

Wishford (or Great Wishford) is a parish and village within the parliamentary borough of Wilton, and station on the Great Western railway, on the Wylye stream, in the Southern division of the county, Branch and Dole hundred, Wilton union, Salisbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Wylye, 3 miles north from Wilton, 6 north-west from Salisbury and 102 from London.

The church of St Giles was completely restored in 1861. It consists of chancel, nave, and aisles and has a square embattled tower with eight pinnacles and 5 bells. It contains a very handsome monument to Sir Richard Grubham and also one to Sir Thomas Bonham and his wife dated 1469. The earliest register bears the date 1558. The living is a rectory, gross yearly value £430, with residence and 13 acres of glebe land, in the gift of the Earl of Pembroke, and held by the Rev. Edward Hill, M.A., of St Edmund Hall, Oxford.

The school, endowed by Sir R Howe with £72 yearly, is for the free education of 40 children. Sir Richard Grubham, formerly a lord of the manor, endowed in 1628 almshouses for 4 old men and a housekeeper, each inmate receiving 8s per week. £250 (now £392) were bequeathed by Daniel Oland, the interest of which is applied to binding apprentices and purchasing them tools, with an allowance of beef and bread to ten poor people at Christmas Eve. The late rector (Rev. F Williams) bequeathed, in 1857, £250, the interest to be bestowed upon ten poor people on Christmas Eve.

The Earl of Pembroke is lord of the manor and owns the entire parish.

The soil is gravel and chalk; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats.

The area is 598 acres; gross estimated rental, £2,488; rateable value, £2,222; and the population in 1871 was 381.

PARISH CLERK George Petty

POST OFFIC	Letter	Richard Scamell s arrive from Wilton at 7.30 earest money order office is	Receiver am.; delivered at 8 am.; dispatched at6 at Wilton.	.30 pm.
ENDOWED S	CHOOL	James Goodall Mrs Mary Goodall	Master Mistress	
RAILWAY ST	ATION	John Still	Stationmaster	
CARRIER	to Salisbury	Michael Petty	Tuesday & Saturday	

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Hill	Edward	Rev., M.A.	Rector	
Webb	Robert			

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Andrews	Thomas		Farmer	& at South Newton

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Cooper	William		Bricklayer	
Ewence	Josiah		Smith	
Ferris	John		Farmer	Little Wishford
Gouldon	George		Coal merchant	
Hayter	William		Blacksmith	
Higgins	Joseph		Farmer	
Saunders	Robert		Farmer & maltster	
Scamell	Henry		Tailor	
Scamell	Joseph		Carpenter & wheelwright	
Scamell	Richard		Shopkeeper & post office	
Shergold	Frederick			Royal Oak
Spender	Emma Amelia	Miss	Farmer	
Thatcher	James		Farmer	
Tatt	Francis		Butcher	
Young	Elizabeth	Mrs	Baker	

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