



# Post Office Directory Extract 1855

## Great Bedwyn



**Great Bedwin** - is township, parish, and very small market town, in Kinwardstone Hundred, Hungerford Union, South Wilts., completely surrounded by forest and woodland, situated 7 miles south-east of Marlborough, 5 south-west of Hungerford, 66 from London, containing a population of 2,193. The acreage is 9,599 belonging, with the exception of about 2,008 acres, to the Marquis of Ailesbury. There is an old-fashioned market-house, now not used; the corn market, for samples is held at the Three Tuns Inn every Tuesday; there is a pleasure fair on the 26th and 27th of July. The Kennet and Avon canal runs through the north-east part, over which a bridge is thrown. The tithings of **Crofton, Marton, Wexcombe, East and West Grafton, and Wilton** are included in this parish. **Tottenham Park**, the seat of the Marquis of Ailesbury and Lord Bruce, and **Savernake**, the seat of the Hon. Charles B., Bruce are in this locality, surrounded by the forest and plantations extending for many miles abounding with deer and game. The church is a plain structure, principally of flint, with square tower. The living is a vicarage, in the patronage of the Marquis of Ailesbury, value £212, and incumbency of the Rev. William Collings Lukis, M.A. There is a National school well supported, and Cox's Charity, a small endowment. **Wolf Hall**, the birthplace of the Seymour family, is 2 miles south-west.

Wansdyke passes through the parish. Crofton is 1½ miles south-west; Brook Street, half a mile east; Broll, half a mile south-east; Folly, 1 mile south-east; Castle Hill, 1½ miles south; Harding, 2 miles south-east; Wilton, 2½ miles south; Sutton, 3 miles south-west; Dufley, 2½ miles south-west; Steep Green, 3 miles south-west; Stoke 1 mile west; Combreach, 2 miles north-west; Knowle, 3 miles north-west; Haws Hill, 2 miles north-west; Leigh Hill, 3 miles west.

POST OFFICE - John Wooldridge, receiver. Letters arrive by mail cart from Marlborough at 8 a.m.; dispatched at 5 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Hungerford.

CHURCH - Rev. William Collings Lukis, M.A. vicar and rural dean; William Bond Jones, clerk

NATIONAL SCHOOL - William Bond Jones, master; Mrs. Mary Ann Talbot, mistress

INSURANCE AGENT - *Phoenix*, J. Wooldridge

CARRIER - Charles Smart, to Newbury, every Thursday; to Marlborough every Saturday.

### **EAST & WEST GRAFTON**

CHURCH - Rev. John Dryden Hodgson, perpetual curate

NATIONAL SCHOOL (Boys & Girls) - William Prewett, master

## GENTRY

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ailesbury		Marquis of		Tottenham Park
Bruce	Charles Brudenell	Earl		Savernake
Bruce	Ernest Augustus	Lord, M.P.		Tottenham Park
Fisher		Mrs.		Wolf Hall
Hawkins	William	Mr.		Wexcombe
Lukis	William Collings	Rev., M.A.	Vicar & Rural Dean	
Miles	John	Mr.		Wexcombe
Miller	William Henry	Esq.		
Price		Mrs.		Wolf Hall
Thatcher	Amelia	Miss		
Thatcher	Elizabeth	Miss		
Thatcher	Mary Ann	Miss		

## TRADERS (GREAT BEDWYN)

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Abery	James		Carpenter	
Abery	Thomas		Carpenter	
Beckingham	Francis		Publican	Nags Head
Brown	Thomas J. E.		Surgeon	
Carter	Philip		Farmer	Crofton
Carter	Robert		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Dobson	David		Tailor	Wexcombe
Edwards	Elisha		Farmer	Harding Farm
Edwards	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Farmer	Crofton
Ettwell	William		Farmer	Sudden Farm
Evans	William		Tailor	
Goodman	John		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Hatton	Isaac		Shopkeeper & Coal Merchant	
Hawkins	Charles		Bricklayer	
Hill	George		Watch & Clock Maker	
Hill	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
Jones	William Bond		National Schoolmaster & Parish Clerk	
Knapp	George		Blacksmith	
Lidderdale	James		Surgeon	
Lloyd	John		Stonemason	
Lovelock	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
May	Phoebe	Mrs.	Farmer & Coal Dealer	
Neale	Henry		Publican	Three Tuns
Pike	James		Baker & Maltster	
Potter	Thomas		Farmer	
Sawyer	John		Shopkeeper	
Sawyer	Thomas		Shopkeeper, Maltster & Farmer	
Self	Henry		Farmer	
Shefford	Thomas		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Sheppard	William		Farmer	

Smallbones	James		Butcher	
Smallbones	John		Publican	White Hart
Smart	Charles		Carrier	
Talbot	Mary Ann	Mrs.	National School Mistress	
Wooldridge	Charles Emerson		Publican & Maltster	Cross Keys
Wooldridge	John		Land Surveyor & Post Master	

## MARTON

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barns	Isaac		Publican	Nags Head
Selfe	H.		Farmer	

## WEXCOMBE (TRADERS)

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Harris	J.		Blacksmith	
Hawkins	W.		Farmer	
Miles	J.		Farmer	

## WILTON

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Edwards		Mrs.		

## WILTON (TRADERS)

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barnes	John		Miller	
Batt	Harriet	Mrs.	Farmer	
Carter	Tabitha	Mrs.	Farmer	
Davis	Henry		Shopkeeper & Carrier	
Edwards	Frederick		Farmer	
Rose	Henry		Publican & Blacksmith	Swan Inn

## EAST & WEST GRAFTON

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	John		Horse Breaker	West Grafton
Carter	James		Farmer	East Grafton
Cooper	Daniel		Farmer	West Grafton
Goddard	David		Farmer	West Grafton
Haywood			Farmer	East Grafton
Hodgson	John Dryden	Rev.	Perpetual Curate	
Jackman	Jacob		Shopkeeper	East Grafton
Jackman	John		Blacksmith	East Grafton
Norris	James		Saddler	East Grafton
Prewett	William		National Schoolmaster	East Grafton
Stagg	Thomas		Farmer	East Grafton