



Swindon & District Directory Extract 1928



Purton

PURTON is a large village, with a station on the Gloucester branch of the G.W.R., is 4 miles from Cricklade, 4 from Wootton Bassett, and 6 from Swindon, and is in the Chippenham Division of Wilts, Union and Petty Sessional Division of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett, County Court District of Swindon, and Diocese of Bristol. The Church dedicated to St. Mary, is an ancient structure with modern additions, and was once a chantry to Malmesbury Abbey. Its register dates from 1558. One notable feature in the building is the existence of a tower at the west end, and a lofty spire rising from the intersection of the nave and chancel. Only two other churches of this kind exist in the country – at Wanborough, Wilts, and Ormskirk, Lancashire. The living is a vicarage of the annual value of £455, in the gift of the Earl of Shaftesbury. The excellent Parochial Schools are a standing memorial of the zeal and interest shown by the late Rev. D. O. Coates, to whose energy their success is largely due. In the central part of the village stands a handsome building erected by Mr. and Mrs. James Sadler, of Lydiard House, as a memorial to the deceased sister of Mrs. Sadler, for the purpose of a coffee tavern and reading room. Mr. Sadler has presented the institution to the parishioners, the trustees being the Parish Council. Mr. Sadler, who is the President of the Purton Cricket Club, generously purchased the Cricket Field from Miss Russell in 1911, and presented it to the parish. It is vested in the Parish Council, and the Cricket Club, which is one of the oldest in the district – having been established in 1829 – have the privilege of renting it for all time. There are Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Chapels, and the Workhouse for the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Union stands in the village. The principal landowners are Mr. J. H. Sadler and Mrs. Arnold Forster. There is a Post, Telegraph, Telephone and Money Order Office and Savings Bank. Letters are despatched at 9.40 and 7 p.m. week days, and 6.30 p.m. Sundays. Area, 6,465 acres; rateable value £18,038, population, 2,455.

OURTON STOKE, 2 miles north, has a Primitive Methodist Chapel. The letter box is cleared at 5.20 p.m. There is a Mission Room used on week days as a Reading Room and on Sundays for Church of England services. There is also a Council School.

VICAR – Rev. N. S. Willis.

POSTMISTRESS – Mrs. A. J. Bennett.

SCHOOLMASTER – W. E. Farndon.

EARLY CLOSING DAY – Wednesday.

BUS SERVICE from Swindon.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Adams	F. W.			The Elms
Adkins	A.		Station Master	Station House
Ansdell	R.	Capt.		Bentham House
Arthington		Miss		15 The Peak
Barnes	C.			18 The Peak
Barnes	F.			Station Road
Barnes	J. H.		Clerk	The Hyde
Barnes	R.			Station Road
Bennett		Mrs.	Post Office	
Bensor	A.			!7 The Peak
Bletso	F.			22 The Peak
Brown		Miss		The Close
Bull	H. E.			Hill Crest
Bunce	C.			Pavenhill
Burgess		Mrs.		The Street
Burson	W. J. B.		Clerk	Wootton Bassett Road
Canning		Col.		Restrop House
Carter	J.			Bentham Farm

Carver	J.			16 The Peak
Chunn			Road Surveyor	Station Road
Clark		Mrs.		Ashton Cottage
Colmore		Col.		Stoke House
Corp	F.			Ridgeway farm
Daniels	J.			Sherborne Cottages, Station Road
Davies	W.		Sexton	Church End
Dacey	G. E.		Workhouse Master	
Dixon	H.			Bagbury Farm
Dixon	R.			Brockhurst Farm
Dunn	A. H.			Ivy Lodge
Dvett	W.			23 The Peak
Eatwell	R.			Linley Cottage, Play Close
Farndon	W. E.			School House
Garrett		Mrs.		The Butts
Garrett	J.			Manor Farm
Giles	J.		Post Office	
Godfrey	H. J.		Road Surveyor	Beech Cottage, High Street
Godwin	G.			Station Road
Goodland	H. E.		Wilts County Council, Divisional Surveyor	"Croftdene"
Gough	W.		The Institute	
Green	A.			The Quarry
Greenham	J. P.			The Street
Griffin			Nurse	High Street
Haskins	J.		Clerk	Play Close
Haskins	T.			Hyde
Heath	J.			The Hyde
Holder	E.			11 The Peak
Huck	H.			Purton Stoke
Hunt		Mrs.		Hill Side
Iles	H.			Hayes Knoll
Iles	M.			9 The Peak
Kennett	P.			4 The Peak
Kibblewhite	J.			Spartan Cottage
King	J.			Station Road
Large		Mrs.		Holly Lodge
Large	R.			Longcroft
Leach	F. J.			24 The Peak
Legg	A.		Milkman	Mill Farm, The Mill
Liddall		Mrs.		Station Road
Matthews	G.		Police Sergeant	Station Road
Matthews	W.			Manor Hill
May	W.			26 The Peak
Mills	S.			Wootton Bassett Road
Morse	W. J.			Widham
Nesbit	H. K.			The Court
New	J.			25 The Peak
Ody	G.			Clardon House
Orsborne		Mrs.		Rose Cottage
Orsborne	W.			Stoke Common Farm
Osman	A.			South View, Pavenhill
Ovens		Mrs.		20 The Peak
Ovens	A.			The Hyde
Ovens	E. J.			The Hyde
Paginton	H.			South View
Paginton	W.			Restrop Farm
Piff	H.			19 The Peak
Ponting		Mrs.		Pond Farm
Prower		Miss		The Sissells
Rawlings	A.			Stoke Common Farm

Richardson	A. O.	Capt.		Purton House
Rickards	E.	Capt.		Diana Lodge
Roberts	H.	Capt.	Secretary, British Legion	Linley Cottage
Russell		Miss		Red House
Scott	M.			Haxmoor Farm
Scott	T.			10 The Peak
Scott	W.			Linley Cottages
Scott	W.			Pry Farm
Shailes	W.	Mrs.		The Hyde
Simpkins	E.			Purton Stoke
Slade	W.			2 The Peak
Spiller	S.			21 The Peak
Staley	J.			Common
Story-Maskelyne	M.	Miss		Cloon Farm
Sutton	F.			Packhorse Farm
Theobald	H.			Station Road
Tranter		Miss		High Street
Tuck	M.			3 The Peak
Tyler		Commander, R.N.		The Cedars
Walsh		Mrs.		Manor House
Webb	R.		Relieving Officer.	Redcliffe House
Webber	H.			Hill View
Wheeler	H.		Rate Collector & Assistant Overseer	High Street
Wilkins	C.	Messrs.		Down Farm
Wilkins	F.	Mrs.		Hillside
Wilkins	H.	Messrs.		Down Farm
Willis	N. S.	Rev.		The Vicarage
Woolford	A. J.			The Butts
Woolford	H.			High Street
Woolford	J.			New Road
Woolford	J.			Common
Woolford	W.			7 The Peak

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Co-operative Stores		High Street
Back	J,		Draper	The Street
Barnes	A. H.		Builders	The Station
Barnes	F.		Builders	The Station
Barnes	L. J.		Builder	Western Villa
Barnes	W.		Carpenter	Witts Lane
Bathe		Mrs.	Dressmaker	Wheatfield
Bennett	M. A.	Miss	"North Wilts Herald" Correspondent	Post Office
Blake	A.		Motor Car Proprietor	Play Close
Brown	A. P.	Dr.		Norbury
Bye	A. E.		Motor Car Proprietor	13 The Peak
Carter	A, E,		Grocer	Station Stores
Carter	W.		Butcher	High Street
Clark	A.		Farmer	Purton Stoke
Clark	A. E.		G.W.R. Carrier	Widham House
Clark	J.		Greyhound Inn.	
Clark	W.		Brickmaker	Greenhill
Cotton	T.		Hotelier	Railway Hotel
Duffin	R.		Insurance Agent	8 The Peak
Dunn	F.		Blacksmith	Pavenhill
Dunn	W. G.		Blacksmith	Station Road
Durnford	C.		Baker & Grocer	High Street
Foster	W. H.		Tailor	The Street

Gardner	E. L.		Grocer & Baker	Church Street
Greenaway	J. T.		Corn Merchant	
Grimes		Mrs.	Corn Merchant	Packhorse
Haines	H.		Farmer	Packhorse
Hedges	H.		Market Gardener	Pavenhill
Herbert	A.		Blacksmith	Station Road
Iles	C. J.		Farmer	College Farm
Kempster	F.		Grocer	The Central Stores
King		& Sons	Saddlers & Harness Makers	Station Road
King	W.		Carpenter	Pavenhill
Lane	F.		Farmer	Bagbury
Large	B.		Farmer	Stoke
Lewis	F.		Carpenter	Common Platt
Matthews	J.		Carpenter	Linden Villa
New	R.		Boot & Shoe Shop	High Street
Newman	Alice Victoria	Mrs.	Publican	Royal George Inn
North	R.		Hotelier	Angel Hotel
Shurey	W.		Publican	The Hope Inn, Station Road
Simpkins	G.		Farmer	Hayes Knoll
Sly	A.		Farmer	Brockhurst
Smith	G.		Decorator	High Street
Smith	H.		Coach Builder	Melville House
Staley		Mrs.	Dressmaker	Common
Stevens	W.		Farmer	The Pry
Tanner	G.		Farmer	Bentham
Telling		Mrs.	Publican	Masons' Arms Inn
Telling	J.		Plasterer	Pavenhill
Theobald	F.		Coal Merchant	Station Road
Theobald	J.		Shoemaker	Station Road
Webber	E. J.		Watchmaker, Hairdresser, Newsagent & Agent for the "North Wilts Herald"	Station Road
Wells	L.		Farmer	Pavenhill Farm
Wilkins	G.		Butcher	The Street
Willoughby	J.		Publican	Bell Inn, Purton Stoke
Woodward	J.		Plumber	Wheatfield
Young	N.		Farmer	Bremhill