



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

Britford



BRITFORD (or Burford) is a parish and village on the river Avon, 2 miles south-east from Salisbury, on the road from Salisbury to Fordingbridge, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Cawden and Cadworth, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, Salisbury union, Salisbury county court district, rural deanery of Chalke (Chalke portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Peter is a cruciform building of rubble and stone in the Decorated style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, transepts, south porch, and a large central embattled tower containing 6 bells: there is a tomb of the Bouverie family and a monument to Henry (Stafford), 2nd Duke of Buckingham, beheaded at Salisbury, 2 Nov 1483: in the nave are three very curious semicircular arches which are said by competent authorities to be Roman work in situ: many of the windows are stained: the church was restored and reseated in 1873, and affords 240 sittings. The register dates from the year 1573. The living is a vicarage, net income £184, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury Cathedral, and held since 1894 by the Rev Thomas John Woodall, who is also chaplain of Alderbury union. A large sheep and cattle fair is held in this parish on Aug 12th. Britford was a Roman settlement. Four Roman coins of the era of Constantine and Constans, struck at Treves and Carthage, were found among the debris of the church during the restoration in 1873. The principal landowners are the Earl of Radnor and Francis Henry Tristram Jervoise esq. JP; the latter is lord of the manor. The soil is light loam; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, hay and turnips. The area is 2,633 acres of land and 74 of water; rateable value, £4,270; the population in 1911 was 389. The population of the ecclesiastical parish in 1911 was 517.

By the New Sarum (Extension) Order, 1904, which came into operation 9th November 1904, part of Britford was added to Salisbury municipal borough and New Sarum civil parish, and by the same order a portion was created part of Harnham civil parish.

Sexton: William Jacobs

Wall Letter Box at Britford cleared weekdays 12.30 & 8pm; Sundays 8am

LONGFORD is a hamlet, 1¼ miles south. Longford Castle, the seat of the Earl of Radnor JP was erected in 1591 by Sir Thomas Gorges, and is a large mansion of stone with circular towers at each angle, and contains a celebrated collection of pictures by old masters: the house, restored and completed by the 4th Earl in 1870, stands in a well-wooded park of 250 acres, near the bank of the Salisbury Avon.

Post Office: Miss Louisa Musselwhite, sub-postmistress. Letters through Salisbury are delivered at 6.30am & 1pm; dispatched at 12.55 & 8.40pm; Sundays, delivered 7am; dispatched 8.05pm. East Harnham is the nearest money order office & Salisbury the nearest telegraph office, 2 miles distant

Elementary School: built in 1836, with residence, for 70 children; Miss Kate Kingston, mistress

Gentry/Private Residents - Britford

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Coomaraswamy	Ananda K	DSc		Manor Farm House
Foley	Frances	Mrs		The Moat
Stratton		Miss		Bridge Cottage
Woodall	Thomas John	Reverend		Vicarage

Traders - Britford

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ashford	Edwin		Farmer	Bulls Hole Farm
Gilbert	Wilberforce		Baker	
Harding	Herbert Richard		Farmer	Bridge & Manor Farms
Marks	Henry		Farmer	Upend Farm
Poulton	George		Farmer	Rectory Farm
Stevens	Charles		Carpenter	Lynton, Downton Road
Troup	Alan Gordon		Farmer	Dogdean (letters through Salisbury)
Witt	Thomas		Carpenter	

Gentry/Private Residents - Longford

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Radnor		Earl of, JP		Longford Castle: Cliff House, Sandgate, Kent: & Carlton & St Stephen's Clubs, SW, London

Traders - Longford

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Macan	Ralph E		Land Agent to the Earl of Radnor	Estate Office, Longford Park
Tucker	Sidney William		Head Gardener to the Earl of Radnor	