



# Swindon & District Directory Extract 1928



## Great Bedwyn

An ancient borough in the Devizes Division of Wilts, Union and County Court District of Hungerford, Petty Sessional Division of Marlborough, and Diocese of Salisbury, Great Bedwyn is 7 miles from Marlborough and 5 from Hungerford. There is a station on the G.W.R. The Wansdyke passes through the parish. The register of the Church of St. Mary dates from 1538, and the living is a vicarage of the net yearly value of £392, in the gift of the Marquis of Ailesbury. There are a Wesleyan Chapel and a School. There is an annual pleasure fair on July 26th and 27th. The Marquis of Ailesbury is Lord of the Manor and sole landowner. Area, 4.007 acres; rateable value , £5.434; population in 1921, 824. There is a Money Order and Telegraph Office in the parish, and a Telephone Exchange at the Post Office. Letters arrive from Hungerford at 7.40 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.; despatches at 11.10 a.m. and 5.40 and 7.45 p.m. weekdays . The Post Office closes at 1 pm. on Thursdays; telegrams are then delivered from Shalbourne.

WOLFHALL is 2 miles south west.  
VICAR – Rev. T. P. Clarke  
SCHOOL MASTER – E. G. Drew

POSTMISTRESS – Mrs. Bance

### Gentry/Private Residents

| Surname    | Given Names | Title       | Industry/Occupation      | Place/Parish                 |
|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bennett    |             | Mrs.        | Assistant Schoolmistress |                              |
| Betteridge | G.          |             |                          |                              |
| Bevan      | E. H.       |             |                          | Harding Farm                 |
| Boltwood   | H.          |             |                          | The Castle                   |
| Booth      | S.          |             |                          | Stoke House                  |
| Bryant     |             | Miss        |                          | Forest Lane                  |
| Clarke     | T. P.       | Rev.        |                          | Vicarage                     |
| Cope       | A. E.       |             |                          | Stokke Common                |
| Drew       | E. G.       |             | School Master            |                              |
| Edwards    | F.          |             |                          | Manor Farm, Wilton           |
| Egerton    |             | Mrs.        |                          | The Croft                    |
| Finlay     |             | Mr. Justice |                          | Fairway                      |
| Forsey     | L.          |             | Station Master           |                              |
| Fraser     | E.          | Dr.         |                          |                              |
| Gigg       | A. W.       |             |                          | Station Road                 |
| Gigg       | J.          |             |                          | York Road                    |
| Kerr       | A, B.       |             |                          | Manor Farm                   |
| Pearce     | W.          |             | Police Sergeant          |                              |
| Pole       | E. R.       |             |                          | Church Street                |
| Pole       | E. R.       | Mrs., Sen.  |                          | Church Street                |
| Prince     |             | Mrs.        |                          |                              |
| Salter     | E. E.       |             |                          | Karratta Cottage,<br>Crofton |
| Smith      | G.          |             |                          | The Old Hall                 |
| Stone      | G.          |             |                          | Bewley Farm                  |
| Tosh       | N.          |             | Head gardener            | Council Houses               |

### Traders

| Surname   | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|-----------|-------------|-------|---------------------|--------------|
| Bance     |             | Mrs.  | Postmistress        |              |
| Barthomew | S.          |       | Carpenter           |              |

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|-------------------|-------|------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Betteridge</b> | A. W. |      | Carpenter & Undertaker         |                |
| <b>Briant</b>     | A. A. |      | Rate Collector                 |                |
| <b>Butler</b>     | W. H. |      | Grocer                         |                |
| <b>Callaway</b>   | M.    |      |                                | Cross keys Inn |
| <b>Cranstone</b>  | A.    |      | Coal & Seed merchant           | The Wharf      |
| <b>Davis</b>      | A. G. |      | Motor engineer                 |                |
| <b>Edwards</b>    | C.    |      | Farmer                         | Crofton        |
| <b>Edwards</b>    | S.    |      | Farmer                         | Crofton        |
| <b>Evans</b>      | F.    |      | Grocer and Draper              |                |
| <b>French</b>     | W.    |      | Farmer                         | Brail          |
| <b>Hart</b>       | G.    |      | Blacksmith                     |                |
| <b>Hawkins</b>    | C. W. |      | Farmer and Brickmaker          | Merle Down     |
| <b>Hooper</b>     | B.    |      | Farmer                         | Wilton         |
| <b>Hosier</b>     | F.    |      | Farmer                         | Brail          |
| <b>Hunt</b>       | C.    |      | Bricklayer                     |                |
| <b>Jordan</b>     | -     |      |                                | Three Tuns Inn |
| <b>Kimber</b>     | J.    |      | Farmer                         | Crofton        |
| <b>Liddall</b>    | C.    |      | Plumber, Painter, &c.          |                |
| <b>Liddiard</b>   | A.    |      | Farmer                         |                |
| <b>Lloyd</b>      | J.    |      | Stone Mason                    |                |
| <b>Phillips</b>   | E.    |      | Watercress Grower              |                |
| <b>Powell</b>     | W.    |      | General Dealer                 |                |
| <b>Pothecary</b>  | H. C. |      | Farmer                         | Crofton        |
| <b>Saunders</b>   | A.    |      | Boot and Shoemaker             |                |
| <b>Scott</b>      | J.    |      | Grocer                         |                |
| <b>Shefford</b>   |       | Mrs. | Agent for "North Wilts Herald" |                |
| <b>Smallbones</b> | C. E. |      | Draper                         |                |
| <b>Smart</b>      | G.    |      | Farmer                         |                |
| <b>Smith</b>      | W. G. |      | Butcher                        |                |
| <b>Stone</b>      | G. H. |      | Farmer                         | Bedwyn Common  |
| <b>Vines</b>      | F.    |      | Farmer                         | Wilton         |
| <b>Wells</b>      | H.    |      | Coal Merchant                  |                |
| <b>Wootton</b>    | F.    |      | Boot & Shoe repairer           |                |