



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Broad Town

BROAD TOWN is a parish, formed in 1846, out of Broad Hutton and Cliffe Pypard parishes, and in 1884, made a civil parish; it is on the road from Wooton Bassett to Marlborough, 3 miles south by east from Wooton Bassett station on the Great Western railway, 10 north-east from Marlborough, and 8 south-west from Swindon, in the Northern division of the county, Cricklade and Wooton Bassett union and petty sessional division, Swindon county court district, Avebury rural deanery (Avebury portion), Wilts archdeaconry and Salisbury diocese. Christ Church is a modern building of stone in the Early English style, consisting of a nave and western bell cot containing one bell: the east window is stained and there are 190 sittings. The register dates from the year 1847.

The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £178 with residence and 2 acres of glebe in the gift of the vicars of Broad Hinton and Cliffe Pypard alternatively and held since 1914 by the Rev Louis Garnaut Cawker BA of Jesus College, Oxford. The vicarage house, nearly destroyed by fire in 1869, has been rebuilt.

Here are Primitive Methodist and Wesleyan chapels.

The principal landowners are Brasenose College Oxford, the trustees of the Broad Town Charity, and Viscount Bolingbroke.

The soil is clay, sub-soil white stone. The chief crops are wheat, oats, turnips and pasture land. The area is 2040 acres, Rateable value £3112; the population in 1911 was 326.

Parish Clerk – John Archer

Post Office – Henry Bathe, sub-postmaster. Letters through Swindon arrive at 6.45am & 12.45pm; dispatched at 1 and 7.20pm; no Sunday delivery.

Broad Hinton, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order and telegraph office - Wall Letter Boxes:- Broad Town Lane cleared at 1.5 and 7.15pm and Thornhill, cleared at 7pm

School (Mixed) with residence for the mistress, erected by the late Rev A J W Morrison, vicar, for 50 children, and enlarged in 1890 by the addition of a classroom; Miss Edith Mary Stocker, mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Cawker	Louis Garnaut BA	Reverend, BA	Vicar	Vicarage
Darling	Stephen			Thorneycroft
Hasley		Mrs		Springfield House
Hopgood	Charles			Clyffe View

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bathe	A.		Grocers and Post Office	
Bathe	H.		Grocers and Post Office	
Brewer	William		Blacksmith and Asst Overseer	
Brookman	Edward Thomas		Bailiff to Hervey White	Hynol
Chesterman	Richard Arthur		Farmer	
Chesterman	Walter		Farmer	Church Farm
Eddolls	Ernest		Farmer	
Gilbert	Oriel		Farmer	Cotmarsh
Henley	George		Farmer	Broad Town Farm
Lindsey	William		Farmer	Broad Town Lane
Little	John		Farmer	Little Town Farm
Major	Charles Edward		Bailiff to Walter Richard Armstrong	Barn Hill
Manners	Frank		Farmer	Cotmarsh
Maskell	John		Farmer	East Farm
Matthews	Ellen	Mrs	Farmer	Marston Farm
Maul	John William			Queens Head Public House
Miles	Catherine	Mrs	Carpenter	
Ody	Elizabeth	Mrs	Farmer	Hambrook
Palmer	George		Thatcher	
Parsons	Alice	Mrs	Farmer	Up Ham
Price	Frances Emma	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Tuck	Edward James		Farmer	Lower Ham & Common Farms, Thornhill