



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Great Bedwyn

Great Bedwyn is a large village, parish and ancient borough, and polling place for the Southern division of the county, in Kinwardstone hundred, Hungerford union and county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts and rural deanery of Marlborough, completely surrounded by forest and woodland, situated 7 miles south-east from Marlborough, 5 south-west from Hungerford and 66 from London. The Berks and Hants extension railway has a station here. The Wansdyke passes through the parish.

The church of St Mary is of Late Norman architecture, and consists of chancel with chancel aisles, nave, north and south transepts, and tower containing 6 bells and clock. It was restored in 1854, at the cost of the Marquis of Ailesbury and parishioners. In the south transept is an ancient monument, with recumbent figure. 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 plate, with engraved effigy to John Seymour, brother of Lady Jane, ob 1510. There is a stained glass window on the north side, given by Lord Ernest Bruce, in 1873, in memory of his son, Mr George Bruce. The register dates from 1538. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £212, in the patronage of the Marquis of Ailesbury, and held by the Rev. Thomas Luck Kingsbury, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge.

There is a National school which has an endowment of £8 per annum from Cox's charity. There is also a small charity of £10 per annum for apprenticing boys born within the limits of the borough.

A pleasure fair is held on the 26th and 27th of July. The Kennet and Avon canal runs through the north-east part of the parish. Wulfhall or Wolf Hall, 2 miles south-west, was an ancient seat of the Seymours, or St Maurs, one of whom, Sir John Seymour, who died in 1536, had three children, all of whom became remarkable---viz Jane Seymour, Queen of HenryVIII; Edward Seymour, the Protector, beheaded; and Admiral Thomas Seymour, likewise beheaded, who married Katharine Parr, widow of Henry VIII. Jane Seymour was married at Wulfhall in 1536. Henry VIII, and his entire Court, visited Wulfhall in 1539.

The Marquis of Ailesbury is lord of the manor and sole landowner.

The soil is clay; subsoil, chalk and green sand. The chief crops are wheat, barley &c.

The area is 10,420 acres; gross estimated rental, £12,207; rateable value, £10,938; and the population in 1871 was 2,068.

PARISH CLERK Charles Smith Castell

East and West Grafton are hamlets in this parish, but formed into a separate ecclesiastical parish in 1844, together with **Marten, Wilton, Wexcombe, Wolf Hall** and part of **Kinwardstone**, 3 miles south-west from Great Bedwyn station.

The church of St Nicholas, at East Grafton, is in the Norman style, the site and endowment of which were given by the Marquis of Ailesbury. The living is a vicarage, yearly value about £100, in the gift of the vicar of Great Bedwyn, and held by the Rev. George Stallard, M.A., of St John's College, Cambridge.

Here is a school on the National system, and there is a Wesleyan chapel, and a school at Wilton.

The principal landowners are the Marquis of Ailesbury, Rev. E Fanshawe, and R Tanner., esq.

The population in 1871 was 909.

PARISH CLERK George Goddard

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POST & MONEY ORDER OFFICE & Savings Bank, Great Bedwyn John Lloyd Postmaster
 Letters arrive from Hungerford at 8.20 am.; dispatched at 5.15 pm.

POST OFFICE, East Grafton Thomas Doggett Receiver
 Letters for East & West Grafton, Wilton, Marten, Wexcombe & Crofton arrive from
 Marlborough, through Burbage, delivered 7.15 am.; box closes 6.25 pm. week days, 10 am. Sundays.
 The nearest telegraph & money order office is at Burbage.

INSURANCE AGENTS Imperial Union J Drew
 Phoenix Fire R Neale
 Sovereign Life T Hill

REGISTRAR of BIRTHS & DEATHS Edward Chapman

SCHOOLS National Charles Smith Castell Master
 Mrs Mary Ann Talbot Mistress
 National, East Grafton William S Tregear Master
 Mrs Tregear Mistress
 Infant Miss Choules Mistress

RAILWAY STATION & TELEGRAPH OFFICE James Drew Station master

CARRIERS William Newport from East Grafton to Marlborough Saturday
 from East Grafton to Hungerford Wednesday
 Thomas Bartholomew from East Grafton to Marlborough Saturday

Great Bedwyn Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Edmeades	Matthew R	Rev., M.A.	Curate	
Fowle		Mrs		
Kingsbury	Thomas Luck	Rev., M.A.	Vicar	
Lidderdale	James			
Lidderdale	James	Jun.		
Sheppard		Miss		Manor farm
Thatcher		Miss		

Great Bedwyn Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Abery	Thomas Peaty		Carpenter & builder	
Bartholomew	Thomas		Baker & carrier	
Chapman	Edward		Registrar of Births & Deaths, Hungerford district	
Dobson	David		Tailor	
Evans	William		Grocer & draper	
Gerard	George Richens		Chemist, druggist & grocer	
Goodman	John		Boot & shoe maker	
Hatton	Harriet	Mrs	Shopkeeper & coal merchant	
Hawkins	Charles		Bricklayer & brick maker	
Humphries	James		Blacksmith	
Knapp	Charles		Blacksmith	
Liddall	William		Plumber, painter &c.	
Lidderdale	James		Surgeon	
Lidderdale	James	Jun.	Surgeon & medical officer, 2 nd district of Hungerford union	
Lloyd	John		Stone mason & post office	
Lovelock	James		Shopkeeper	
May	Ann	Mrs	Farmer & coal dealer	
Neale	Richard		Maltster, brewer & inland revenue officer	Cross Keys

Pocock	Samuel Tuckwell		Farmer	
Potter	Nevins Thomas		Farmer	
Sawyer	William & Edwin		Farmers, maltsters, bakers & drapers	
Shefford	Thomas		Boot & shoe maker	
Smallbones	James		Butcher & farmer	
Smallbones	John			<i>Three Tuns</i>
Vincent	John B		Farmer	Harding farm

Crofton Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bevis	Edward		Farmer	
Carter	Peter		Farmer	
Davis	Henry		Shopkeeper	
Edwards	Charles		Farmer	
Tucker	M		Farmer	

Marten Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Birch	Joseph			<i>Nag's Head</i>
Farmer	George		Carpenter	
Selfe	Henry		Farmer	

Wexcombe Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Miles	John			
Dixon	Ishmael		Blacksmith	
May	William		Farmer	
Miles	William Good		Farmer	

Wilton Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barnes	John		Miller & shopkeeper	
Batt	Harriett	Mrs	Farmer	
Carter	Adelaide	Mrs	Farmer & maltster	
Colthurst, Symons		& Co.	Brick, tile & pottery works (William Symons, manager)	Dodsdown yard
Cumner	John	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Edwards	Charlotte	Mrs	Farmer	Manor farm
Goddard	David		Boot & shoe maker	
Harper	Edward		Tailor	
Kingston	James		Carpenter	
Lewis	Frederick		Farmer	
Munday	Frederick		Farmer & horse dealer	
Shefford	James		Carpenter	<i>Swan</i>
Shepherd	James		Blacksmith	

East Grafton Private Resident

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Stallard	George	Rev., M.A.	Vicar	

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Adams	James		Boot & shoe maker	
Astley	Ann	Mrs	Saddler & harness maker	
Butler	William		Farmer	
Carter	Elizabeth	Mrs	Farmer	
Dancy	Zahulon		Shopkeeper	
Doggett	Thomas		Grocer & post office	
Ettwell	William		Farmer	Suddan farm
Goddard	George		Carpenter	
Jackman	John		Blacksmith	
Price	Sarah	Mrs	Farmer	Wolfhall
Lavington	Henry		Farmer	
Newport	William		Carrier	

West Grafton Commercial

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Goddard	David		Farmer	
Norris	Thomas		Farmer	