



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Grafton



GRAFTON is a small village, formed under the provisions of the "Local Government Act 1894" (56 and 57 Vict. Ch73), it having been formed into an ecclesiastical parish, from Great Bedwyn, in 1844. It comprises East Grafton, West Grafton, Marton, Wilton, Wexcombe, Wulfhall, and part of Kinwardstone. Wexcombe, (the property of Kenneth Alexander MacAndrew esq, 1707 acres in extent), 3 miles south from Great Bedwyn, is included in this parish. The parish is in the Eastern division of the county, Kinwardstone hundred, Marlborough petty sessional division, Hungerford union and county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough, (Pewsey portion), archdeaconry of Wilts, and diocese of Salisbury. East Grafton has a station on the Midland & South Western Junction railway, and is about 7 miles south-east from Marlborough, and 8 south-west from Hungerford. The church of St Nicholas at East Grafton, is a modern stone building in the Norman style, consists of chancel, nave of 4 bays, west porch, aisles, and a western tower, containing a peel of 5 tubular bells, hung in commemoration of the coronation of Edward VII, 1902; there are 400 sittings. The register dates from the year 1844. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value, £194, in the gift of the vicar of Great Bedwyn, and held since 1915 by the Rev. Ernest Andrew Stafford Young MA of Cambridge University. There is a Wesleyan chapel at Wilton, and Primitive Methodist chapels at Wexcombe and West Grafton. Wulfhall, or Wolf Hall was the ancient seat of the Seymours or St Maurs, one of whom, Sir John Seymour, who died in 1536, had 3 children, all of whom became remarkable, viz. Jane Seymour, Queen of Henry VIII, Edward Seymour, the Protector, beheaded; and Admiral Thomas Seymour, who married Katherine Parr, widow of Henry VIII, and was subsequently also beheaded; Jane Seymour was married at Wulfhall in 1536, and Henry VIII and his entire court visited Wulfhall in 1539. The hall is now occupied by George Kindersley Wasey esq. The principal landowners are the Marquess of Ailesbury, Charles Fanshawe esq, and Kenneth Alexander MacAndrew esq. The area is 5927 acres, rateable value £5053: the population in 1911 was 684.

WEXCOMBE, 2 miles south-east, a hamlet in the parish of Grafton, is an extensive estate with manor house and downs with considerable sheep stock, and is the property of Kenneth Alexander MacAndrew esq, who also owns the manorial rights. Wexcombe House is now (1915) unoccupied. There is a mission church here in which services are conducted by the vicar. Here are several barrows.

Parish Clerk: Elijah Lovelock

Post M O & T Office, East Grafton: Thomas J Davis, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Marlborough; delivered 7.30am & 2.15pm; box closes 9.35am & 12.5 and 6.40pm weekdays, Sundays, 11.15am

Wall Letter Box, nr East Grafton station: cleared 6.45pm, Sundays 11.30am.

Post Office, Wilton: Mrs Emily A Hoare, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Marlborough at 7.35am and 2.30pm, Sundays, 8am; dispatched at 11.50am & 6.40pm, Sunday 11.10am. East Grafton is the nearest money order and telegraph office, 1.25 miles distant.

Wall Boxes: Marten, cleared at 11.30am & 6.25pm, Sundays, 10.50am. Wexcombe, cleared at 9.20am & 6.15pm, Sundays, 10.35am

Elementary School (mixed) East Grafton: built in 1840 for 120 children. John W Dowson, master.

Midland & South Western Junction railway station, Grafton: R Gillett, station master.

Carriers: Frederick Beavis, from Crofton to Marlborough, sat, and to Hungerford, wed

Gentry/Private Residents - Grafton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bell	Wilberforce	Capt		The White House
Wasey	George Kindersley			Wolf Hall
Young	Ernest Andrew Stafford	Reverend, MA	Vicar	vicarage

Traders - Grafton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Astley & Norris	Saddlers & Harness Makers	
Booy	Lewis		Farmer	
Davis	Thomas J		Grocer & Post Office	
Foord	Benjamin		Farmer	
		Gauntlet & Co	Farmers	Manor Farm
Gent	Frederick		Farmer	Wolf Hall (letters through Burbage)
Smith	Frank Henri		Baker	

Traders - Marten

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Adams	William		Farmer	
Crees	Henry		Farmer	
Grace	William James			Nag's Head PH

Traders – West Grafton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Hope	David		Haulier	
Norris	William		Farmer	
Pearce	Hubert		Farmer	

Gentry/Private Residents - Wexcombe

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
MacAndrew	Kenneth Alexander			Wexcombe Manor

Traders - Wexcombe

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Marsh	George		Farm Bailiff to K A MacAndrew esq	
Roles	John		Blacksmith	
Vine	C		Electrical Engineer	

Gentry/Private Residents - Wilton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ackland	Henry			
Baxter		Miss		
Cousins	Henry			
Guyatt		Mrs		Victoria House
Hilliard		Miss		

Traders - Wilton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bravery	Arthur			Swan PH
Edwards	Augustus	Mrs	Farmer	Manor Farm
Hoare	Emily A	Mrs	Grocer & Baker	Post Office
Hooper	Bertram		Farmer	
Lewis	John		Farmer	Bank Farm
Rutt	Mary Ann	Mrs	Baker	
Sheppard	Laura	Miss	Boot Dealer	
Sheppard	Thomas		Blacksmith	