



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Poulshot

POULSHOT (Anciently Pauls Holt) is a parish and village 2.25 miles south-west from Devizes station on the Great Western railway, and 6 south-east from Melksham, in the Eastern division of the county, petty sessional division, union, and county court district of Devizes, Melksham hundred, rural deanery of Potterne (Potterne portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The houses composing the village stand in irregular detached groups, interspersed with trees, on the edge of an extensive green of an oblong form, with the high road running through the centre. The church of St Peter, 1 mile south of the village, dates from the 13th century, and is a building of grey stone in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave of two bays, aisles, south porch, and a western tower, with conical roof, containing 3 bells: the rood staircase is open to the north aisle, but the upper part is blocked: the porch is Perpendicular and retains a stoup: the pulpit is Jacobean: the chancel was restored in 1889: there are sittings for 230 persons. The register dates from the year 1627. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £391, derived from tithe and 80 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1906 by the Rev. Sidney Boulter MA of Keble College, Oxford. St Paul's chapel of ease, erected in 1897, at a cost of £600 is a brick and timber-framed structure from designs by Mr C E Ponting FSA, architect of Marlborough, and seating about 100. Here is a Wesleyan chapel, built in 1886 and seating 100 persons. Blayney's charity is invested in Consols, for the benefit of the schools. Mayo's charity is now invested in a cottage, the rent of which goes towards the support of the schools, and Taylor's charity consists of 12 loaves given to the poor every Sunday. The manor of Poulshot passed by purchase in 1543 to Thomas Long of Trowbridge, from whom it has descended to the Rt Hon Walter Hume Long MP, PC, DL, JP who is lord of the manor. The soil is rich loam; subsoil clay and gravel. The land is almost entirely in pasture. The area is 1531 acres; rateable value £3423: the population in 1911 was 285.

Parish Clerk: George Feltham

Post Office: George Feltham, sub-postmaster. Letters through Devizes at 7.15pm & 5.30pm; and dispatched at 9.40am & 7pm; Sundays, arrive at 8am & dispatched at 9.05am. Rowde, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order and telegraph office.

Elementary School (mixed), adjoining the village green, was built in 1884 for 90 children: Miss J Wilson, mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Boulter	Sidney	Reverend MA		Rectory
Compton-Stansfield		Miss		The Cottage

Traders

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Bowden	Elizabeth	Mrs		Raven Inn
Butcher	Frederick		Farmer	Barley Hill Farm
Butler	Edward		Farmer	Manor Farm
Butler	Percy Ernest		Farmer	Poulshot Lodge
Collett	Minnie	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Cottle	John		Farmer	Church Farm
Drew	John		Farmer	
Eddols	Percy Walter		Farmer	Higher Green Farm
Fielding	Alfred		Baker	
Haines	Frank		Cowkeeper	

Hampton	Lawson Rowland		Farmer	
Hawkins	William		Farmer	
Hunt	Henry John		Farmer	Manor House
Jones	Edward		Farmer	
Sainsbury	Bertram		Miller (water)	Poulshot Mill
West	Richard		Farmer	Townsend
Weston	Francis Edward		Baker	
Wiltshire	William		Farmer	