



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915

## Potterne



**POTTERNE** is a parish and village in a small and sheltered valley, 2 miles south from Devizes station on the Great Western railway, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Potterne and Cannings, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Devizes, Potterne rural deanery (Potterne portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The village chiefly consists of two streets, the principal of which runs north and south, on the road from Devizes to Market Lavington and Salisbury. The church of St Mary, an ancient cruciform structure of Bath stone, dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, is a fine example of the Early English style, and consists of chancel, nave transepts, north and south porches, and a central embattled tower with pinnacles, and containing 6 bells; the chancel contains a piscina and an aumbry: there is another piscina in the north transept: the oak pulpit is hexagonal and exhibits some elaborate 15<sup>th</sup> century carving: the small doorway in the tower staircase, which admitted to the rood loft, remains but is now blocked: the east wall of the chancel has an arcade of 5 arches, three of which are pierced and filled with stained glass, as memorials to Joseph and Dionysia Melionora Medicott, and to the Rev. Joseph Medicott, for 33 years, vicar of this parish: twelve other windows are also stained, two being memorials to Lt Col Henry Stephen Olivier d. 1864, one to Col Thomas Wilson Oldfield, d. 1872, and two others, erected in 1905, to the late William Stancomb esq.: a font of the 9<sup>th</sup> century or even earlier date, found buried under the present font, bears an inscription which is a Latin version of part of Psalm XLII: in the transept there are many brasses and tablets to the Hunt-Grubbe family, and a small brass to Hugh Rook ob. 1686: there is also a mural monument in the nave to John Spearing, d. 1831: the church was restored and reseated in 1872 at a cost of £2000 and affords 430 sittings: a dole stone still stands in the churchyard, outside the north door. The register dates from the year 1557. The living is a vicarage, net income, including the value of 22 acres of glebe, £380, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1911 by the Rev. Walter Hercules Kewley MA of Magdalen College, Oxford, and rural dean of Potterne portion. A burial ground, adjoining the churchyard, of about three quarters of an acre, was formed in 1872 at a cost of £900 and is under the control of the Parish Council. Here is a Wesleyan chapel, a Mission Room used by the Plymouth Brethren, and a Temperance Hall, erected in 1876. An institute was erected in 1908. The charities amount to about £100 per annum. Blounts Court, the seat of William Stancomb esq. MA JP is a modern castellated mansion of stone, standing on an eminence, commanding a fine view of the surrounding country. The Manor House is the residence of Joshua Reynolds Gascoigne Gwatkin esq. MA. JP. The Porch House, formerly a roadside inn called "The White Horse" is an antique timber and plaster house restored by the owner, the late George Richmond esq. RA, DCL, and now the property of C H St J Hornby esq. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as owners of the Salisbury Bishopric estates are lords of the manor, and William Stancomb esq MA, JP is the principal landowner. The soil is greensand and clay in parts: subsoil chalk with part clay. The parish contains 3187 acres of land, principally devoted to pasturage; rateable value £7414; the population in 1911 was 1145.

**Worton and Marston** now form a separate parish.

**Cuckolds Green** is 1 mile south-west; **Five Lanes** 1 mile west; **Sleight** 1.5 miles east; **Whistley** 0.75 miles north-west; **Furze Hill** (common land) 1.5 miles north; **Woodbridge** a quarter of a mile east: **Wick** half a mile south; **Stroud Hill**, 1 mile east.

**Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council:** John Eyers, 45 Long St, Devizes.

**Sexton:** James Wells

**Post M O T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office** (letters should have Wilts added) Mrs Sarah Minnie Dowse, sub-postmistress. Letters received from Devizes and Chippenham at 5am & 3pm; dispatched at 9.55am & 8.45pm; delivery commences at 7am & 3pm.

**Elementary School**, built in 1831 and endowed by the Rev. George Edmondstone, formerly vicar of this parish with about £27 yearly. In 1865 the schools were rebuilt and considerably enlarged and an infants school has since been added, and in 1895, both schools and the playground were further enlarged: they will now hold 157 boys and girls and 55 infants. George E Stoakes, master: Mrs Stoakes, mistress.

**A motor omnibus** passes through from Lavington to Devizes Thurs. and Phillips, from Marston, Thurs.

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Acton		Miss		Church House
Bradshaw		Miss		Church House
Fisher		Mrs		Court Hill House
Gwatkin	Joshua Reynolds Gascoigne	MA, JP		Manor House & Cavalry Club, London
Hix	Nehemiah			Mount View
Hornby	C H St John			Porch House
Hunt-Grubbe		Mrs		Eastwell
Kewley	Walter Hercules	Reverend MA	Vicar & Rural Dean	Vicarage
Medlicott	Henry Edmondstone	MA, JP		Sandfield
Offer		Mrs		Penmount
Sandell	Ernest			Hillside
Stancomb		Miss		Church Hill House
Stancomb	William	MA, SCL, JP		Blounts Court
Sterne	Robert	RN		Tristernagh

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Potterne Institute		
		Long Bros	Farmers	Wick Farm
		Barter & Mallam	Grocers	
		Smith Bros	Grocers	
		Drew & Co	Millers (water)	Rangebourne Mill
Anstee	John		Farmer	Whistley House Farm
Bailey	Grace	Mrs	Farmer	Potterne Wick
Bishop	George		Butcher	
Bodman	William		Laundry	West End
Bollen	Charles		Market Gardener	Mount Pleasant
Bond	Harry		Farmer	Abbott's Hall
Burden	Herbert L	Secretary		Working Mens Club
Burden	Herbert L		Carpenter, Wheelwright & Smith	The Butts
Butler	Mark		Farmer	Marsh Farm
Chapman	Thomas Kelly		Caretaker	Temperance Hall
Chiffence	Lewis		Farmer	Blounts Court Farm
Cook	William		Farmer	
Cooke	Daniel		Farmer	Sleight Farm
Crees	Thomas Basil		Dairy Farmer	Cadley Farm
Davis	Mary Ann	Mrs	Dressmaker	
Dowse	Sarah Minnie	Mrs	Stationer, Post Office	
Eyers	John		Clerk to the Parish	Cemetery
Few	Mark		Farmer	Larborough Farm
Fowler	Joseph G		Dairy Farmer	Court Hill Farm
Garrett	Walter Harry		Miller (water)	Five Lanes Mill
Giles	Robert		Farmer	Whistley Farm
Godden	Frederick		General Smith	
Hale	John		Farmer	
Harris	Robert		Farmer	
Hawkins	Henry		Farmer	

Holloway	George		Florist	
Howell	Mary Jane	Mrs	Stewardess	Working Mens Club
Long	William		Farmer	Sugarwell
Maddick	Henry		Farmer	Wher Farm
Mallam	William		Grocer	
Marshment	Luke		Farmer	Wick
Miles	Thomas		Shoemaker	
Miller	Walter		Farmer	Sandfield Farm
Miller	William		Builder & Contractor	
Newman	James		Farmer	Larborough
Newman	James		Farmer	Rose Cottage
Norman	Frederick			Kings Arms
Orchard	James		Farmer	
Palmer	Fanny	Mrs	Laundry	
Palmer	John		Chimney Sweep	Potterne Wick
Pearce	Richard		Farmer & Haulier	Parsonage Farm
Pearce	William		Farmer	Hartmoor & Furze Hill Farms
Pottow	George		Farmer	Eastwell Farm
Pottow	Henry Moses		Farmer	Caen Hill Farm
Pottow	Robert		Dairy Farmer	Park Farm
Pullen	William Joseph		Farmer	Five Lanes Farm
Radon	Thomas		Painter	
Smith	Albert		Farmer	Stroud Hill Farm
Smith	William Edward			George & Dragon PH
Smith	William Edward jun		Saddler	
Turner	Henry		Farmer	Manor farm
Wadge	George		Insurance Agent	
Watts	William George		Farmer	Monticello Farm
Wells	James		Sexton	
Wells	Stephen		Carpenter	
Weston	Edward		Shopkeeper	