



Kellys Directory Extract 1931

Cherhill



CHERHILL is a parish and village, on the high road from Calne to Marlborough, 3 miles east from Calne terminal station on a branch of the Great Western railway, 8 north from Devizes, in the Chippenham division of the county, hundred, petty sessional division, rural district and county court district of Calne, rural deanery of Avebury (Avebury portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. James is an ancient edifice of stone in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays, south aisle and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing 4 bells: it was restored and enlarged, under the direction of Mr. S. Gabriel, architect, in the year 1863, and has 280 sittings. The register dates from the year 1690. The living is a rectory, yearly value £351, with residence, in the gift of Mrs. W. V. Campbell-Wyndham-Long, and held since 1929 by the Rev. Ernest Lionel Wilton Davies A.K.C.L. On the side of a chalk hill in this parish is the figure of a horse, 157 feet long, cut out of the turf, and executed in 1780 under the direction and at the expense of Christopher Allsop esq. an eminent surgeon of Calne; being on the highest land between London and Bath it is visible at a distance of between 20 and 30 miles: there are several similar figures in the county: on the hill is a column 125 feet high, erected by Henry, 3rd Marquess of Lansdowne, to commemorate his ancestor Sir William Petty. The ownership of the land is divided. The soil is chalk; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat and oats. The area of the civil parish is 1,904 acres; the population in 1921 was 251. The area of the ecclesiastical parish, which was enlarged by Order in Council, August 14, 1879, by the addition of a portion of Calne parish, is 2,021 acres, with a population in 1921 of 300.

OLDBOROUGH, 1 mile south, was a British encampment, subsequently occupied and enlarged by the Saxons; Labour-in-Vain Hill is half a mile west; Marsh Lane, half a mile north-west.

Parish clerk, Stephen Clifford

Post & Tel. Call Office (available for calls to places within a limited distance). Letters through Calne, nearest M. O. office & Yatesbury, nearest T. office.

Police station

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Davies	Ernest Lionel Wilton	A.K.C.L.	Rector	Rectory
Knight	George E.			Sunny Bank

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barter	Luke		Carpenter	Hunt's Farm
Beckett	Fred		Mason	
Clifford	Stephen		Secretary, Reading Room	
Croker	George James		Smallholder	Marsh Lanes
Duck	Ada	Mrs.	Publican	Black Horse P.H.
Eatwell	Vincent John		Farmer	Mill Farm
Pottow	William John		Baker	
Rawlings	A. J.		Wiltshire Working Men's Conservative Benefit Society	Post Office

Rawlings	Alan James		Shopkeeper & postmaster	
Rawlings	James		Farmer	Lower Farm
Sainsbury	William John		Farmer	Oare Farm
Stevens	Henry		Carpenter	
Tarry	Tom		Motor Engineer	