



# Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

## GRITTLETON



**GRITTLETON** is a parish and village on the road from Malmesbury to Chipping Sodbury, 3 miles south-west of Badminton station, 6 miles north-west from Chippenham station on the Swindon & Bath section of the Great Western railway, and 7 south-west from Malmesbury, in the North Western division of the county, hundred of Damerham North, Chippenham union, petty sessional division and county court district, and in the rural deanery of Chippenham, archdeaconry of North Wilts, and diocese of Bristol. The ancient Roman Road called the "Fosse Way", from Bath to Cirencester, skirts the parish on the north and west. The church of St Mary is an ancient structure, in the Norman, Early English and later styles, consisting of chancel, nave of 4 bays, aisles, porch, and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles containing 6 bells, rehung in 1888 at the expense of the late Sir John Neeld Bart, who also restored the church in 1865 entirely at his own cost: one new bell was added in 1906 at the expense of Lt Col Sir A D Neeld Bart: the stained eastern window is a memorial to Joseph Neeld esq, and there are other stained windows to Col & Mrs Boldero, Mrs Dickson, mother of Lady Neeld to Sir Algernon William Neeld Bart, (died 1900) and Lady Neeld (died 1901), widow of Sir John Neeld, 1<sup>st</sup> baronet, and to members of the family: there is also a brass to the Rev H K Boldero MA, rector. 1864-1900: the south aisle was restored in 1892, and a stained east window was added by Lady Neeld in memory of her husband, Sir John Neeld Bart,(died 1891): the stone pulpit was removed here from the church at Leigh-de-la-Mare, and the former oaken pulpit, of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, transferred to Baulking church, Berks: there are sittings for 180 persons. The register dates from the year 1573. The living is a rectory, net yearly income: £315 with residence, in the gift of Lt Col Sir Audley Dallas Neeld Bart, and held since 1912 by the Rev Alexander Gowring. A reading and recreation room was erected by subscription in 1902, as a memorial to the late Rev Harry Kearney Boldero MA, rector of this parish 1864-1900. The Baptists have a place of worship here. Grittleton House, the seat of Lt Col Sir Audley Dallas Neeld, Bart, CB, MVO, JP, who is lord of the manor, and owner of all the land, is a handsome building, erected about 1856, and contains a fine collection of paintings and statuary. The soil is loamy sub-soil clay. The chief crops are wheat, barley, roots and grass. The area is 2261 acres, rateable value £2218, The population in 1911 was 344.

Sexton, Charles Gough

Post, M O & T office: Alfred John Little, sub-postmaster. Letters through Chippenham arrive at 7.20am & 4pm, Sundays 8.10am, dispatched at 10.5 am and 7.30pm, Sundays 8.10am. Wall Letter Box, Foscoate, cleared at 10.10am & 7.40pm, weekdays only.

Police Station, William Daniels, constable

Elementary School (mixed) built in 1858, by the Rev T B Lancaster, in memory of the Rev William Way Durne, for many years rector of this parish, for 80 children, and enlarged in 1883, at the expense of the parish, for 120, Vivien Arthur Amos, master.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Gowring	Edward Alexander	Reverend	Rector	Rectory
Neeld	Audley Dallas	CB, MVO, JP, Sir, Bart		Grittleton House
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
Archer	William Charles		Game Keeper to Lt. Co. Neeld	
Hall	Thomas H.		Wheelwright	
Hall	John B.		Wheelwright	
Harding	Charles Howard		Farmer	West Foscote
Harry	William		Farmer	Newlands
Hole	Reginald H.		Farmer	Clapcote
Little	Alfred John		Bootman	Post Office
Pitts	John		Head gardener to Lt. Col. Neeld	
Preedy	Elizabeth	Mrs.		Red Lion Inn
Snell	Thomas		Caretaker	Reading Room
Scott	John	& Co.	Grocer & drapers	
Snell	Thomas	Jnr.	Cycle agent	
Storrer	John Ireland		Estate agent to Lt. Col. Neeld	
Uncles	Thomas		Famer	East Foscote