



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Box

BOX is a parish and large village, extending to the Somersetshire border, with a station on the Great Western railway, which here passes through a tunnel, 1.75 miles in length, 6 miles north-east from Bath, 8 south-west from Chippenham, and 101.75 from London, in the North Western division of the county, Chippenham hundred, petty sessional division and union, Bath county court district, and in Chippenham rural deanery, North Wilts archdeaconry, and diocese of Bristol. The Box brook flows through the parish. The church of St Thomas a Becket, erected in 1200, is a building of stone, consisting of chancel, nave of 4 bays, and an embattled western tower with pinnacles and spire containing 5 bells: the east window is stained: the church was restored in 1713 and again in 1897 at a cost of £2800: there are sittings for 500 persons. The register dates from the year 1580. The living is a vicarage, net income £200 with residence, in the gift of Mrs Thomas Hyde, of Forest Row, Sussex, and held since 1896 by the Rev William White, who is also incumbent of the sinecure rectory at Basle bury. At Chapel Plaister is a chapel of Ease. There is United Methodist chapel at Box Hill, and a Wesleyan Chapel in the village. A cemetery of about 1.5 acres was formed in 1858 and has a mortuary chapel; it is under the control of a Burial Board of 6 members. Here are extensive stone quarries, a tallow factory, and some brewing and malting are done. The charities amount to £409, arising from funds left in 1844 and 1861, by John Neat, Esq. and Mrs. Holworthy, and invested in 2.75% Consols: the interest is divided on Christmas Day amongst 20 old men and women who are parishioners and members of the Church of England. George E. Northey, Esq., who is lord of the manor, Lt-Col E. Northey, George Pargiter Fuller, Esq, and Lord Islington GCMG, PC are the principal landowners. The soil is various, sub-soil clay; the chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 4433 acres of land and 14 of water, rateable value, £15,739. The population in 1911 was 2320 in the civil and 2191 in the ecclesiastical parish.

By Local Government Board Order, 16527, dated March 24th 1884, Ditteridge Parish was added to Box for civil purposes

Parish Clerk - Frank Eyles

POST OFFICE

Post M. O. & T. & Telephonic Express Delivery Office - Miss Esther M. Fudge, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive though Chippenham and are delivered at 6 a.m., 1.40 and 6.40 p.m., dispatched at 9.55 a.m., 1.15, 5.25 and 8.35 p.m., Sundays, 8.35.p.m.

Post Office, Ashley - Mrs. Mary Ann Ford, sub-postmistress. Letters through Chippenham, delivered at 6.45 a.m. & 2.40 p.m., Sundays, 4.50 p.m. Box is the nearest money order and telegraph office.

Post Office, Kingsdown - John Brooke, sub-postmaster. Letters through Chippenham, delivered 8.35 a.m. & 7 p.m., Sundays, 8 a.m., dispatched at 9.50 a.m. & 6.55 p.m. Sundays, 9 a.m.. Box is the nearest money order and telegraph office

Post Office, Box Hill - William Maslen, sub-postmaster. Letters through Chippenham, delivered 7.25 a.m. & 2.15 p.m., Sundays, 7.15 a.m., dispatched 9.15 a.m., 2.45 & 7.40 p.m., Sundays 5.25 p.m. Box is the nearest money order and telegraph office.

Pillar Letter Boxes: Middle Hill, cleared at 9.35 a.m., 12.30, 3.15 & 7.45 p.m., Sundays, 5 p.m., Kingsdown House: cleared 7.25 a.m. & 6.45 p.m., Sundays, 7.50 a.m., The Paddock: cleared 9.35 a.m., 12.35 & 7.30 p.m., Sundays, 4.40 p.m.

SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools (boys, girls and infants), with residence for mistress, erected at a cost of £2700, for 440 children, Harry Tinley, master, Miss Elizabeth Lewis, mistress, Miss M, A, Jones, infants mistress.

Railway Station - Frederick William Tucker, stationmaster

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Andrews		Miss		Bourton House
Botuberby	Reginald			Ashley Cottage
Browning	Walter	Mrs.		The Mill
Burges		Miss		The Wilderness
Chaffey	Arthur			
Cross		Mrs.		Home Lea
Duckworth	Arthur C.	Captain, J.P.		Hanmead, Middle Hill
Dyer		Miss		Glendale, Townsend
Erskine	David John Beveridge	Major		Middle Hill House
Eyles	Thomas W.			Ashley Wood
Filgate	E. McCartney	Colonel		Ardgay
Fry	J. H.	Mrs.		Sunnyside Middle Hill
Gallon		Miss		Kingsmoor
Langton	Stephen			Sherbrooke
MacBrynn	Henry Crawford	LRCP		Kingsdown House
Martin	James Pirie			Slope of the Bank
Maskelyne	Edward Storey			Hall House
Milson	David			Box Hill
Northey	Cyril B.	Captain		Ditteridge House
Northey	George E.	J.P.		Cheyney Court
Parkinson	Francis Russell	Colonel		Ashley Leigh
Perren	Augustus Frederick			Ashley Villas
Perren	Thomas			Villa Rose
Petro		Miss		Kingsmoor
Pictor	Cornelius James			Fogleigh
Pictor	Norman			Spa House, Middle Hill
Pinchin	Edward S.			The Brewery House
Pinchin	Frank			Glenavon
Ponting	Robert H.			Ashley Villas
Robinson	Sydney	M.P., J.P.		Ashley House & Reform Club London
Shewring	W. B.	Mrs.		The Paddock
Smith	Edward J.			Ashley Villas
Stewart	Arthur Coutney	Captain		Ashley Manor
Stower	William Hall			St. Adhelms
Symes	Ernest			The Hermitage
Tilley	Robert W.			Rudloe House

Twistleton		Hon. Mrs.		Heleigh House
Vesey	James Pirie			Creffield, Devizes Road
Vesey	Thomas			The Glen
Ward	Charles Richard	Reverend, M.A.		Box House
White	William	Reverend		Vicarage

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Abraham			Butchers	
Armstead	Edward		Ashley Estate Office	
Bence	Thomas		Draper & Grocer	
Blake	John		Farmer	Hazelbury Farm
Bolwell	Rosina	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Bradfield	George		Coal Merchant	
Bradfield	Walter J,		Clerk of the Cemetery	
Bradfield	Walter John		Assistant Overseer to Parish clerk	
Brooke	John		Grocer & Sub Postmaster	Box Hill & Kingsdown
Browning	Herbert		Hotelier	Queens Head Hotel
Browning	John		Millers, Corn and Flour Merchants	
Browning	Walter		Millers, Corn and Flour Merchants	
Caple	George Blackmore		Grocer & Baker	
Chandler	Henry		Shopkeeper	Box Hill
Cook	Richard		Farmer	Wormwood & Wadswick Farm
Cotterell	P. Sturge		Bath Stone Firms	
Creighton	Joseph		Farmer	Old Manor Farm
Crow	William E.		Publican	Bear Hotel Public House
Dancey	Harry		Mason	
Daniel	Thomas		Farmer	Henley Farm
Dyer	Robert J.		Carpenter	
Eyles	Edwin William		Shoe Maker	
Eyles	Frank		Parish Clerk	
Ford	Henry		Farmer	Prospect Farm
Ford	Mary Ann	Mrs.	Sub Postmistress	Ashley
Ford	William		Farmer	Gridiron Farm
Francis	Percy		Dairyman	The Grove
Fudge	Esther M.	Miss	Stationer & Sub Postmistress	
Gent	Richard		Farmer	Slades Farm
Gibbons	George		Caretaker of Box Liberal Club	
Goulstone	Frederick		Farmer	Hill Farm
Hall	Robert		Farmer	
Hancock	Thomas		Beer Retailer	

Harold	Aaron		Cycle Dealer	
Hillier	Julia	Miss	Confectioner	
Hobbs	Edwin William		Farmer	Cheyney Court Farm
Jones	M. A.	Miss	Infants Mistress of the Elementary School	
Kelly	Maurice		Tailor	The Parade
Lawrence	Joseph		Saddle & Harness Maker	
Lewis	Elizabeth	Miss	Mistress of the Elementary School	
Long	Walter William		Farmer	Hatt Farm
MacBryan	Henry Crawford		Proprietor of Private Asylum	Kingsdown House
Marsh	John		Farmer	High View
Marshman	Clifford J.		Publican	Chequers Public House
Martin	James Pirie		Surgeon & Medical Officer	
Maslen	William		Sub Postmaster	Box Hill
Matthews	Walter J.		Farmer	Sheyloks Farm
Merrett	Thomas		Builder	
Milsom	David		Beer Retailer	
Milsom	John		Coal Agent	
Milsom	W. A. Victor		Wheelwright	
Moody	Henry Osborne		Hotelier	Northey Arms Hotel
Newman	George		Pork Butcher	
Oatley	Charles W. B.		Cabinet Maker	
Oatley	Walter		Insurance Agent	
Parkhouse	George		Farmer	Rudloe Farm
Pepler	William Henry		Coal Merchant	
Perren	Kate	Mrs.	Dressmaker	
Pinchin	Edward S.		Brewer	Box Brewery
Pinnegar	Frederick		Insurance Agent	
Ponting	Robert Henry		Farmer	Rudloe Farm
Ponting	Sarah	Mrs.	Draper & Grocer	
Pritchard	George		Farmer	Ashley Farm
Pryor	John		Farmer	Mills Platt farm
Pullen	Frederick		Innkeeper	Swan Inn
Radstock			Coal Merchants	
Rawlinson	W.		Union of London Bank	
Sawyer	Frank		Builder & Contractor	
Shepperd	Walter		Grocer	
Smith	Edward John		Builder, Contractor, Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Sweetland	Samuel Morgan		Publican	Lamb Public House
Symes	Ernest		Surgeon	The Hermitage
Tinley	Harry		Master of the Elementary School	
Tranter	Frederick J.		Chemist	The Parade
Tucker	Frederick William		Stationmaster	
Tucker	M.		Millers	Drewitts Mill
Vexey	Arney		Butcher	

Vexey	Benjamin		Soap & Candle Manufacturer	
Vexey	Thomas		Solicitor	The Glen
Weeks	Richard		Dairyman	
Wooten	Henry John		Hairdresser	The Parade