



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Corsham



Corsham is a parish, market town, and station on the Great Western railway, in the Northern division of the county, hundred, union, and county court district of Chippenham, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Malmesbury South, 98½ miles from London, 3½ south-west-by-west from Chippenham, 36 north-west from Salisbury, 12 north-west from Devizes, 8½ north-east from Bath, 4 north-west from Melksham, and 7 north-east from Bradford. At Thingley is the point where the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth railway diverges from the Great Western railway. Corsham is not incorporated. It comprises a royal and rectory manor; the former, of which Lord Methuen is lord, has its bailiff (chosen by the tenants), who is invested with the powers both of sheriff and coroner. A court-leet is held annually. G Goldney, esq., M.P., is lay rector and lord of the rectory manor. The parish is possessed of several privileges granted by kings of England.

The church of St Bartholomew is an ancient structure, in the Norman, Decorated and Perpendicular styles, consisting of a chancel, nave and aisles, with a south chapel. On the north side of the chancel is a mortuary chapel, built by the Tropnell family, and still repaired by the owner of the Neston estate, of which the Tropnell family were formerly the possessors. The tower contains 6 bells. The registers date from the latter part of the sixteenth century, and are in good preservation. The living is a discharged vicarage, tithes commuted at £300, with a residence, in the gift of Lord Methuen, and held by the Rev. George Linton, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge.

There is a Free school for girls, supported by Lord Methuen, and a British school for boys, in the town, supported by voluntary contributions, and a mixed National school at Pickwick, supported by G Goldney, esq., M.P. There is also a mixed school (National) at Corsham Side, and one at Chapel Knap, Gastard.

There are nine Dissenting chapels; three Independent, four Baptist, one Brethren, and one Primitive Methodist.

The charities are---an almshouse, endowed by the late Lady Margaret Hungerford with £20 annually for the master, and £30 for six old people, having rooms there. The endowment has been increased by Mrs Alexander. The Earl of Radnor is the governor; Lady James's, producing about £38 per annum, given in blankets and coats; William Kirby's, about £48 per annum, divided between eight poor persons of good character. The feoffees are trustees of certain lands and funds producing about £150 per annum for the three following purposes; 1st, the repair of the fabric of the parish church and necessary utensils thereof; 2nd, the relief and support of the poor in the parish dwelling; 3rd, the repairs of decayed bridges in the parish.

A fair is held on the 4th of March for cattle of all kinds. In this parish are extensive quarries of the celebrated Bath stone, where a large number of men are employed by Messrs Randall, Saunders & Co Limited, Pictor & Sons, Yorkney & Marwood, Stone Brothers, and others.

The principal seats in this neighbourhood are--- The Court, Lord Methuen, where there is a celebrated collection of paintings; Hartham Park, W H Poynder, esq., J.P.; Neston Park, G P Fuller, esq., J.P., Monks Park, William Speke, esq., J.P.; Beechfield, Gabriel Goldney, esq., M.P., J.P.; Elm Grove, R N Fowler, esq. The principal landowners are Lord Methuen, G P Fuller, esq., W H Poynder, esq., G Goldney, esq., M.P., and Robert Neale, esq.

The soil is various. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots.

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The parish contains 6,498 acres; gross estimated rental, £20,904; rateable value, £28,282; the population in 1871 was 3,300.

Corsham Side is a hamlet in the parish of Corsham, distant 2 miles south of that place.

The church of St Philip and St James, situated here, was built by subscription, and opened on the 1st May, 1866, is in the Early England style, and consists of chancel and nave. There is a fine arch over the chancel, also a stained east window presented by A Mitchell, esq., in memory of his late wife. The figures represented are the manger at Bethlehem, and the worship of the Magi. There is also a belfry with 1 bell. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £100, in the gift of G P Fuller, esq., J.P., Neston Park, and held by the Rev. William Bulmer, M.A., of Durham University.

Easton tithing, and **Gastard** (or Gustard), are hamlets in the parish of Corsham; the former 1 mile east, and the latter 2 miles south-east of Corsham.

Pickwick is a tithing in the parish of Corsham, half a mile west of that place. Here is a mixed National school, with residence for master. Part of this parish is included in the ecclesiastical parish of Derry Hill.

PARISH CLERK, Isaac Duck.

POST & MONEY ORDER & TELEGRAPH OFFICE & Savings Bank, Mrs Sarah Bromley, postmistress. Letters delivered 7 am., 12.30 pm. & 4 pm.; dispatched 11 am., 2.45 pm. & 9.15 pm.

PILLAR LETTER BOXES Corsham Side & Linley cleared at 7 pm. weekdays only.
Pickwick cleared at 9.15 am. & 9 pm. ; on Sundays 9 pm. only.

COUNTY MAGISTRATES	Lord Methuen	G Goldney, esq., M.P.	W H Poynder, esq.
	W Speke, esq.	G P Fuller, esq.	
	Meet at the New Hall, Chippenham, & the Methuen Arms hotel, Corsham, every alternate fortnight.		
	Clerk, Alfred J Keary, Chippenham.		

INSURANCE AGENTS	Accidental	C Lanham	Great Western Railway station
	Atlas	W Neate	High Street
	Royal	J Baines	High Street
	Sun Fire	W H Bromley	
	West of England	John Stantial	High Street
	Whittington	M F Bush	High Street

PUBLIC OFFICERS	Bailiff of the Royal Manor, Coroner for the Liberty of Corsham, Registrar of Births & Deaths & Medical Officer for Corsham District of Chippenham Union		
	Vestry Clerk & Assistant Overseer	William Neate	High Street
	Excise Officer	George Putley Coles	Church Street

SCHOOLS	National, Pickwick	Edward Hatherell	Master
		Anna Walker	Mistress
	Corsham Side (Church of England)	George Mann	Master
	British (boys)	Henry Abbott	Master
	Free (girls)	Mrs Sarah James	Mistress
	National, Chapel Knap	Miss Eva Woodward	Mistress

RAILWAY STATION	Charles Lanham	Station Master
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CARRIER to Bath	John Hancock	Wednesday & Saturday, returning same days
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BUSINESSES	Burnard Luck & Co. Manures & dealers in linseed & cotton cakes	Richard Balch	Agent	High Street
	Corsham Gas Co.	William Neate	Secretary	Station Road
	Randell, Saunders & Co. Limited. Quarrymen & bath stone merchants	George Hancock	Secretary	Station Road Pickwick Road
	North Wilts Banking Co.	William Neate	Agent	High Street
	Draw on Dimsdale, Fowler & Co., London			
	Wilts & Dorset Banking Co.	Broome Pinniger	Manager	High Street
		Joseph Lane	Sub-manager	
	Open daily. Draw on London & Westminster Bank.			
	Yorkney & Marwood. Quarry owners & stone merchants			Box Tunnel stone quarries.
	Belcher & Smith. Porter & pale ale brewers, dealers in malt & hops and wine & spirit merchants			Pickwick Brewery

Corsham Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Amoore		Mrs		
Ball	William			Station Road
Bates	John B			High Street
Beames	Thomas			The Priory
Bury	John	Rev.	Curate	Pickwick Road
Bush	Martin F			High Street
Cole	Alfred James			High Street
Coomber	George	Capt, M.R.N.		Sanders Villa, Pickwick Road
Dunn	Arthur Henry			Prospect Place, Pound Pill
Bade	George			High Street
Fielder	John			Cypress Villa, Pond Pill
Foster	Samuel			High Street
Fowler	Robert Nicholson			Elm Grove
Freeth	Thomas			Pickwick Road
Fry		Miss		High Street
Goldstone		Mrs		Priory Lane
Gould		Miss		Prospect Place, Pound Pill
Granter	John			Prospect Place, Pound Pill
Grove		Miss		Pickwick Road
Hancock		Mrs		Church Street
Hinton	David			Bences Lane
Horne	James Davis			High Street
Hulbert		Miss		High Street
Hulbert		Misses		Prospect Place, Pound Pill
Hulls	Charles Henry			Pickwick Road
Hurlston	Joseph	Rev	Baptist	High Street
Kemm	John			High Street
Knott	John			High Street
Linton	George	Rev. M.A.	Vicar	High Street
Marler	Daniel Head			Pickwick Road
Mayo	R	Rev.		Ivy House
Mayo	Charles Thomas			Ivy House
Methuen		Rt Hon Lord		The Court
Nott	John			High Street
Parker		Miss		Pickwick Road

Parsons	John			Prospect Place, Pound Pill
Perren		Mrs		Pound Pill
Pictor	William			Pickwick Road
Pym		Mrs		High Street
Randell	James S			
Rogers		Mrs		
Sainsbury	John Popham			High Street
Selman	Daniel			Pickwick Road
Southey		Mrs		High Street
Stantial	John			High Street
Taylor		Miss		Pickwick Road
Thomas		Mrs		Pickwick Road
Thompson		Mrs		
Thorngate	James			High Street
Warman		Mrs		Church Street
White		Mrs		Priory Lane

Corsham Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Always	William			<i>Station Hotel</i>
Ames	Alfred		Beer retailer	Pound Pill
Aust	Sydney		Shopkeeper	Pickwick Road
Ayliffe	John		Saddler & harness maker	High Street
Baines	John		Bookseller, chemist & druggist	High Street
Balch	Henry		Baker, maltster & corn factor	High Street
Balch	Richard		Butcher, farmer & agent (See Businesses above)	High Street
Ballinger	John			<i>Chequer Inn</i>
Bates	Hugh		Coal merchant	High Street
Boscombe	James		Boot & shoe maker	High Street
Bromley	Sarah	Mrs	Ironmonger & post office	High Street
Bromley	William		Builder, carpenter & joiner	High Street
Buckland	Mary	Mrs	Shopkeeper	High Street
Bullock	Thomas		Clock & watch maker	Pickwick Road
Burraston	James		Saddler & harness maker	High Street
Bush	Martin F		Surgeon	High Street
Canne	Joseph Frederick		Steward to Rt. Hon. Lord Methuen	Church Street
Cannon	Henry		Farmer	Melbourne farm
Carter	Alfred		Butcher	High Street
Churchill	Charles		Tailor	High Street
Clarke		Brothers	Farmers	Pitters farm
Cole	Alfred		Artist & stationer	High Street
Cole	James		Plumber, house decorator & ironmonger	Church Street
Davies & Wray			Builders & masons	Station Road
Davis	Jane	Mrs	Dressmaker	Station Road
Day	Eli		Grocer	High Street
Day	Lot		Shoe maker & shopkeeper	Priory Lane
Feaviour	Charles		Commercial hotel & posting house	<i>Methuen Arms,</i> High Street
Goold	Paul		Tanner	Pound Pill
Goold	Uriah		Corn merchant	Pound Pill
Hale	Joseph		Boot maker	High Street
Hall	Thomas		Confectioner	Pickwick Road
Hancock	George		Secretary (see Businesses above)	Pickwick road
Hancock	William			<i>White Lion,</i> Pickwick Road
Harris	George		Chimney sweep	Pickwick Road

Helps	Sarah Ann	Miss	Grocer	High Street
Helps	William		Gardener	Pickwick Road
Hore	Henry		Baker	High Street
Horne	James Davis		Baker & maltster	High Street
Hulbert	Ann	Miss	Seminary	High Street
Hulls	Charles Henry		Schoolmaster	Corsham School
Hunt	Solomon		China & glass dealer	High Street
James	Isaac		Veterinary Surgeon	Pickwick Road
Keedwell	Anthony		Coal merchant	Pound Pill
Kemm	William		Surgeon (see Public Officers above)	High Street
Lacey	Thomas		Beer retailer	Linleys
Lanham	Charles		Station master	Laburnham Cottage
Law	Ellen	Miss	Ladies' school	High Street
Law	Fanny	Miss	Milliners	High Street
Law	Kate	Miss	Milliners	High Street
Law	John Compton		Seedsman	High Street
Little	James		Boot & shoe maker	Pickwick Road
Little	John		Hairdresser	Pickwick Road
Marks	Alfred		Plumber & glazier	High Street
Millard	Dina	Mrs	Berlin wool repository	High Street
Moor	Emma	Mrs	Linen draper	High Street
Neale		& Son	Chemist & druggist & house decorators	High Street & at Sherston
Neate	William		Assistant overseer (see Public Officers & Businesses above)	High Street
Norris	George		Plasterer & tiler	High Street
Nott	Frederick John		Commission agent	
Pearce	William		Grocer	Pickwick Road
Pitney	Matthew		Tailor	High Street
Pollard	Frederick		Blacksmith	Pickwick Road
Pritchard	Mary	Miss	Straw bonnet maker	High Street
Ray	Robert		Lodging house	Pickwick Road
Ring	William		Ironmonger & smith	High Street
Ryall	Thomas			<i>Pack Horse</i> , High Street
Spackman	Henry		Linen draper & grocer	High Street
Stockham	David		Beer retailer	Priory Lane
Taylor	James Phipps		Furniture broker & outfitter	High Street
Taylor	William		Farmer	Mynte
Tinson	Eli		Builder & carpenter	Pickwick Road
Toghill	George		Farmer	South Bank
Townsend	Henry		Painter & paper hanger	High Street
Trotman	William		Boot & shoe maker	Priory Lane
White	Thomas		Cooper	<i>Royal Oak Hotel</i> , High Street
Wray	Thomas		Stone mason & builder	Station Road

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bulmer	William	Rev. M.A.	Vicar of Neston	Jaggard's House
Fuller	George Pargiter	J.P.		Neston Park
Mitchell	Arthur			Ridge House
Speke	William	J.P.		Monk's Park

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Baker	Charles		Chair maker	
Breach	Aaron		Farmer	Lypiatt farm
Bushell	Andrew		Carpenter & wheelwright	
Duck	Elijah		Farmer	
Edwards	John		Farmer	Moor farm
England	Joseph			<i>Plough</i>
Hancock	James		Farmer	
Hayward	Emma	Mrs	Farmer	Ridgeside
Hayward	John		Farmer	Boyd's farm
Hoddinott	John		Farmer	Moor Barton
Lewis	William		Farmer	Westwell's farm
Perry	James		Farmer	Westwell's
Raynes	Ann J	Mrs	Farmer	Lypiatt
Smart	William		Farmer	Ridgeside
Swain	Edward		Beer retailer	
West	Thomas		Farmer	

Easton Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Horsey	Ralph			Westrop
Sadier	John Henry			Easton House

Easton Commercial

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Comley	Henry			<i>Roebuck, Thingley</i>
Davis		Mrs	Farmer	Patterdown
Freeth	George		Farmer	Holywell
Jefferies	Edward		Farmer	Monk's Lane
Manley	Charles		Blacksmith	
Pearce	Robert		Farmer	Thingley
Reynolds	Joseph		Farmer	Westrop Park farm
Smith	John		Farmer	Thingley
Taylor	Thomas Elboro		Farmer	Easton farm
Taylor	William		Farmer	

Gastard Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Fowler	Robert N			Elm Grove
Stockham	William			Velly

Gastard Commercial

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Aust	William		Shoe maker	Velly
Bond	Joseph		Boot & shoe maker	
Butler	Sarah	Miss	Ladies' boarding school	Linleys
Dansdon	Ann	Mrs	Farmer	Linleys
Dansdon	Sarah	Mrs	Farmer	Gastard Court farm
Frankham	William		Blacksmith	
Hayward	Walter		Farmer	Elm Grove farm
Little	Thomas		Shopkeeper	

Merrett	David		Farmer	Linleys
Poulson	Joseph		Farmer, butcher & shopkeeper	Velly farm
Russ	John		Farmer	
Taylor	George Gingell		Farmer	Lane's End farm
Woodman	Lucy	Mrs		<i>Hart & Crown</i>

Pickwick Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Atherley	A G	Rev. B.A.		Hartham parsonage, Middle Pickwick
Belcher	Isaac			
Chichester	Nugent	Capt.		Guyer's House
Goldney	Gabriel	M.P., J.P.		Beechfield House
Hooper	George Downing			
Horne	John			
Poynder	William H	J.P.		Hartham Park
Pratt		Mrs		
Rawlings	Charles			
Smith	Samuel Hale			
Yorkney	Augustus			Pockeridge House

Pickwick Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bird	Henry		Shopkeeper	
Blake		Mrs	Farmer	Hartham
Brinkworth	Henry		Farmer	Stowell farm
Duck	Isaac		Carpenter & wheelwright	
Freeth	John		Farmer	Pockeridge farm
Grist	William		Carpenter & shopkeeper	
Hitchcock	William			<i>Horse & Hounds</i>
Horsey	Ralph		Brush maker	
Hulbert	Frederick		Farmer	
Hulbert	Thomas		Farmer	
Poole	Andrew			<i>Cross Keys</i>
Ralings	Alfred		Beer retailer	
Tutton	Thomas		Farmer	