



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Broughton Gifford



BROUGHTON GIFFORD is a parish 2 miles west from Melksham station on the Corsham and Holt branch of the Great Western railway, 3½ north-east from Bradford, 5 south from Corsham and 98¼ from London, in the Western division of the county, Bradford hundred, petty sessional division and union, Melksham county court district, rural deanery of Potterne (Bradford portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Mary is an ancient building of stone in the Perpendicular style, with traces of earlier work, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch, and an embattled western tower, with turret and containing 2 bells: there is a curious old brass to Robert Long: the church was thoroughly repaired and restored by subscription in 1878 at a cost of £2,000 and has 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1665. The living is a rectory, net income £262, with 32 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Lord Chancellor, and held since 1910 by the Rev John Roland Davis MA Cantaur. Here are Wesleyan and Particular Baptist chapels. Charities: Ann Harding and Betsy Paradise left, on July 11, 1786, the sum of £500 in Consols, yielding £12 10s yearly, to educate 20 poor boys or girls, and £7 yearly to be distributed at Christmas between 10 poor persons who have not received parish relief; this legacy was re-invested in 1905-6 in London County Council 3 per cent, stock, yielding an income of 320, for two exhibitions and £4 12s to be distributed among the deserving poor: Mrs Purbeck left by will £5 yearly, to be distributed at Christmas, in sums of 5s each, to the most deserving and necessitous families: Mrs Elizabeth Sly left by will in 1880, the sum of £100, the interest of which is distributed among the poor of the parish at Christmas. A very full and complete history of the parish of Broughton Gifford was written by the Rev Prebendary Wilkinson and published in 1859 in the "Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine." A Roman station is believed to have existed here, near a spot called "Bradleys" on which many coins of the later empire have been found. Monkton is said to have been erected by the Earl of Hertford, son of the Lord Protector Somerset, to whom the manor of Monkton came on the suppression of the Priory of Monkton Farleigh; the old house at the cross, now a farm house, was built by Sir John Horton, lord of the manor, in the year 1629; and there is another on the Common, erected by William Harding about 1700. The Right Hon. Charles Edward Henry Hobhouse MP is the lord of the manor, and J F Stancomb esq. MA DL JP and Sir Charles Parry Hobhouse bart. JP are the principal landowners. The soil is fine mould, lying on gravel, which rests on clay, with a subsoil of heavier clay. Agricultural industry in this parish consists principally of dairy farming, and it is said that some of the best land in the county for grazing purposes is the pasture at Monkton by the side of the river Avon. The parish contains 1,616 acres of land, of which 260 are arable and the remainder pasture, and 13 of water; rateable value £4,156; the population in 1911 was 741.

Post, MO & T Office: Mrs Kate Gore, sub-postmistress. Letters through Melksham arrive at 6.45am & 4.50pm; Sundays 6.45am; dispatched at 9.40am & 7.25pm; Sundays 9.40am

Wall Boxes cleared 9.35am & 7.20pm; Sundays, 9.35am & Broughton Common 9.25am & 7.10pm; Sundays 9.25am

Elementary School (mixed), built in 1856 & enlarged in 1871, 1893 & 1906, with residence for master, for 153 children; Moses Thomas, master

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Beaven	Thomas P			Manor House
Browne	Frederick G F	Col		Gifford Hall
Cook	John Liddiard	Reverend	Rector of Great Chalfield	Broughton House
Davis	John Roland	Reverend MA	Rector	Rectory
Oswald	George H	Major		Hollybrook
Taylor	George G			Challymead

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Adye	William J A	MRCS Eng	Surgeon; attends Tues. & fri at 11.30am	
Ashe	William		Sign Writer	
Bishop	John Henry		Farmer	Church Farm
Blake	Alfred (exors. of late)		Farmers	Monkton
Gerrish	George		Dairtman	
Gerrish	John		Farmer	
Golledge	William		Farmer	
Gore	E A	& Co	Mattress Makers	
Green	William		Tailor	The Common
Harding	Henry John		Wheelwright	
Hiscocks	William			Bell Inn
Mortimer	David		Market Gardeners	
Mortimer	Frank		Market Gardeners	
Mortimer	Abel		Grocer	
Mortimer	Arthur		Mason	
Mortimer	Fred		Farmer	
Mortimer	Gideon		Farmer	
Mortimer	Levi		Farmer	
Pocock	Hubert		Farmer	Lower Farm
Powell	Charles		Florists	
Powell	George		Florists	
Rawlings	William			Fox & Hounds PH
Sawyer	John		Farmer	
Schrine	Frederick C		Baker	
Selman	Richard		Farmer	
Townsend	Richard		Haulier	
Wake	Herbert		Farmer	
Webb	Samuel		Dairy	
White	Rosie	Miss	Farmer	