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The Lloyd Family - Monumental Sculptors

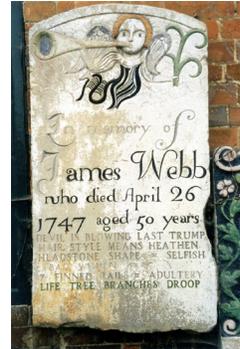
Lloyd's was established in 1790, and (among many other activities) was involved in the construction of the canal and built the 1835 Great Bedwyn school.

The Lloyd family arrived in Great Bedwyn from Wales in the late eighteenth century and, after well over 200 years, are still the village stone masons. Their work has gained wide recognition over the years and they are famed for their statue of Queen Victoria outside Buckingham Palace. The yard is a virtual open air museum of their work as can be seen from the picture below.



Some of the inscriptions on their work are very amusing as can be seen from the following examples:-

In Memory Of
James Webb
Who died April 26
1747 aged 50 years
DEVIL IS BLOWING LAST TRUMPET
HAIR STYLE MEANS HEATHEN
HEADSTONE SHAPE = SELFISH
BAD WOMEN
7 FINNED TAIL = ADULTERY
LIFE TREE BRANCHES DROOP



Another inscription to the memory of probably a pork butcher reads:-

HERE LIES JOHN HIGGS
A FAMOUS MAN FOR KILLING PIGS
FOR KILLING PIGS WAS HIS DELIGHT
BOTH MORNING AFTERNOON AND NIGHT
BOTH HEATS AND COLDS HE DID ENDURE
WHICH NO PHYSICIAN COULD ERE CURE
HIS KNIFE IS LAID HIS WORK IS DONE
I HOPE TO HEAVEN HIS SOULD HAS GONE



Finally an inscription to the memory of a local blacksmith:-

MY SLEDGE AND HAMMER LIE RECLINED
MY BELLOWS THEY HAVE LOST THEIR WIND
MY FIRE IS EXTINGCT - MY FORGE DECAYED
AND IN THE DUST MY VICE IS LAYED
MY COALS ARE SPENT - MY IRON IS GONE
MY NAILS ARE DRIVEN MY WORK IS DONE
MY FIRE-DRIED CORPSE LIES HERE AT REST
MY SOUL WEL SMOKED SOARS TO BE BLEST



The Post Office building next door to the masons yard is also decorated with several examples of Lloyds work.



The business closed in 2009.