



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Lydiard Tregoze



LYDIARD TREGOZE is a village and parish, 3 miles north-east from Wootton Bassett station on the Swindon & Bath section of the Great Western railway, and 4 west by north from Swindon in the Northern division of the county, union of Cricklade & Wootton Bassett, Kingsbridge hundred, Swindon petty sessional division and county court district, rural deanery of Cricklade, North Wilts archdeaconry and diocese of Bristol. The Wilts & 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, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch and a tower, with pinnacles, containing 3 bells: the south aisle was built in 1663 by the Bolingbroke family, to whom there are some handsome monuments: the east window is filled with painted glass, by Van Eyck, 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 monument to Sir John St John and his two wives and family: the church was repaired in 1846, and was restored in 1902: in the course of the work, a number of wall paintings were disclosed, some being remarkably well-preserved: over the chancel arch is a picture of the Crucifixion, with many figures, and on one of the nave pillars, a painting of Christ after the Resurrection: elsewhere are representations of St George and the Dragon, and a Norman castle: the plaster has been removed from the roof, and the old oak timber-work opened: at the northern entrance are carved figures representing Christ crowned with thorns and the Blessed Virgin; the church has about 320 sittings. The register dates from the year 1666. The living is a rectory, net yearly income £450, with 96 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Viscountess Bolingbroke, and held since 1915, by the Rev Alexander Herbert Harrison MA of Downing College, Cambridge. There are two Primitive Methodist chapels. The churchyard being cleared, a new parish burial ground was opened at Hook in 1893, at a cost of £300, including a lych gate at the entrance: the land, given by Viscount Bolingbroke, is 2 acres in extent, and is under the control of the rector. Miles' charity consists of 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, by the rector and two trustees, appointed by the Parish Council, to such deserving poor as are not in receipt of parochial relief. From a very early time this place has been the property of the St John family, Viscounts Bolingbroke. Lydiard Park, the residence of Viscountess Bolingbroke, is about 180 acres in extent, with a lake of about 10 acres. Bassett Down House, in this parish, is the seat of Mrs Story-Maskelyne. In Midghall is an estate formerly belonging the Abbot of Stanley, near Chippenham, which is tithe-free, on payment of a modus, and there is a court leete held annually. Viscountess Bolingbroke is lady of the manor of the tithing of Hook, and Harvey William White esq, is lord of the manor of the tithing of Midghall. The principal landowners are Viscountess Bolingbroke, the Governors of the Charter House, Pembroke College, Oxford, Mrs H O Arnold-Forster, and Hervey William White esq. The soil is principally stone brash, interspersed with clay, sub-soil clay. The land is chiefly in pasture. The area is 5415 acres of land and 15 of water; rateable value £10,062; population in 1911, 580. HOOK is a hamlet, 3 miles west, on the road from Cricklade to Wootton Bassett.

Sexton: Henry Habgood

Post Office: William Charles Woolford, sub-postmaster. Letters through Swindon for the eastern part of the parish arrive at 7am & through Wootton Bassett for the west, arrive at 6.45am and 6.10pm. Box cleared at 10.5am & 7.35pm; Sundays, delivery at 7am, dispatched at 7.35pm. Wootton Bassett, 0.75 miles distant, is the nearest money order and telegraph office. Pillar Letter Boxes: Rectory Gate, cleared at 7pm, week days; Sundays, cleared 9.25am; The Wheatsheaf, cleared weekdays at 8.40pm, Sundays 8.40pm; Hay Lane; cleared at 8.55am, weekdays only.

Elementary School (mixed) built in 1856 for 104 children; Frederick Leighton, master.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arnold-Forster	H. O.	Mrs.		Bassett Down House
Bolingbroke		Viscountess		Lydiard Park
Brost	J.	Mrs		Hook Villa *
Harrison	Alexander Herbert	Reverend M.A.	Rector	Rectory
Hiscock	Henry			Lydiard Park
Story-Maskelyne		Mrs.		Bassett Down House
White	Hervey William			Midghall *

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bezzant	George		Gardener to Mrs. Story-Maskelyne	
Chard	Wilfred Edward		Farmer	Red House **
Clarke	A. M.	& Sons	Farmers	Ballards
Cole	James Humphrys		Farmer	Flaxlands *
Colledge	John Theodore		Farmer	Mannington Farm ***
Collett	William		Farmer	Whitehill Farm ***
Cook	Richard		Farmer	Upper Studley Farm **
Cooper	Joseph Octavius		Farmer	Marsh Farm *
Crew	Abner John		Coal Merchant	Hay Lane Wharf
Drury	Frank		Farmer	Farley Farm ****
Drury	William		Cattle Dealer	Hook
Hale	Owen		Farmer	Creeches *
Hill	Charles B.		Farmer	Padbrook Farm
Hughes	Sydney		Farmer	Little Chaddington
Large	Charles		Farmer	Toot Hill Farm
Leighfield	George		Head Gardener to Viscountess Bolingbroke	Hook
Lewis	Francis George		Farmer	Ryelands Farm *
Love	Henry James		Bailiff to Henry Hiscock Esq.	Flaxlands *
Nutland	Charles William		Farmer	Lower Salthop Farm *****
Ody	George William	Jnr.	Farmer	Wick
Painter	Herbert		Farmer	Wickfield *
Phillips	Hannah Kate	Mrs.	Farmer	Red House Farm **
Phillips	Harry		Farmer	Studley Grange **
Price	George		Farmer	Hook Farm *
Rebbeck	William Alfred		Farmer	East Lease
Rumming	Francis William		Farmer	Park Farm
Rumming	John		Farmer	Marsh Farm
Smith	Charles William		Beer Retailer & Farmer	Upper Finehill Farm *
Snow	Anthony		Farmer	Spittleboro *
Tanner	George James		Bailiff to Mrs. Story-Maskelyne	
Thompson	Ernest		Commercial Traveller, Assistant Overseer	*
Titcomb	William Oliver		Farmer	Can Court
Titcombe	Thomas		Haulier	*
Townsend	Tom			Bolingbroke Arms Public House, Hook
Tuck	Frederick Thomas		Farmer	Highgate *
Webb	James T.		Farmer	Chaddington
White	Hervey William		Farmer	Midgall *
Woodford	Elliott George		Farmer	Hook Farm *
Woodford	William Charles		Grocer & Sub Postmaster	Hook

* Denotes letters through Wootton Bassett

** Denotes postal address - Studley, Swindon

*** Denotes postal address - Swindon

**** Denotes letters through Purton

***** Denotes letters through Salthop, Swindon