



Post Office Directory Extract 1855

Bromham



Bromham is a township and parish, in Potterne and Cannings Hundred, Devizes Union, North Wilts, 4 miles north-west of Devizes, 7 miles south-east of Chippenham station, 101 from London, 6 east-by-north from Melksham, and 16 east of Bath. The ancient houses of the village are built with timber and brick, and stand, without regard to regularity, on one side of an unpaved street of an angular form, facing the church on the east and south. The scenery of the west of the village is very pleasing. The church of St. Nicolas consists of a nave, chancel, south aisle, private chapel, and tower. The chancel is evidently the oldest portion of the building, being in the Norman style, the other parts are of a mixed character, and the work of different periods; the grey old tower, standing on arches below, arises from the roof between the nave and the chancel; it has an embattled parapet, and is surmounted with a handsome spire. The inside of the church was restored, repewed, and a new stone pulpit and reading desk erected about 1850. In the private chapel is the full-length recumbent figure of a knight in armour, much defaced, supposed to represent an ancestor of the Bayntuns of Spye Park; there are, also, many other monuments to the memory of the same family, which is very ancient, dating as far back as the reign of Henry II. The church is 100 feet in length and 60 feet in width; the tower contains a peel of 6 bells, and measure 180 feet from its base to the point of the spire. The living is a rectory, in the diocese of Salisbury, valued at £820, in the gift of Mrs. Starky, of Spye Park. The incumbent is the Rev. Henry Bayntun, who does not reside here; The Rev. Edward B. Edgell, M.A., is the curate. Here is a brewery. This parish contains 3,597 acres of land, and in 1851 the population amounted to 1,619. On a gentle declivity, at the lower part of the village, is an almshouse, divided into six tenements; on a stone in the centre is an appropriate Scripture quotation, and a Latin inscription, denoting that it was founded in the year 1612, in the 10th year of the reign of King James. Here is a National and a British school for boys and girls, and chapels for Baptists and Wesleyan Methodists. Mrs. Charlotte Starky, of Spye Park, is the lady of the manor. Part of this parish is in the ecclesiastical district of Chittoe.

Westbrook is 2 miles north-west; Nether Street, 1½ miles east; Idith Marsh, or St. Edith's Marsh, 2 miles south-east; Hawk Street, half a mile south-east; Spye House, Rowdeford, Battle House, and Nonsuch, are residences. Sloperton Cottage was the abode of the poet Moore.

POST OFFICE:- Joseph Wootten, receiver. Letters received from Lacock at ¼ past 9 a.m. & despatched thereto at 6 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Devizes.

INSURANCE AGENT:- Star, J. Atwood

PUBLIC SCHOOLS:-

National, James Gayleard Hallson, master; Mrs. Martha Hallson mistress
British (supported by voluntary contributions), Miss Charlotte E. R. Kempton, mistress

COACHES:- All the coaches running between the Chippenham station of the Great Western railway & Devizes call at the Bell Inn, St. Edith's Marsh, three-quarters of an hour after leaving the last named town.

CARRIERS calling at the Bell Inn, St. Edith's Marsh in passing through to Devizes, all returning the same days:-

Spackman, from Calne, Thursday & Saturday
Bastin, from Wootton Bassett, Thursday
Newman & Day, from Chippenham, Thursday
Wootten, from Bromham, Thursday

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bayntun	Edward	Mrs.		
Brown	Meredith	Rev.		Nonsuch House
Dundson	Worthy	Mr.		
Edgell	Edward	Rev., B.M.A.		

Gaby	Mary	Miss		St. Edith's Marsh
Hamlen	John	Mr.		Nether Street
Locke	Francis Alexander Sydenham	Esq.		Rowdeford House
Meredith	Samuel	Commander, R.N.		Battle House
Moore	Thomas	Mrs.		Sloperton Cottage
Starky	Charlotte	Mrs.		Spye House

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Akerman	James		Beer retailer	
Akerman	Mary	Mrs.	Publican	Swan, Westbrook
Akerman	Robert		Baker & Grocer	
Amor	John		Farmer	
Atwood	James		Farmer & Blacksmith	
Banks	James		Brewer & Maltster	Bromham Brewery
Benger	John		Turner & Hurdle Maker	St. Edith's Marsh
Brown	John		Turner	Hawk Street
Brown	John		Farmer	
Butler	Charles		Farmer	Nether Street
Butler	Daniel		Farmer	
Butler	Samuel		Farmer	
Carpenter	Henry		Sexton	
Carpenter	Joseph		Farmer	
Carpenter	William		Shopkeeper	
Dangerfield	Henry		Publican	Greyhound
Davis	George		Shoemaker	
Deverall	John		Farmer	
Duck	William		Blacksmith	
Fennell	Henry		Farmer	
Fennell	Joseph		Farmer	
Fennell	William		Shopkeeper	
Gaby	Edward		Farmer	
Gee	John		Baker & Farmer	
Gee	Sarah	Mrs.	Butcher	
Gee	William		Farmer	
Giddings	Richard		Farmer	Nether Street
Hand	John		Publican	Bell Inn, St. Edith's Marsh
King	James		Shopkeeper	
King	John		Shopkeeper	St. Edith's Marsh
Knight	John		Farmer	
Long	James		Farmer	
Mitchell	Jonathan		Farmer	
New	Francis		Farmer	Nether Street
North	John		Farmer	
Orchard	Edward		Grocer	
Pearce	Joseph		Shoemaker	St. Edith's Marsh
Pearce	Roger		Shoemaker	St. Edith's Marsh
Perkins	Edwin		Shoemaker	
Powney	John		Brick & Tile Maker	
Rawlings	Peter		Shopkeeper	Westbrook
Rogers	Thomas		Shoemaker	
Sansom	John		Farmer	
Sansom	John, Jnr.		Shoemaker	
Somers	Thomas		Farmer	
Southwell	Daniel		Gentlemen's Boarding & Day School	

Spackman	William		Farmer	
Stone	John	Mrs.	Farmer	
Webb	Benjamin		Bricklayer & Parish Clerk	
Webb	William		Carpenter, Baker & Grocer	
Wiltshire	George		Farmer	
Wiltshire	William		Farmer	
Wootten	David		Publican & Farmer	Shoulder of Mutton Inn
Wootten	James		Tailor	
Wootten	Jonathan		Tailor	
Wootten	Joseph		Shopkeeper & Postmaster	
Wootten	Stephen		Farmer & Carpenter	