



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Downton

DOWNTON is a parish, formerly a market town, giving name to the hundred, situated in a vale, watered by the Upper Avon in three channels, with a station on the Salisbury and Dorchester section of the London and South Western railway, 7 miles south-east-by-south from Salisbury, and 90 from London, in the Southern division of the county, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, Salisbury union and county court district, rural deanery of Wilton, archdeaconry of Sarum, and diocese of Salisbury. The place is of considerable antiquity, and formerly returned two members to Parliament, but was disfranchised by the Reform Act of 1832. The parish is lighted with gas from the Downton Petrol Air Gas Co Ltd. The church of St Lawrence is a large cruciform edifice of flint and stone in mixed styles, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch, transepts, and a massive embattled central tower, with 4 pinnacles, containing a clock and 6 bells. There are monuments to Anthony (Duncombe) 1st baron Feversham of Downton, who died 18th June, 1763, and to Sir Charles Duncombe, who died in 1711, and others of this family: a lych gate was erected in 1894 with money left for the purpose, by the late Rev Canon Payne, formerly vicar of the parish: the carved oak choir stalls were given in memory of the late Mr Squarey: the church was restored in 1860 and affords 700 sittings. The register dates from the year 1599. The living is a vicarage with the chapelry of Nunton annexed, net yearly value £494, including 4 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Winchester College, and held since 1910 by the Rev Lenthall Greville Dickenson MA of Selwyn College, Cambridge. St Birinus is an ecclesiastical parish, formed February 1915, from that of St Lawrence and St Mary, Redlynch: the church at MORGAN'S VALE, erected in 1896 as a chapel of ease to St Lawrence, Downton, at a cost of £2200, is a structure of brick in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel and nave, and will seat 160 persons, and has an endowment of £114 per annum. The register dates from the year (not stated). The living is a vicarage, net yearly value (not stated) in the gift of the vicar of Downton, and held since 1915 by the Rev Hugh Copland Baron Lethbridge MA of Exeter College, Oxford. South Lane Baptist chapel, erected in 1857, is a building in a plain Italian style and will seat about 350 persons. There are also Primitive Methodist and Wesleyan chapels. The churchyard was extended in 1885. Here are paper and corn mills and a tanyard, and some weaving is done. The club here is well supplied with daily papers and periodical literature. The market has long since been discontinued, but two annual fairs are still held, on 23rd April and 2nd of October, principally for horses, sheep and cattle. The charities include Stockman's, of £44 yearly, derived from a farm in Whiteparish, left in 1626, by William Stockman of Downton, for distribution to such poor persons who are surcharged with children; Woodlands' of £45 yearly, left in 1882, by John Woodlands esq. of Downton for distribution among the aged poor of both sexes; Noyes, derived from the interest of £200 left in 1784 by Mrs Emma Noyes, to be given to the schools of Charlton and Downton: Clarke's derived from the interest of £900, left in 1878 by Archdeacon Liscombe Clarke, a former vicar of Downton, to be divided between the National schools of Downton and Redlynch, and Harriet Woodyear's Trust of £7 per annum, for widows and spinsters in the district of Morgan's Vale. An earthwork of considerable dimensions, and believed to be originally British, is an interesting feature: it commands the river Avon and the valley through which it flows: its name, "The Moot" points to its having been used by the Saxons for their Folk Mote, or meeting place: a double crescent-shaped earthwork remains, in its original state, and some of the grass terraces are still perfect. On a high hill overlooking Downton from the other side of the valley, is an entrenched area called the "Clerbury Camp". Cerdic the Saxon gained the battle of Cerdic's Ford, or Charford, in the meadows below Downton in AD519. The Earl of Radnor is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are the Earl of Radnor, Earl Nelson, and the governing body of Winchester College; the latter hold the great tithes. The soil is alluvial, chalk and gravel, sub-soil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and turnips. The area is 4801 acres of land and 90 of water; rateable value £7840; the population in 1911 was 1933 in the civil and 2218 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Vergers: Edward Farbery

Standlynch, Charlton All Saints, and Redlynch are parishes formed from Downton, and will be found under separate headings.

Post, M O T and Telephonic Express Delivery Office: Thomas Daniel Matthews, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 5.40am & 1.45pm, delivered at 6.30 and 11am & 2.20pm, dispatched at 11.5 & 7.30 & 8.5pm, Sundays, delivered at 6.30am, dispatched at 7.15pm.

Post Office, Cross Roads: William Moody, sub-postmaster; delivered at 8am and 2.20pm, Sundays, 8am, dispatched at 11.5am & 7.50pm, Sundays, 6.50pm. Downton is the nearest money order and Telegraph office.

Pillar Boxes: Downton station, cleared at 10.50am & 7.35pm, Sundays, 8.15am; Peacombe: cleared at 10.45am & 7.20pm, Sundays, 7.5pm.

Wall Box at Gravel Close: cleared at 11.10am & 7.50pm, Sundays, 7.20pm

County Police: Thomas Jones, sergeant in charge.

PUBLIC OFFICERS

Certifying Factory Surgeon & Medical Officer, and Public Vaccinator, No 3 district, Salisbury union, George William Whiteley LRCP Edin, MRCS Eng.

Clerk to the Parish Council and Assistant Overseer: Ernest George Godwin.

Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages, Downton sub-district, and Relieving & Vaccination Officer, No 2 district, Salisbury union: Frederick David Trapnell.

SCHOOLS

Elementary School, erected in 1895, for 170 boys and 80 girls and 88 infants: John Northover, master, John Walter Ford, assistant master, Misses K Warren, H Oliphant, & F Fanstone, assistant mistresses.

Elementary School, (girls & infants), with residence for mistress, built in 1846 for 230 children: Miss Caroline Hooker, mistress.

Infant, Morgan's Vale: built in 1869: Mrs L Adcock, mistress.

Railway station: Alfred F Gibson, stationmaster

Carriers to Salisbury: Eastman, Harrington, Webb & Shergold: Tues, Thurs & Sat.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bonvalor	Antoine St Laurent			Wick House
Collier	John Howard			
Collins	George			The Vinery
Coombes	A H	Reverend, BA	Primitive Methodist	The Manse, Woodfalls
Dickenson	Lentall Greville	Reverend	Vicar	Vicarage
Francis	Owen Lyall	Major		Hill House
Graves	Adolphus Edward Paget	Hon.		Headlands
Hart	Ernest Harry Iden	Reverend	Curate	The Parsonage
Jones	Thomas R			Meadowside
Lethbridge	Hugh Copland Baron	Reverend MA	St Birinus	Vicarage
Main		Mrs		Springfield House
Manning		Miss		Tower House, Woodfalls
Read		Mrs		New House
Shortt	Sansmare Dobree	Major		The Warren
Smith	Walter William Marriott	Colonel		Fairfield
Taunton	Henry Percy	JP, CC.		
Taunton	John William			Pacombe Farm
West		Mrs		Moot Villa

Whiteley	George William			Hamilton House
Witt		Miss		Headlands Cottage
Wrottesley		Commander		

Traders (early closing day, Wednesday)

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Aylett Bros	Butchers	
		Coppock & Son	Ironmongers	
		Downer & Bailey	Builders	
		Downton Petrol Air Gas Co Ltd		
		Harding & Son	Corn & Hay Merchants	
		Hickman Bros	Corn & Seed Merchants	Woodfalls (letters through Redlynch)
		Jones Bros	Butchers	
		Lloyds Bank Ltd	Wed & Fri, 11am-2.30pm	The Borough
		Palmer & Sons	Paper Makers	
		Southern Tanning Co Ltd		
		Wort & Way	Builders	
Alford	Andrew	& Son	Blacksmith	
Atkey	William	Trustees of	Brick Makers	Woodfalls
Aylett	George		Publican	White Horse Hotel
Barnes	Edward T		Publican	Old Inn, Woodfalls
Batten	Francis		Plumber	
Batten	Joseph		Coal Dealer	
Batten	Thomas		Builder	
Bishop	John		Blacksmith	
Brabrooke	Alfred Ernest		Butcher	
Brand	George		Shopkeeper	
Chalk	James		Beer Retailer	Morgan's Vale
Chalk	William		Timber Merchant	Woodfalls
Chalk	William		Wheelwright	
Cleave	James Milton		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Cooper	Mark		Carpenter	Morgan's Vale
Downer	Isaac		Hon. Secretary Unionist Club	
Durdle	Walter		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Eastman	Albert		Coal Dealer	
Eastman	George		Wicker Chair Makers	
Eastman	Henry		Wicker Chair Makers	
Elkins	Elizabeth	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Morgan's Vale
Fanstone	Edward		Harness Maker	
Fanstone	Rosa	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Frampton	Caleb R		Farmer	
Futcher	James		Tailor	
Godwin	Ernest George		Clerk to Parish Council & Asst Overseer	The Borough
Green	John		Timber Merchant	Woodfalls
Gwyer	Albert		Job Master	
Hall	Edmund James		Farmer	Moot Farm
Harrison	William Frank		Shopkeeper	Morgan's Vale
Harwood	Henry Buckland		Publican	Three Horseshoes Inn
Henderson	James		Boot Repairer	

Hickman	Jane E	Mrs	Cattle Dealer	
Holman	A	Mrs	Publican	The Bull Commercial Hotel
Hunt	Alfred		Farmer	Woodfalls
Hunt	Amos		Wheelwright	
Jenkins	John M		Plumber	
Jones	William		Baker & Grocer	
Langham	Ebenezer		Chemist	
Lodge	Walter Frank		Ladies' & Gents' Tailor	
Main	Edward		Farmer	New Court
Matthews	Daniel		Stationer & Post Office	
Mitchell	Charles		Builder	Woodfalls
Mitchell	James		Shoemaker	
Mitchell	Samuel		Grocer	
Mizzen	John Wilfred		Cycle Agent	
Moody	John		Chimney Sweep	
Morgan	Robert N		Hairdresser	
Morris	Samuel M		Decorator	
Newman	George		Shopkeeper	
Noyce		Mrs	Shirt Maker	
Parrott	Kate	Mrs		New Inn
Philpott	John Philip		Cycle Maker	
Plaskett	Edward		Tailor	
Porter	Frank		Plumber	
Smith	Herbert		Hon. Secretary Unionist Club	
Smith	Thomas		Wheelwright	
Smith	William		Publican	Kings Arms PH
Spreadbury	Frederick		Blacksmith	Woodfalls
Stevens	E	& Co	Drapers	
Stevens	E	& Co	Grocers	
Stevens	Edith	Miss	Ironmonger	
Taunton	John William		Farmer	Pacombe Farm
Taylor	Frank			Parsonage Farm
Trapnell	Frederick David		Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages	
Warner	Mark		Timber Merchant	
Warren	Ernest George		Farmer	Wick Farm
Weekes	H James		Timber Merchant	Morgan's Vale
Whiteley	George William		Provident Dispensary	
Whiteley	George William		Medical Officer etc.	
Woodford	E J	& Co	Grocers & Bakers	
Woodford	John		Draper	
Woodford	Mary J	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Wookey	Charles		Farmer	