



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Highworth



HIGHWORTH is a parish and union town and terminus of the ~Swindon & Highworth branch of the Great Western railway; the town stands where the old road from Bristol to Oxford crosses that from Swindon to Lechlade and the North; it is 76 miles from London, 6 from Faringdon, 6 north-east from Swindon, and 7.5 east from Cricklade, in the northern division of the county, hundred of Highworth, Swindon county court district and petty sessional division, and in the rural deanery of Cricklade, archdeaconry of North Wilts, and diocese of Bristol. The town, in consequence of its elevated situation, near the Vale of White Horse, commands a fine view of the surrounding country, of which the scenery is picturesque, and the neighbourhood is considered very healthy: it is lighted with gas supplied by the Highworth Gas Company Ltd, and is supplied with water by the District Council. The church of St Michael is a building of stone, mainly in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel with north and south chapels, nave of five bays, aisles, north porch, transepts, and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, and containing a clock and 8 bells: the tower was repaired and 3 of the bells recast in 1898: the south chapel belonged at one time to the ancient family of Warneford, and the stained windows include one to HRH The Prince Consort, d 14th September 1861, erected by the Society of Odd Fellows: there are sittings for 650 persons. The register dates from the year 1539. The living is a vicarage with the chapelry of Sevenhampton annexed, joint net yearly value £300 with residence in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and held since 1906 by the Rev John Frederick Douglas Stephens, MA of Pembroke College, Cambridge, who is also vicar of Inglesham, rural dean of Cricklade, and Hon Canon of Bristol. Here is a Congregational Chapel, founded in 1788, with 180 sittings; Wesleyan, Baptist and Primitive Methodist chapels. A cemetery of about 2 acres was formed in 1867, at a cost of £1150, with one mortuary chapel, and consecrated in 1870, when it was first opened for burials: it is under the control of the Parish Council. The fairs are held August 13th for cattle, and October 11th for cattle and the hiring of servants, and a market every fourth Wednesday. There are numerous charities in the parish, amounting to £235 yearly, under the control of a body of trustees appointed by the Charity Commissioners. James William Crowdy esq is lord of the manor, and the chief landowners are Sir John Wolfe Barry KCB, VD, the Hon Mrs Pleydell-Bouverie, Charles H Maidment esq, and Jethro Kinch Coleing esq JP. The soil is loam, stone brash and clay; subsoil limestone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans and grass. The area is 6457 acres of land and 31 of water, rateable value £11,478. The population in 1911 was 2153.

EASTROP, half a mile east, **WESTROP**, half a mile west, **SEVENHAMPTON** 1.5 miles south, and **HAMPTON**, 0.75 miles west, are tithings in this parish. Broad Blunsdon, formerly a hamlet of this parish, has been formed into a separate ecclesiastical parish, and under the Divided Parishes Act, is now, for civil purposes, in Little Blunsdon. (see Blunsdon St. Andrew). By Local Government Board Order 16482, dated March 24th 1884, a detached part of Stanton Fitzwarren was amalgamated with this parish. South Marston, a civil parish, separated ecclesiastically in 1690, and in Sept 1894 civilly from Highworth. (See Marston South)

Parish Clerk: William Thomas Avery

Post M O & T and Telephonic Express Delivery Office: William Hamblin, postmaster. Letters arrive from London and all parts through Swindon: first delivery commences at 6.45am; second delivery at 2.40pm, dispatched at 12 noon and 9pm, Sunday, 9pm. Wall Letter Box, Eastrop, cleared at 10.20am and 7.45pm, Sunday, 8.40am Wall Letter Box, Westrop, cleared at 8.40am and 8.45pm, weekdays only

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS

Cemetery: William George Kight, clerk to the burial committee

Fire Brigade: John H Molton, superintendent

Pumping Station: James Bull, engineer

PUBLIC OFFICERS

Asst Overseer: William George Kight, High St

Clerk of the Commissioners of Land Assessed, Property & Income Tax, Edward C Elwell, Cricklade St

Customs & Excise, Charles Godfrey, High St

Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, No 1 District, Swindon & Highworth Union, James John Powell MA, MB, BC, High St

Relieving Officer, No 1 District, & Registrar of Births, Deaths and Vaccination Officer, Highworth Sub-District, Valentine Herbert Vowles, attends Wed 2.30pm to 3.30pm, High St

PLACES OF WORSHIP

St Michael's Church, Rev Canon John Frederick Douglas Stephens MA, vicar, 8 & 11am and 6.30pm, daily prayer, 8 or 10am, & 6.30pm

Baptist, 10.30am & 6pm; Thurs 7pm

Congregational, Rev Alfred Francis Sheffield; 10.45am & 6.30pm, Thurs, 7.30pm

Primitive Methodist, 2.30 & 6pm, Thurs 7pm

Weslyan, 10.30am and 6pm; Tues 7pm

SCHOOLS

The School Board formed in 1894 has been dissolved by the Education Act of 1902, and the schools are now controlled by a Board of Managers: Messrs Elwell & Son, clerks; William T Avery, Attendance Officer

Elementary (infants), built in 1835, and enlarged in 1866 for 240 children, Mrs A Hann, mistress

Elementary (mixed), built in 1898 for 300 children; Ernest A Booth, master

CARRIER TO:-

Farringdon: Ely, Tuesday

Swindon: Ely, every Thurs & Sat

Great Western Railway: Henry D Mant, station master

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arkell	James			Bedlands Court
Bathe		Mrs		Westropp Terrace
Bennett	E D	Mrs		Cricklade Road
Binney	Richard C			Westropp Terrace
Booth	Ernest			The Laurels, High Street
Brown	James Wylde	JP		Eastrop Grange
Clack	Percy			High Street
Coleing	Jethro Kinch	JP		Hampton
Cullerne	William Percy			2 West Hill
Elwell		Mrs		Hampton Lodge
Elwell	Edward C			The Quarry
Hambidge		Miss		The Limes
Hill	Joseph			Lewington House, Brewery Street
Jebb		Hon, Mrs		Westrop House
Lawrence	Geoffrey			The Chase

Lenty	Raphael Arthur	LMSSA		West Hill
Marshall	John William			White House
Maundrell	David William			Grove Hill House
Nicholson		Mrs		Swindon Street
Pedley		Miss		Sheep Street
Pinnegar	Thomas			Westrop Terrace
Powell	James John	MA, MB		High Street
Pullen	William			High Street
Sharpe	Francis Thomas			Church House, Sheep Street
Sheffield	Alfred Francis	Reverend	Congregational	High Street
Smith	Amelia	Miss		High Street
Smith	Arthur Dore			Westrop Terrace
Smith	Colin William			Gloucester House
Smith	Edwin			Washington House
Smith	Emma	Miss		Lechlade Road
Smith	Herbert E	JP		Hill View
Smith	William			West Hill
Stephens	John Frederick	Reverend Canon MA	Vicar & Rural Dean	The Vicarage
Taylor		Miss		West Hill
Wadley	Frederick			Brewery Street
Walford	Frederick Lancelot			The Bungalow
Westall		Mrs		Corner House

Traders – early closing day Wednesday

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Ballard & Co	Chemists	Market Place
		Barry & Eddols	Farmers	Parsonage & Common Farms
		Capital & Counties Bank Ltd		High Street
		Highworth Cricket Field Co Ltd		Cricklade Street
		Lloyds Bank Ltd	Sub branch	Market Place
		New Swindon Ind & Coop Socy		High Street
		Oriental Fibre & Matting Co	Carpet Warehousemen	Verda Works
		Putton Ltd	Cloth Merchants	Cricklade Street
		Russell Bros	Farmers	North Leaze
		Tovey & Stock	Bakers	High Street
		Wadley & Co	Brewers	Sun Brewery
		Woodbridge & Son	Saddlers	High Street
Archer	Phineas		Chimney Sweeper	Sheep Street
Austin	Alfred		Market Gardener	Grove Hill
Austin	Ernest		Coffee Tavern	High Street
Ayres	Emily	Miss	Midwife	High Street
Baden	George F			King & Queen Comm Hotel, High Street
Baldwin	Robert		Coal Merchant	Swindon Street
Ball	James	Engineer		Pumping Station
Barrett	Fred		Baker	Sheep Street
Bartlett	Tom S		Beer Retailer	Swindon Street
Bartrop	William L	& Co	Ironmongers	High Street

Batho	Edward		Stone Mason	Eastrop
Boulton	William	& Son	Grocers	Market Place
Clack	Percy		Builder & Brick Maker	Sheep Street
Clark	William Ronald		Beer Retailer	Westrop
Clarke	Emma	Mrs	Grocer	High Street
Cole	William	Engr & Mgr	Gas Works	Eastrop
Coleing	Jethro Kinch	JP	Farmer	Hampton
Collett	Sarah Jane	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Brewery Street
Cook	George		Coal Merchant	Westrop
Cook	George		Boot Maker	Eastrop
Cotton	Charles		Second Hand Furniture	Swindon Street
Couzens	Albert Edward		Baker	Lechlade Road
Croome	Frederick		Grocer	High Street
Davis	Ellen	Mrs	Cabinet Maker	High Street
Davis	William Clifford		Watchmaker	Market Place
Dove	Percy Stuart		Farmer	Westrop Farm
Drew	Frederick Thomas		Painter	Swindon Street
Drew	Harriet Ellen	Miss	Milliner	Swindon Street
Eddols	Arthur		Farmer	see Barry & Eddols
Edwards	Mark		Hairdresser	High Street
Elwell	Edward Charles		Solicitor & Commissioner to Administer Oaths, Clerk to Charity Trustees etc	
Elwell	R R	Mrs, Hon Sec	Highworth Nursing Assn	Hampton Lodge
Ely	Charles		Carrier	Westrop Street
Ely	John & James		Dairymen	Swindon Street
Frankis	Cath	Mrs	Grocer	Westrop
Fry	Mark Frederick		Tailor	Swindon Street
Garrard	Arthur James			Saracens Head Hotel, High Street
Godfrey	Charles		Customs & Excise Officer	High Street
Godfrey	Ernest James	Agent	Wadworth & Co brewers	High Street
Haggett	John		Newsagent	Sheep Street
Hall	Clayton			Freke Arms PH, Swanborough
Hawkins	Walter William		Seedsman	High Street
Hicks	Matthew		Butcher	Lechlade Road
Higgs	B		Tailors	High Street
Higgs	F		Tailors	High Street
Hill	Alfred		Bootmaker	Westrop Street
Hill	Frank			Red Lion PH, Sheep St
Hill	Thomas Henry	& Son	Wheelwrights	Brewery Street
Hiscock	Alan David		Farmer	Eastrop Farm
Humphrey	Lewis		Day & Boarding School	High Street
Humphrey	Mabel	Mrs	Grocer	High Street
Jefferies	Charles Robert		Grocer	Market Place
Jefferies	Edmund James		Market Gardener	Eastrop
Jefferies	Fanny	Miss	Draper	High Street
Jones	John Henry		Tailor	Eastrop
Jones	Samuel		Tin Worker	Eastrop
Jones	Thomas		Boot Maker	High Street
Kight	George William		Clerk to the Burial Board etc	High Street
Kight	George William	Sec	Highworth Gas Co Ltd	High Street
Lloyd	George		Dairy Farmer	
Marsh	George		Draper	Market Place
Molton	John Henry		Plumber & Fire Brigade Supt	High Street
Morse	John		Baker	Swindon Street
Morse	William Henry		Laundry	Eastrop
New	Frank		Fishmonger	Market Place
Niblett	William Paul		Farmer	Crouch Farm
Parker	William		Farmer	Wickstead
Peapell	Frank		Baker	Eastrop
Perry	Thomas		Builder	High Street

Powell	James John	MA, MB, BC Camb	Surgeon & Medical Officer	High Street
Rasey	Thomas			Fish Inn, Swindon Street
Robey	Frederick		Farmer	
Rouse	Alfred H		Rope maker	High Street
Seal	Walter Augustus		Fishmonger	High Street
Shaw	Edmund		Dairyman	Eastrop
Sheppard	Charles John		Boot Maker	Swindon Street
Sherman	William		Grocer	Swindon Street
Silk	William	John	Insurance Agent	Westrop
Smith	Albert John		Confectioner	High Street
Smith	Ann	Miss	Baker	Swindon Street
Smith	James John		Exors. Stationers	High Street
Smith	John		Carpenter	Sheep Street
Stapleton	Herbert		Farmer	The Home Farm
Stock	Harold		Baker	see Tovey & Stock
Tarrant	Reginald Tom		Insurance Agent	Swindon Street
Taylor	H	& Sons	Butchers	High Street
Thomas	Hannah Elizabeth	Miss	Ladies School	Lassington House
Vowles	Valentine Herbert		Relieving Officer No 1 District Registrar & vaccination Officer	High Street
Watts	William Henry		Confectioner	High Street
Westall	William		Beer Retailer	Sheep Street
Wheeler	James		Marine Store Dealer	Swindon Street
Wheeler	William		Carpenter	Market Place
Willis	Arthur		Grocer	High Street
Willis	George	Sec	Highworth Cricket Club	
Willis	Isaac		Farmer	Swindon Road
Woodford	Thomas		Carpenter	Cherry Orchard
Woolford	Frederick	Hon Sec	Young Men's Institute & Reading Room	