



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Kingston Deverill



KINGSTON DEVERILL is a parish and village 4 miles north-north-east from Mere, 6.5 south from Warminster station on the Salisbury branch of the Great Western railway, and 9 south-east from Frome, in the Southern division of the county, partly in the hundred of Amesbury, and partly in that of Mere, Warminster petty sessional division, Mere union, Frome county court district, rural deanery of Wylde, (Heytesbury portion) archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury, situated in a valley running from east to west, with lofty downs on either side. The river Deverill comes to the surface here, having run underground for 5 miles from Kilmington. The church of St Mary, rebuilt, with the exception of the tower, in 1847, is an edifice of stone in the Early Decorated style, and consists of chancel, nave, south chapel, south porch, and a 15th century tower containing 6 bells: the east window and 4 others are stained, and the west window contains some ancient stained glass: there are 120 sittings. The register dates from the year 1706. The living is a rectory, united since 1892 to the village of Monckton Deverill, joint net yearly value £200, with 350 acres of glebe, and residence, in the gift of the Marquess of Bath, and held 1903, by the Rev. William Henderson MA of St Catherine's College, Cambridge. The Wesleyan chapel here is now disused. Eleanor Hurlle of the parish, widow, gave £50 to be laid out in land, the profit thereof to the poor forever. There are in this parish 14 acres of land belonging to the school at Horningsham, called the School Lands. The Roman road from Uphill, Somerset to Old Sarum, passed through Kingston Deverill, thence over the downs till crossed by the Shaftesbury and Warminster road at the 6th milestone. The Marquess of Bath who is lord of the manor, and the rector, are sole landowners: the soil is chalk with some sand, sub-soil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley: the area is 2737 acres; rateable £2025; the population in 1911 was 168 in the civil and 291 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Sexton: Frederick James Carey

Post Office: John Carpenter, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Bath at 7.15am, and from Warminster at 6.45am, dispatched at 7.10am & 6.40pm, on Sundays, at 10.35am. Maiden Bradley, 0.75 miles distant, is the nearest money order and telegraph office.

Elementary School (mixed) built in 1853 for 71 children; Walter Brashier, master.

Carrier: Hooper passes through from Mere to Warminster, Thurs.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Henderson	William	Reverend MA	Rector	Rectory
Stratton	Richard			Manor Farm

Traders

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Brashier	Walter		Asst Overseer	
Court	Henry Charles		Dairyman	
Marshall	Herbert		Shopkeeper	
Pullin	Charles Hoare		Farmer	Newport Farm
Scott	Harry		Gamekeeper to Marquess of Bath	
Stratton	Richard			Manor Farm