



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Erlestoke

ERLESTOKE is a parish and small and very pretty village on the road from Westbury to Devizes, 2.5 miles west from Lavington, on the London and Weymouth line, 2.5 miles east from Edington on the on the Westbury and Patney branch, and 7 miles north-east from Westbury station, on the Salisbury branch of the Great Western railway, and 7 south-west from Devizes, in the Eastern division of the county, Melksham hundred, Devizes petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Potterne, (Potterne portion), archdeaconry of Wilts, and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Saviour, rebuilt in 1880, at the cost of the late Lady Hannah Charlotte Watson-Taylor, is in stone in the Perpendicular style, from designs by the late G E Street, esq RA and consists of chancel, nave, transepts, vestry and a central embattled tower, with pointed roof, containing 6 bells; there are sittings for 150 persons. The register dates from the year 1681. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £185, including 38.5 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of George Simon Arthur Watson-Taylor esq, and held since 1902 by the Rev. Henry Stewart Travers, of Trinity College, Dublin. The vicarage was erected in 1880 at the cost of the late S Watson-Taylor esq, and his eldest son. Erlestoke Park is the seat of George Simon Arthur Watson-Taylor esq MA, DL, JP, lord of the manor and principal landowner: the mansion is of stone in the Classic style and occupying a lofty position facing the north, commands an extensive view of woodland scenery; to the south is the long elevated range of the Salisbury Plain: the park of 260 acres is well-timbered and stocked with deer: the pleasure grounds extend over 40 acres and contain a succession of lakes and cascades. The soil is varied; in the southern part, it is chalk; middle part, greensand; and northern part, loam and clay. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats; the area is 2041 acres of land and 13 of water, rateable value £2223: the population in 1911 was 229.

Parish Clerk: James Brown

Post M O & T Office: Albert William Fox, sub-postmaster. Letters by messenger through Littleton Panell, Wilts, arrive at 7.25am & 4.35pm, dispatched at 8am & 6.25pm, 9am on Sundays.

Elementary School (mixed) enlarged in 1893 for 65 children, Miss Gertrude Legge, mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Travers	Henry Stewart	Reverend	Vicar	Vicarage
Watson-Taylor	George Simon A	MA DL JP		Erlestoke Park (letters thro' Devizes)

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ball	Albert		Farmer	Pudnell Farm
Bourne	Harry		Farmer	Manor Farm
Collett	William Frederick		Baker	
Fox	Albert William		Shopkeeper & Post Office	
Hampton	Herbert		Farmer	
James	Edward		Publican	George Inn
Richardson	Arthur		Gardener to GSA Watson-Taylor	
Short	James		Foreman to GSA Watson-Taylor	