



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915

## Great Bedwyn



**GREAT BEDWYN** is an ancient borough, large village and parish, completely surrounded by forest and woodland, and extending to the Berkshire border, with a station on the Newbury and Bath section of the Great Western railway, 7 miles south-east from Marlborough, 5 miles south-west from Hungerford and 66 from London, in Kinwardstone hundred, petty sessional division of Marlborough and Hungerford, Hungerford union and county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough (Pewsey portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The Wansdyke passes through the parish, and the Kennet and Avon canal flows through the north-east part. The church of St Mary is a building of stone of the Late Norman period, and consists of chancel with aisles, nave of four bays, north and south transepts, and an embattled central tower containing a clock and 6 bells: in the south transept is an ancient monument, with recumbent figure of Sir Adam de Stokke, and in the chancel is a fine altar tomb, with recumbent effigy, to Sir John Seymour, father of Lady Jane Seymour, ob. 1536, and a brass with effigy to John Seymour, brother of Lady Jane, ob. 1510: there are memorial windows to Sir Thomas Fellowes knt. and to George John, lieut. 14<sup>th</sup> Hussars, son of Ernest, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marquess of Ailesbury, d. 1868: the east window was filled with stained glass by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marquess, in memory of his father: the west window by the 5<sup>th</sup> Marquess to his father: the church was restored in 1854, at the cost of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marquess of Ailesbury and parishioners, and affords 500 sittings. The register dates from the year 1538. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £192, with residence, in the gift of the Marquess of Ailesbury, and held since 1905 by the Rev Joseph Reed MA of St John's College, Cambridge (late chaplain RN). Here is a Wesleyan chapel. A charity of 310 yearly, for apprenticing boys born within the limits of the parish, was left by Sir Anthony Hungerford, in 1694: Cox's charity of £8, for educating poor children in the parish, is derived from land. A pleasure fair is held on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of July. The Marquess of Ailesbury is lord of the manor and sole landowner. The soil is chalk and clay; subsoil, green sand. The chief crops are wheat, barley etc. The area is 4,007 acres; rateable value, £5,013; the population in 1911 was 880 in the civil and 720 in the ecclesiastical parish.

**Parish Clerk:** Rev Joseph Reed MA

**Sexton:** J Taylor

**East and West Grafton**, together with Marten, Wilton, Wexcombe, Wolfhall and part of Kingwardstone, formerly in this parish, have been formed into a civil parish, and will be found under the heading of East and West Grafton.

**Post, MO & T Office, Great Bedwyn:** (closed 1pm Thursday), Mrs Fanny Abery, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Hungerford at 7.50am & 3.30pm; dispatched at 11.10am & 5.40pm & 7.45pm; Sundays 1.50am & delivered at 7.45am

**Wall Letter Box, Crofton:** cleared at 8.20am & 5.15pm; Sundays 8.45am

**County Police:** George Matthews, sergeant

**Elementary School** (mixed), built in 1835, for 190 children; Edward George Drew, master

**Great Western Railway Station:** Lawrence Forsey, station master

**Carriers:** Marlborough, Bevis, Tues., Fri. & Sat. & Kimber, sat; Hungerford, Kimber & Bevis, Wed.

## Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Blaine	Delabere P			Stoke House
Bryant		Miss		
Egerton		Mrs		The Croft
Finlay	William			Fairway
Fowle		Miss		
Fraser	Elias	MD		
Lewin	Mortimer			
Notton	Alfred George			Shamrock Lo
Pole	Edward Robert			
Prince		Mrs		The Corner House
Reed	Joseph	Reverend RN, MA, JP	Vicar	
Richens		Mrs		
Wentworth	Norman King			

## Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Alexander Bros	Coal Merchants	The Wharf
Ailing	William B			Cross Keys PH
Betteridge	Arthur William		Wheelwright	
Betteridge	George		Thrashing Machine Proprietor	
Briant	Basil A		Butcher	
Drew	Edward George		Tax collector & Schoolmaster	
Edwards	Charles Henry		Farmer	Crofton
Evans	William John		Grocer	
Fraser	Elias	MD Edin	Surgeon & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator to Great Bedwyn District	Hungerford & Ramsbury Union
French	William		Farmer	
Hart	George		Blacksmith	
Hawkins	Charles William		Brickmaker	The Downs
Kerr	Arthur B		Farmer	Manor Farm
Liddall	Charles		Plumber	
Lloyd	Benjamin Uriah		Monumental Mason	
Lloyd	William Alfred		Baker	Three Tuns PH
Nash	William		Cycle Agent	
Neale	Henry		Shopkeeper	
Phillips	Ernest		Cycle Agent	
Pothecary	Henry Charles		Farmer	Crofton
Powell	William		Fishmonger	
Saunders	Albert		Boot Maker	
Shefford	James		Carpenter	
Skippence	James		Shopkeeper	
Smallbones	Charles Emerson		Farmer	
Smart	Henry		Butcher	
Stone	George		Farmer	Bewley Farm
Thomas	James Cope		Grocer	
Wells	Henry		Coal Dealer	
Wootton	Fred		Boot Maker	