrme, master.

Carrier; Harry Foreman, to Swindon, Tues & Sat.

BLUNSDON ST. ANDREW

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Morse	Ebenezer			Craig-y-Nos
Robeson	Herbert Edward	Reverend	Rector & Surrogate	Rectory
Snook		Mrs.		
Sutton	Henry Cecil			Holdcroft
Sutton	Thomas Alex.			Blunsdon House
Titley		Mrs.		Yew Bower

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Austin	William		Carpenter	
Ball	William	& Son	Hauliers	
Collett	Francis		Farmer	Hyde
Davis	Andrew Charles		Mason	
Foreman	Harry			Market Gardener
Hall	Daniel		Corn Dealer	
Harding	Mary	Mrs.	Beer Retailer	
Harford	Andrew		Farmer	
Harman	John		Farmer	Hyde
Hiett	Kate	Mrs.	Dairy Farmer	
Howes	Eliza Florence	Mrs.	Farmer	
Knapp	Francis John		Bailiff to Henry Cecil Sutton	Manor Farm
Lancaster	James Herbert		Baker	Kingsdown Lane
Lewis	Francis		Farmer	The Limes
Marlin	William		Clerk to the Burial Board, Cemetery	
Martin	William		Assistant Overseer	
Ponting	Fanny	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Portlock	William		Blacksmith	
Rogers	Benjamin			Crown Inn
Selwood	Henry		Farmer	
Smith	Enoch		Cattle Dealer	
Smith	Seth Enoch		Carpenter	

Strange	Alice	Miss	Post Office & Grocer	
Sutton	H. C.		Farmer	Upper & Lower Bury Town Farms
Sutton	T. A.		Farmer	Upper & Lower Bury Town Farms
Titcombe	William			Cold Harbour Public House
Watts	Thomas		Farmer	Malthouse
Willis	Margaret F.	Mrs.	Farmer	St. Leonards Farm

LITTLE BLUNSDON

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Fell	Alexander Lonsdale			The Grange
Levinge		Lady		Burcot House

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Cowley	Frederick		Farmer	Grove Farm
Hoddinott	Evan J.		Farmer	Groundwell House