



Kellys Directory Extract 1889

Lydiard Tregoze



LYDIARD TREGOZE is a village and parish 4 miles west-by-north from Swindon, 3 north-east from Wootton Bassett station, in the Northern division of the county, union of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett, hundred of Kingsbridge, petty sessional division of Cricklade, county court district of Swindon, rural deanery of Cricklade, archdeaconry of Bristol and diocese of Gloucester and Bristol. The Wilts and Berks canal and the Great Western railway pass through the parish. The church of St. Mary is an ancient edifice of stone, in the later English style, with a chancel, nave and aisles, south porch and a square tower, with pinnacles, containing 5 bells: the south aisle was built in 1663 by the Bolingbroke family, to whom there are some handsome monuments: the church underwent a repair about 1846: the eastern window is a beautiful specimen of stained glass, by Van Ling, of the time of Charles II, representing St. John the Baptist and the Evangelists, and a genealogical tree of the Bolingbroke St. John family: in the chancel is a pedigree of the same family from the Conquest, splendidly illuminated ; there is also a beautiful monument to Sir John St. John and his two wives and family: the church has about 320 sittings. The register dates from the year 1680. The living is a rectory, yearly value, tithes commuted at £595, with modus value £8 18s. 5d. and 96 acres of glebe, total gross value £650, net £400, with residence, in the gift of Viscount Bolingbroke, and held since 1885 by the Rev. Henry George Baily, M.A. of Christ's College, Cambridge. Here is a charity arising from the interest of £700 Consols, left by the Rev. R. Miles, a former rector, to be expended in the purchase of blankets, which are distributed at Christmas to the deserving poor who are not in receipt of parochial relief, by the rector and churchwardens. Here is a Primitive Methodist chapel. Basset Down House, in this parish, is the seat of Mervin Herbert Nevil Story-Maskelyne esq. M.P., M.A., F.R.S., D.L., J.P. From a very early time this place has been the property of the St. Johns, Viscounts Bolingbroke, whose mansion and park, of about 160 acres, with a lake about 12 acres, are near the church. In Midghall is an estate formerly belonging to the Abbey of Stanley, near Chippenham, which is tithe free on payment of a modus. Viscount Bolingbroke is lord of the manor of the tithing of Hook, and Sir Henry Bruce Meux bart. of the tithing of Midghall. The principal landowners are Viscount Bolingbroke, Sir Henry Bruce Meux bart., the Charter House, the Earl of Clarendon and Pembroke College, Oxford. The soil is principally stone brash, interspersed with clay; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are grass. The area is 5,142 acres; rateable value, £9,487; the population in 1881 was 660.

HOOK is a hamlet 3 miles west on the road from Cricklade to Wootton Bassett.

Sexton, John Hunt.

PILLAR LETTER Box cleared at 7.40 p.m. week days & 11 a.m. on Sundays.

Letters through Swindon for the eastern part of the parish arrive at 8 a.m. & through Wootton Bassett for the west. Purton is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

National School (mixed), built in 1856, for 140 children; average attendance, 102; Barnaby Brown, master; Mrs. Brown, mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baily	Henry George	Rev., M.A.		Rectory
Bolingbroke		Viscount, D.L.		Lydiard Park; & White's Club, London S W
Story-Maskelyne	Mervin Herbert Nevil	M.P., M.A., F.R.S., D.L., J.P.		Basset Down House; & Athenaeum & Brooks's Clubs, London S W
York	Jasper			Hook

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Archer	Robert		Farmer	Padbrooks
Barnes	Edward James		Carpenter	Hay Lane Wharf
Collingbourne	William		Farmer	Ballard's Ash *
Collins	Charles		Farmers	Binknoll Farm
Collins	George		Farmers	Binknoll Farm
Drury	Charles		Cattle Dealer	Braydon *
Drury	Henry		General Dealer	Hook *
Drury	William		Cattle Dealer	*
Edmonds	Edwin Hugh		Agricultural Machinist	Hook *
Edwards	John		Farmer	Hook Farm *
Ellison	William		Farmer	Studley
Habgood	Joseph		Blacksmith	*
Hale	Isaac		Farmer	*
Hale	Owen		Farmer	Creeches
Hart	Allan		Bailiff To Mervin H.N. Story-Maskelyne, Esq., M.P.	
Hiscock	Harry		Gamekeeper To Viscount Bolingbroke	
Hitchcock	Alfred		Farmer	*
Hitchcock	Frances	Mrs.	Publican	Bolingbroke Arms Public House, . Hook *
Hitchcock	Norman		Baker	Hook *
Howard	Walter S.		Beer Retailer	Hook *
Humphries	John Cole		Farmer	Midghall *
Kinchin	William		Farmer	Windmill East
Kinchin	William Plummer		Farmer	
Large	William James		Farmer	
Manners	Frank		Farmer	Marsh Farm *
Nutland	William		Dairyman	
Ody	George		Farmer	Wickfield *
Ody	Nelson		Farmer	
Ody	Walter		Farmer	Flaxlands *
Ody	William		Farmer	Church Hill Farm
Phillips	Henry		Farmer	Red House Farm
Phillips	John		Farmer	
Price	Charles		Wheelwright	*
Price	George		Farmer	*
Rebbeck	William		Farmer	
Slade	Hercules		Farmer	Spittleborough Farm *
Smith	Charles		Beer Retailer	*
Smith	Napoleon		Farmer	Chaddington
Strange	George		Wood Dealer	*
Strange	Julia	Miss	Farmer	Mannington House *
Theobald	James		Pig Dealer	Hook *
Titcomb	William		Farmer	*
Titcomb	William Oliver		Farmer	
Tuck	Frederick		Farmer	Highgate *
Walker	William		Farmer	Flaxlands *
Wilkins	Henry		Shoe Maker	
Willis	Ernest		Farmer	Can Court

Names marked thus * receive their letters through Wootton Bassett