



Kelly's Directory Extract 1939

Codford (St Mary & St Peter)



CODFORD – is a civil parish formed under the provisions of the Wilts Review Order, 1934 from the former parishes of Codford St. Mary and Codford St. Peter; it is in the Westbury division of the county, hundred of Heytesbury, petty sessional division and county court district of Warminster and rural district of Warminster and Westbury. The area is 3,797 acres of land and inland water; population in 1931 was 527. Electricity is available.

CODFORD ST MARY – is on the banks of the Wylde, which is here crossed by a stone bridge of four arches and on the road from Salisbury to Warminster, adjoining Codford St Peter, where there is a station on the Salisbury and Westbury branch of the Great Western Railway, 7 miles south-east from Warminster, 14 north-west from Salisbury and 3 south-east from Heytesbury. Codford St Mary with Codford St Peter form an ecclesiastical parish in the rural deanery of Wylde (Wylde portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury.

The Church of St Mary is a building of stone, consisting of chancel with aisle, nave, south aisle, south porch and a western tower of the 16th century, containing 3 bells: the chancel is Transitional: the chancel arch is late Norman, elaborately carved: in the chancel aisle is a monument to the Mompesson family; the communion table was made from the old pulpit of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford: the east window is stained: the church was restored in 1879 and has 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a rectory with that of Codford St Peter annexed, joint net yearly value £717, in the gift of St. John's College and Pembroke College, Oxford, alternately and held since 1924 by the Rev. Cyril Henry Meyrick M.A., of St John's College, Oxford, hon. C.F. who resides at Codford St Peter. Here is a Congregational chapel, founded in 1778, with 200 sittings.

On the summit of Codford Hill, in this parish, is Oldbury Camp, an earthwork forming a complete circle, and surrounded by a vallum and fosse constructed with great regularity.

J. M. Stratton esq. and C. W. Edwards esq. are the principal landowners. William H. Yeatman-Biggs esq. J.P. is lord of the manor.

The soil is light chalk; subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley.

Post, M.O. & T. Office. Letters through Warminster.

Carrier – H. Couchman, daily service to Frome & Warminster; Salisbury, Tues., Thurs., Sat. & Sun.

CODFORD ST PETER is on the road from Warminster to Salisbury, with a station on the Salisbury and Westbury branch of the Great Western Railway, 6 ½ miles south-east from Warminster, 14 miles north-west from Salisbury and 92 from London by road and 112 by rail.

The church of St Peter, originally consisting of a chancel, nave, south porch and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing a clock and 5 bells, was restored in 1864, a north aisle added, and the old chancel arch was replaced by a Pointed arch of fine proportions, on carved corbels supported by Devonshire marble shafts; at the same period the chancel was rebuilt in the Early English style, three ancient sedilia, which belonged to the old chancel, being replaced: a lectern of oak & gilt iron work was presented in 1897 in memory of Alfred Blake: there is an Early Norman font, richly sculptured: and in the chancel is preserved some carved stone work discovered in 1864, and presumed to be of Saxon date: there are several memorial stained windows and brasses, also a hatchment of the Duke of Albany: a window in the north aisle is in memory of Mrs Sarah Wrightwick, and another window in the same aisle was erected as a war memorial in 1919: in the chancel is a brass tablet to the memory of the Rev. H. Wightwick, who, for 47 years, was the rector of this parish; in 1906 balustraded oak altar rails were fixed as a memorial to Miss Charlotte Anderson: the church was decorated in 1891 and in 1898 the foundations of the tower and east end were renewed; the church will seat about 225 persons; the churchyard was enlarged in 1889. The registers date from the year 1597. The living is a rectory united with that of Codford St Mary.

J. S. Collins esq. and Maj. Stuart Carey Houston are the chief landowners.

The soil is light chalk loam; subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley.

ASHTON GIFFORD is a hamlet, three quarters of a mile west, adjoining which is the Codford Railway Station.

Letters through Warminster. Codford St Mary nearest M. O. & T. office.

Police Station

Railway Station

Codford St Mary

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bosworth		Mrs		Thatched House, Codford St Mary
Edwards	Charles William			Codford St Mary
Heap	Leonard	Rev.	(Congregational)	The Manse, Codford St Mary
Lewis	Ernest Winbolt	M.B.		The Poplars, Codford St Mary
Roney-Dougal		Mrs		The Old Rectory, Codford St Mary
Wightwick		Mrs		The Cottage, Codford St Mary

Commercial

Marked thus * farm 150 acres or over

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Chick	Ernest Edwd.		Grocer	Codford St Mary
(Chick)	(Ernest Edward)	(Proprietor)	Chick's Seed Warehouse – Seed Merchant T N 255	Codford St Mary
(Lush)	(J. A.)		*Codford Farms Ltd. T N 202	Codford St Mary
Couchman	Harold		Motor Coach proprietor	Codford St Mary
Dewey	Norman		Ironmonger & Petrol pumps	Codford St Mary
Ford	E. M.	Miss	Laundry	Codford St Mary
Goodsall	George William		Draper	Codford St Mary
Lewis	Ernest Winbolt		M.B., Ch.B. Edin, Physician & Surgeon & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator for No 2 district, Warminster Area Guardians Committee, Medical Officer to the Board of Education & Medical Officer Stapleford district, Salisbury Area Guardians Committee T N 210	Codford St Mary
(Edwards)	(C)	(Manager)	Lloyds Bank Ltd. (sub-branch to Warminster) (Open Fri. 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.) Head Office, 71 Lombard St., London E C 3	Codford St Mary
Lush	Jn. Austin		Farmer* T N 202	Middle Farm, Codford St Mary
Mines	Chas. G.		Hairdresser T N 245	Codford St Mary
Norris	David		Baker T N 213	Codford St Mary
Parker	Ralph Stanley		Stationer & Post Office T N 201	Codford St Mary
Payne	Florence C.	Miss	Dressmaker	Codford St Mary
Pike	George H.		Butcher T N 232	Codford St Mary
Poolman	J. M.	Miss	Dressmaker	Codford St Mary
Prescott	Jas. A. S.		Dentist (attends Fri. 2.30 to 7 p.m.)	Codford St Mary
			Shrewton Steam Laundry Co. (receiving office)	Codford St Mary
Simper	Albert H.		Cycle dealer, Builder, House Decorator & Painter T N 281	Codford St Mary
Snelgrove	Edgar		Boot & Shoe repairer & dealer	Codford St Mary
Sparey	John Martin		Dairy farm & milk bar T N 272	Glebe Farm, Codford St Mary
Stacey	Thos. Rt.		Stationer	Codford St Mary
Stratton	Jn. Maurice		Farmer	East Farm, Codford St Mary
Wightwick	Hy. Edwd.	F.L.A.S.	Chartered Land Agent. Estate Office T N 207	Codford St Mary

Codford St Peter

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Collins	Arthur Hibberd			Manor Farm, Codford St Peter
Fenwick	Gabriel			Little Ashton, Codford St Peter
Headley	Catharine	Lady		Ashton Gifford House, Codford St Peter
Higgins		Mrs		Overton House, Codford St Peter
Houston	Stuart Carey	Maj. M.F.H.		Manor House, Codford St Peter
Meyrick	Cyril Henry	Rev. M.A.	(Rector) M.A., hon C.F.	Rectory, Codford St Peter
Munn		Mrs		Bury House, Codford St Peter
Sneyd	Ralph	Col.	(D.L., J.P. (Staffs))	Bradwell Grange, Codford St Peter
Targett	William Howard			Cleve House, Codford St Peter
Wightwick		Misses		Codford St Peter

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Axtell	Jas. Wm.		Butcher (Codford St Mary 237)	Codford St Peter
Bee	Fredk.		Grocer (Codford St Mary 260)	The Stores, Codford St Peter
Belbin	Ernest		Farmer	Bury Farm, Codford St Peter
Candy	Ronald Hubert		Farmer	Lower Farm, Codford St Peter
Collins	Arth. Hibberd		Farmer* (Codford St Mary 217)	Manor Farm, Codford St Peter
Dewey	Norman		Petrol Service Station	Codford St Peter
Doughty & Sons	Albert		Builders	Codford St Peter
Dyer & Son			Coal Dealers	Codford St Peter
(Legg)	(Geo.)		<i>George Hotel</i> (Codford St Mary 270)	Codford St Peter
Harvey	Harold		Smallholder	Green Road Farm, Codford St Peter
(Long)	(Chas. Talbot)	(Proprietor)	Hillside Café	Codford St Peter
Reeves	Geo. Edwd.		Petrol Station	New Rd., Codford St Peter
Stokes	Arth. Jas.		Live Stock Transporter	Green Rd, Codford St Peter
Targett	Wm. Howard		Farmer*	Cleve House, Codford St Peter
White	Wm. Uriah		Blacksmith	Codford St Peter
			Wiltshire (The) Agricultural Co-operative Society Ltd. Corn Merchants (Codford St Mary 257)	Codford St Peter
(Conduit)	(W. J.)	(Sec.)	Wiltshire Working Men's Conservative Benefit Society	Codford St Peter