



Kellys Directory Extract 1889



Keevil

KEEVIL is a parish, 4 miles south from Melksham and 4 east from Trowbridge, in the Western division of the county, hundred and petty sessional division of Whorwellsdown, Westbury and Whorwellsdown union, Trowbridge county court district, rural deanery of Potterne, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Leonard is a plain stone structure, in mixed styles, having chancel, nave of six bays, and south aisle, south porch and a square embattled western tower with clock and 6 bells: here are several monuments to John J. Harris, citizen and alderman of London, dated 1657; the Blagden family, 1730; Jane Talbot, 1768 ; William Gaisford, 1754; William Beach, 1741; brasses to Jane Flower, dated 1662; Stephen Cox, 1761; John Halkens, 1689; Roger Jorden, 1669; Roger Blagden, 1687; and Eliza Gaisford, 1720 : the east window is stained, erected in memory of the Rev. George Thomas Chamberlaine, M.A. (1858) : there are 320 sittings. The register dates from the year 1559. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £260, in the gift of the Dean and Canons of Winchester, and held since 1839 by the Rev. William Henry Pooke-Chamberlaine, M.A. of Worcester College, Oxford. The Wesleyans have a place of worship here. In 1852 George Tayler left £3,000, the interest of which is to buy bread for six poor men and six poor women of the parishes of Keevil, Edington, Steeple Ashton and Bulkington. Keevil is the centre of the district, in which an important association carries on its operations, called the "Keevil District Horticultural Society," established in 1859, with a view to encourage horticultural pursuits, chiefly among the working classes throughout the district, which comprises a circuit of about 4 miles; also to encourage the growth of agricultural roots, and the production of wool of a superior quality; two shows are held annually, when prizes are awarded for the best productions; the horticultural show is held in August, and the show of agricultural roots and wool in November: the shows are held in various places throughout the district: this society has met with great success in its operations, and is under the patronage of all the leading local gentry: there are about 230 subscribing members. Keevil Manor House is the residence of Col. John Williams Wallington, C.B., J.P. William W. B. Beach esq., M.P, of Oakley Hall, Basingstoke, Hampshire, is lord of the manor and the principal landowner. The soil is clay; subsoil, clay and brash. The land is nearly all in pasture, the remainder wheat, barley and oats. The area is 2,883 acres; rateable value, £4,529; the population in 1881 was 550.

BULKINGTON, a tithing of this parish and now an ecclesiastical parish, will be found under a separate heading.

Parish Clerk, George Wilkins.

POST OFFICE. - Mrs. Emily Bodman, receiver. Letters through Trowbridge arrive at 8.30 a.m. & 6.15 p.m.; dispatched at 6.30 p.m. Steeple Ashton is the nearest money order office & West Ashton the nearest telegraph office. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid.

PILLAR Box, Keevil, cleared at 5.50 p.m.; on Sundays 10 a.m

National School (mixed), erected in 1869, for 95 children; average attendance, 66; Samuel Cooke, master.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Chamberlaine	Edward	Rev., M.A.		
Chamberlaine	Henry			Blagden House
Kenrick		Mrs.		Talboys
Pooke-Chamberlaine	William Henry	Rev., M.A.	Vicar	
Wallington	John Williams	Col. , C.B., J.P.		Manor House

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brewer	George		Mason	
Budd	John		Publican	Rose & Crown Public House
Budd	William		Publican	Rose & Crown Public House
Collett	John		Baker	
		Curwood & Hook	Farmers	Woodhouse Farm
Dowse	John		Farmer	
Ellis	Thomas		Farmer	Hurst Farm
Ghey	Henry		Farmer	Church Farm
Ghey	Samuel		Farmer	Wick Leaze
Hampton	James W.		Farmer	Pyett's Farm
Hampton	William James		Miller (Water)	Baldham Mill
Hobbs	William		Farmer	
Chamberlaine	W. H. P.	Rev., M.A.	Honorary Secretary, Keevil District Horticultural Society	
Matthews	Jane	Mrs.	Farmer	
Orchard	Daniel		Publican & Smith	Beach Arms Public House
Orchard	William		Wheelwright	
Rogers	Joseph		Publican	Lamb Inn
Tucker	Martin		Farmer	
Watts	Daniel Neate		Farmer	Pinckney Farm
Watts	John		Farmer	Horseshoes Farm
Wilkins	Mary	Mrs.	Farmer	
Witt	William		Baker & Shoe Maker	