



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

Rodbourne Cheney

RODBOURNE CHENEY is a village and parish 2 miles north of Swindon Junction station in the Northern division of the county, Highworth hundred and petty sessional division, county court district of Swindon, Swindon and Highworth union, and in the rural deanery of Cricklade, archdeaconry of North Wilts, and diocese of Bristol. The North Wilts canal passes through the parish. The church of St Mary, which stands on an eminence, is an edifice of stone in the Early English and Decorated styles, consisting of chancel, nave of 5 bays, north aisle, south porch, and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles containing a clock and 5 bells: there is a double piscina of the south side, and another in the Lady chapel; the church was partly rebuilt in 1848 at a cost of about £3000, and affords about 440 sittings. The register dates from the year 1663. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £186, with residence, in the gift of Miss F Stebbing, and held since 1891 by the Rev. Ernest Robert Knapp. The church Room at Haydon Wick was built in 1897. There are Congregational and Wesleyan chapels at Haydon Wick, a Primitive Methodist chapel at Rodbourne Cheney, erected in 1906 at a cost of £750 with 220 sittings, and a United Methodist chapel at Moredon. The land belongs to small proprietors. The soil is stone brash, subsoil clay and stone. The crops are chiefly grass. The area is 2351 acres of land and 10 of water: rateable value £6994. The population in 1911 was 1913 in the civil and 4196 in the ecclesiastical parish, which includes part of Swindon.

MOREDON 1 mile north-west, HAYDON 2 north-west, and HAYDON WICK, 1.5 north-west, are hamlets.

By Local Government Board Order No. 25937 dated 30th September 1900, part of Rodbourne Cheney was added to Swindon civil parish.

Sexton: Benjamin Benfield

Police Constable: Shadrach Thomas Maton

Post, M O & T Office: George Beaven Lewis, sub-postmaster. Letters through Swindon arrive at 7.30am & 3pm; dispatched at 11.30 & 7.5pm weekdays only.

Wall Letter Box, Rodbourne Green: cleared at 11.35am & 7.10pm weekdays only.

Post Office, Haydon Wick: Robert Titcombe, sub-postmaster. Letters through Swindon arrive at 7.45am & 3.25pm; dispatched at 11.15am & 6.50pm weekdays only. The nearest money order and telegraph office is at Rodbourne Cheney.

Wall Letter Box at Moredon: cleared weekdays only at 11.25am & 7pm.

Council Schools:

Rodbourne Cheney (infants) built in 1913 for 160. Miss Amy Straight, mistress.

Haydon (mixed) built in 1876 and new wing added in 1895, for 116 boys and girls & 65 infants. William Cook, master. Miss A Southey, infants mistress.

Rodbourne Cheney (boys & girls) built in 1894 and enlarged in 1906 for 260. William Dale, master.

There is also a Sunday School near the church, built and endowed at the expense of Admiral Sir W Bowles.

Carrier to Swindon: Frederick Thomas Puffet, Mon.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bown	James Thomas			Manor House
Knapp	Ernest Robert	Reverend	Vicar	Vicarage
Stephens	John Edmund			Pinehurst (letters to Upper Stratton)

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ainsworth	W J		Manager of North Swindon Estate Co	Brickworks
Blackmore	Elizabeth	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Edwards	Walter		Farmer	
Enstone	James		Haulier	
Harman	George		Publican	Redbourne Arms PH
Harvey	Albert		Farmer	
Hook	Charles		Farmer	
Humphries	Henry		Secretary, North Swindon Mens Club	
Keene	Eva	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Kitchen	Emma	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Lewis	George Beaven		Grocer, Post Office	
Paginton	George		Seedsman	
Parkhouse	George		Farmer	(letters addressed to Upper Stratton)
Pickard	Clemence		Farmer	
Russell	George		Shopkeeper	
Rymell	F		Secretary Working Mens Club	
White	Mary Ann	Mrs	Grocer	

Moredon

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Chambers	Peter		Publican	Red Lion PH
Loder	William		Farmer	Park Farm
Matthews	George Henry		Asst Overseer	
Maundrell	Humphrey		Farmer	
Puffet	Frederick Thomas		Shopkeeper & Carrier	

Haydon

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Clifford	Albert		Farmer	
Cowley	Hubert		Farmer	
Dixon	William J		Farmer	

Haydon Wick

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Cox	Arthur H		Grocer	
Francombe	Charles		Farmer	
James	Ernest		Baker & Grocer	
Poulton	Joseph		Haulier & Beer Retailer	
Robins	Henry		Farmer	

Sims	William George		Farmer	
Smith	Laura Ann	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Johnson	E		Secretary of Working Mens Club	