



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Cliffe Pypard



Cliffe Pypard (or Clyffe Pypard) is a village and parish within the parliamentary borough of Cricklade, in the Northern division of the county, union of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett, chiefly in the hundred of Cricklade, Swindon county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts and rural deanery of Avebury, 4 miles south from Wootton Bassett, and 87 from London.

The church of St Peter is a handsome structure of Perpendicular architecture (late Henry VII) consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, and a fine tower at the western end, containing 6 bells. Each aisle is divided from the nave by four columns. The chancel, originally of Early English work, but altered to Perpendicular at a later period, was restored to Early English in 1861 by the impropiator and patron, Horatio Nelson Goddard, esq. There is a memorial east window to the late vicar and patron, the Rev. Edward Goddard, and a side window, in memory of other members of the Goddard family, to one of whom, who died in 1585, there is also an interesting monument of oak, still in a state of good preservation.

A screen of fine oak, painted in the original colours, separates the chancel from the nave, and two rectangular screens cut off the eastern extremities of the aisles. In the north wall of the north aisle, under a canopy, is a tomb, once surmounted by a recumbent figure, supposed to be one of the family of Cobham, who formerly possessed the manor. The pulpit is of the seventeenth century, a good specimen of elaborate carving. The font, an octagon, of Bath stone, a copy of that at Over, Cambridgeshire, was carved by the Rev. F Goddard, in 1840. A brass of about 1380, of excellent design, embedded in stone, is laid in the north chapel, and is supposed to belong to the Quinten family.

A monument of costly work in varied marble, fills the western end of this aisle, presenting the facsimile of a carpenter, named Thomas Spackman, a native of Clyffe Pypard, who, having amassed considerable wealth by his trade, bequeathed the interest of the sum of £1,000 to the following purposes; viz, for preserving the above-mentioned monument; secondly, for maintaining a school for the poor children of the parish; thirdly, for the purchase of loaves of bread to be disposed of every Sunday after divine service. By a recent order of Her Majesty in Council, a new scheme has been issued for the further management of this charity.

The church was beautifully restored in 1874, at a cost of £1,400. The register dates from 1576. The living is a vicarage, of the yearly value of £300, in the gift of Horatio Nelson Goddard, esq., M.A., J.P., and held by the Rev. Charles William Bradford, M.A., of Brasnose College, Oxford.

The free grant of Cliffe Pypard was made in 1385 to Roger de Cobham by Edward I, from whose descendents it came into possession of John Goddard. The advowson of the vicarage and the rectorial tithes were subsequently purchased by the family of the Goddards in the time of Henry VIII, A.D. 1541. In 1686, Sarah, Duchess Dowager of Somerset, bequeathed the manor of Thornhill for the foundation of certain scholarships, and the manor of Broad Town for apprenticing poor boys of the county.

Near to the village is a high and very steep ridge or cliff, from which the place takes its name. Various Roman coins have been found in the neighbourhood. The Manor House, a handsome building in the Elizabethan style, the seat of Horatio Nelson Goddard, M.A., D.L., stands in extensive grounds, presenting in every part those changing vistas of hill and dale for which the neighbourhood is so remarkable.

H N Goddard, esq., M.A. is lord of the manor of Cliffe Pypard, but there are several other manors in the parish. The principal landowners are Horatio Nelson Goddard, esq. Brasenose College, Oxford, the trustees of Lady Somerset's Charity, the trustees of Sir Henry Meux, bart., C Broome, esq., and Richard Stratton, esq.

The soil is of a clayey nature; subsoil, clay and chalk. The chief crops are grass, wheat and beans.

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The parish comprises 3,985 acres, of which the greater portion is pasture, and one-third arable; gross estimated rental, £7,836; rateable value, £6,783; the population in 1871 was 880.

Bushton and Thornhill are tithings. Parts of this parish, and of **Broad Hinton** have been formed into a separate ecclesiastical parish under the name of **Broad Town**, which see.

PARISH CLERK, Jesse Draper.

LETTERS received through Wootton Bassett, which is the nearest money order office.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Mr Pannell, master.

CARRIER, John Maskill, to Swindon, on Monday; to Marlborough on Saturday.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bradford	Charles William	Rev. M.A.		Vicarage
Daly	John Shanning			Bushton
Goddard	Horatio Nelson	M.A., J.P. & D.L.		Manor House

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Chesterman	James		Tailor	
Church	Isaac		Carpenter & wheelwright	Bushton
Cleverly	Stephen James		Farm bailiff to H N Goddard, esq.	
Coster	Frederick		Farmer	Barnhill farm
Draper	Henry		Bricklayer	Bushton
Draper	Henry King		Shopkeeper	Bushton
Draper	Jesse		Bricklayer	
Drury	Charles		Horse dealer	
Drury	Samuel		Beer retailer & horse dealer	Bushton
Gough	Henry		Blacksmith	
Henley	William		Farmer	Manor farm, Thornhill
Hill	Thomas		Farmer	
Horton	James		Farmer	Bupton House
Knapp	William		Farmer	Bushton
Lewis	Francis		Farmer	Bushton
Lewis	Richard		Farmer	Wood Street farm
Lewis	Sarah	Mrs	Farmer	Bushton
Lewis	William			<i>Goddard's Arms</i>
Maskill	John		General dealer	Thornhill
Maudrell	John		Farmer	Parsonage farm
Newman	Charles		Blacksmith & coal dealer	Barton
Nichols	James		Farmer	Ham farm
Pritchard	Thomas		Farmer	Wood Hill Park
Smart	John		Farmer	Bushton
Smith	Jasper		Shopkeeper	Bushton
Targett	Henry		Farmer	Ham farm
Woodman	Richard		Carpenter & wheelwright	Bushton
Young	William Thomas		Farmer	Bushton