



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915

## Monkton Farleigh



**MONKTON FARLEIGH** is a parish and village on the Somersetshire border, 2.5 miles south from Box station on the Swindon and Bath section of Great Western railway, 5.5 east from Bath, and 4 north-by-west from Bradford, in the Western division of the county, in the hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Bradford on Avon, rural deanery of Potterne, (Bradford portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Peter is a stone building in the Norman and Early English styles, and consists of chancel and nave, north porch, and an ancient western tower containing 3 bells: there are several stained windows: the pulpit is Elizabethan: there are sittings for 150 persons. The register dates from the year 1570. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £180, with 16 acres of glebe, and residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1899 by the Rev. Reginald Townshend Selwyn BA of Jesus College, Cambridge. There is a small charity, left by Mr Blinman for the supply of fuel to the poor at Christmas. On Farleigh Down are freestone quarries. Monkton Farleigh derives its prefix from there having been formerly here a priory of Cluniac monks of the Order of St Benedict, dedicated to St Mary Magdalene, and forming a "cell" subordinate to the priory of St Pancras at Lewes. It was founded by Maud, daughter of Edward of Salisbury, and wife of the second Humphrey, Baron de Bohun, about the year 1125, who endowed it with an estate called the "Buries" at Bishopstrow near Warminster, and it was completed and further endowed by her son, the third Humphry de Bohun, who married Margaret, daughter of Milo, the Earl of Hereford: the revenues at the Dissolution were £217 0s 4d. The spring which supplied the convent is sheltered by a little stone building, erected about 1250, with pointed stone roof of the Early English period, called "The Monk's Conduit", standing about a quarter of mile west of the Manor House. Monkton Farleigh Manor House, the seat of Sir Charles Parry Hobhouse bart JP occupies the site of the priory: near the house are the ruins of the refectory, containing many fine specimens of ancient carved stone work. A large stone coffin lid and two stone recumbent effigies of knights in chain armour, are also preserved here. Excavations made in 1911 on what is supposed to be the chapel of the priory, have led to the discovery at the west end of remains of a tower with narrow stair, and at the east end, an altar and tiled pavement; two stone slabs carved with Maltese crosses, one 5 feet 3 inches and the other 7 feet have also been met with. The cellars under the Manor House are also part of the priory, some of the buildings of which are believed to have been pulled down about 1547, when the Bishop of Salisbury completed a Tudor house on the spot, which is still standing complete, but some of the windows of which were rebuilt in the Renaissance style in 1750 by Lord Webb Seymour, afterwards, 10th Duke of Somerset: the Lord Protector Somerset received this house as a gift, and here Bishop Jewell died 21st September, 1571. The principal landowners are Sir C P Hobhouse bart, the Rt Hon Charles E H Hobhouse, PC MP, E Harcourt Skrine esq, and Erlesman Charles Pinckney esq JP who is lord of the manor. The soil is sand, stony brash and clay; subsoil clayey; the chief crops are wheat, roots, beans and barley; the area is 1869 acres; rateable value £2339: population in 1911, 334.

**Parish Clerk:** Alfred Gane

**Post, T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office:** George Godwin, sub-postmaster. Letters from Bradford on Avon arrive at 7.40am & 6.45pm, Sundays, 8am, dispatched at 9am & 6.45pm, Sundays, 8.45am. Bathford, 1.5 miles distant, is the nearest money order office.

**Wall Letter Box, Farleigh Wick:** cleared at 9.30am & 7.25pm, Sundays, 9.30am.

**Elementary School** (mixed) built in 1886, with residence for mistress, for 96 children. Horace Leavesley, master; Mrs Lily Leavesley. mistress: Miss L M Bailey, infants' mistress.

**Police Constable:** Sidney Knight

### Gentry/Private Residents – Monkton Farleigh

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Hobhouse	Charles Parry	Sir Bart JP		Monkton Farleigh Manor House
Selwyn	Reginald Townshend	Reverend BA	Rector	The Rectory

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Derwick	Herbert			The Villa
Pinckney	Erlisman Charles	JP		Duckmead
Skrine	E Harcourt			Inwoods

### Traders – Monkton Farleigh

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Bath Stone Firms Ltd	Quarry Owners	
Davies	Henry		Farmer	Church Farm
Doel	Edward Henry		Farmer, Carter & Assessor of Taxes	Manor Farm
Doel	John		Farmer	Hill Farm
Doel	Samuel James		Farmer	Rushmead
Godwin	George		Baker	
Goodway	Frederick		Farmer	Upper Farm
Lodder	Rupert		Estate Carpenter	
Mizen	James		Dairyman	
Selfe	Daniel Webb			Kings Arms PH
Skelton	Samuel		Head Gardener to Sir Chas Hobhouse	
Sumsion	Burner		Farmers	Kingsdown Lodge
Sumsion	Joseph		Farmers	Kingsdown Lodge
Sweetland	Tom		Gamekeeper to Sir Chas Hobhouse	

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Burton	William		Haulier	
Derwick	Arthur		Farmer	
Deverell	Eliza	Mrs	Tailoress	
Lacey	Albert		Publican	Fox & Hounds PH
Skrine	E Harcourt		Farmer	Inwoods