



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Rowde

ROWDE (called in Domesday "Rode") is a parish and compact and healthy village on the road from Devizes to Chippenham, 2 miles north-west from Devizes station on the Great Western railway, and 6 south-west from Calne, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Potterne and Cannings, Devizes petty sessional division, county court district and union, rural deanery of Avebury, (Cannings portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The village stands on a plain, a short distance from Roundway Down, which here shows itself with a bold precipitous front. The springhead of a stream called Roundway Forde, rises near the foot of the Down, and as it flows onwards, forms partly the boundary line between the parishes of Rowde and Bromham. The church of St Matthew, anciently dedicated to St Mary, is a building of stone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave of three bays, aisles, north porch, and an embattled western tower, containing a clock and 6 bells, and in 1897 a chiming apparatus was added in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of her late Majesty, Queen Victoria: in the chancel is a hagioscope: there are a number of stained windows, including 5 placed in 1872 as a memorial to the Rev. A B Starkey MA, a former vicar, and one erected in 1886 in memory of F A S Locke esq. of Rowde Forde: the brass lecturn was presented by C H Lowe esq. in memory of the late Major General C G Gordon, and in 1887, a carved oak screen was erected at the west end: there are tablets in the church to Wadham F Locke MP d. 1835, and to Wadham F Locke, d. 1854, and to the Rev. William Higginson MA d. 1816, vicar of this parish for 51 years: in the chancel is a mural monument to Thomas Spencer, d 1765: in 1882 the chancel window was raised and a new oak roof erected at a cost of 200 guineas, defrayed by C H Lowe esq. and a new oak reredos was at the same time presented by parishioners as a memorial of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria: the reredos was completed in 1910 in memory of C H Lowe esq. of Rowde: the church was partly rebuilt in 1833, and reseated in 1871: there are about 350 sittings. The register dates from the year 1606. The living is a vicarage, net income £204, with 2 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of, and held since 1911, by the Rev. Arthur James Clark. Here is a Wesleyan Methodist chapel. Reading Rooms and an Institute were erected in 1887 by Mrs Starkey in remembrance of her son, the Rev. Andrew Beauchamp Starkey, a former vicar: these were enlarged in 1896 by C H Lowe esq. and include a library. Webb's and Wick's charities amount together to £40 yearly for distribution. C E H A Colston esq. who is lord of the manor, the Messrs Bythesea and the Duke of Somerset are the principal landowners: there are 2579 acres of land, resting principally on red sand and clay, well-wooded, and mostly devoted to pasturage, and 24 of water; rateable value £5328; the population in 1911 was 873.

Caen Hill is a mile south-east; Smithwick half a mile west-by-south; Rowde Croft 2 miles north-west.

Vergers: G E Flower

Post, M O & T Office: Mrs Alice Kate Mantell, sub-postmistress. Letters received from Devizes at 6.45am & 5.10pm; and box closes at 9.40am & 9.30pm; Sundays arrive at 6.55am & dispatched at 9.30pm.

Wall Letter Box, Foxhangers: cleared at 9.50am & 7.15pm; Sundays 9.10am

Church of England School (mixed), erected in 1907 for 130 children. Frank Stott, master.

Elementary School (infants), built in 1821 and enlarged in 1885, for 70 children. Mrs Bessy Stiles, mistress.

Carrier to Devizes: William Bull, daily

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bartholomew	John			Newton House
Butler	Daniel William	JP		Rowdefield Farm
Butler		Misses		Newton House
Chandler	Thomas H			
Clark	Arthur James	Reverend	Vicar	Vicarage
Hampton*		Mrs		Sunnyside, Caen Hill
Hayden		Mrs		
Holloway	William			Prospect House
Pointing	Thomas Hayward			Lion Lodge
Reynolds		Misses		Prospect Rise
Russell		Misses		Rowde Hall
St George		Mrs		Rowde Lodge
Stott	Frank			Ivy Cottage

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Akerman*	Frederick		Publican	Olive Branch PH, Caen Hill
Aldrick	William		Farmer	Durlatt Farm
Board	Hedley		Publican	George & Dragon Inn
Buckland*	William Walter		Farmer	Lower Foxhangers
Buckley	Frank		Farmer	Clears Farm (letters via Seend)
Bull	William		Carrier	
Burton	William Frank	Mrs	Miller (water)	
		Butler & Sons	Farmers	Rowdecroft
Butler	Daniel William		Farmer	
Butler	Frederick George		Farmer	Malt Hose Farm
Clements	Henry		Jobbing Gardener	
Ferris	Charles H		Beer Retailer	
Fielding*	Frederick		Cowkeeper	Caen Hill
Flower	George Edward		Builder & Contractor	
Giddings	Charles		Yeoman Farmers	Rowde Hill Farm
Giddings	Thomas		Yeoman Farmers	
Giles	Robert		Market Gardener	
Golding	Samuel		Plumber	
Grist*	Edgar Gilbert		Farmer	Foxhangers
Harford	John		Farmer	
Harford	Joseph		Farmer	
Perrett	Ernest		Secretary of The Institute	
Lewis	Charles		Farmers	Iron Pear Tree Farm
Lewis	Edwin		Farmers	Iron Pear Tree Farm
Mantell	Alice Kate	Mrs	Grocer & Post Office	
		Moss Bros	Bakers	
Mulcock	George		Blacksmith	
Perrett	George	& Sons	Carpenters, Builders, Wheelwrights, Smiths & Implement Repairers	
Perrett	Henry		Coal Dealer	
Richman	Henry		Apartments	
Stickler	George Alexander		Baker	
Stickler*	William		Farmer	Lower Farm
Stiles	Sarah	Mrs	Farmer	
Taylor	Alfred		Farmer	Rowde Farm

Taylor	William		Farmer	Manor Farm
Trueman	John		Milk Seller	Burrells Lane
Weston*	E.C		Baker	Caen Hill
Wilson		& Son*	Laundry	Foxhangers
Wiltshire	Ernest		Farmer	Smithwick Farm

Entries marked * thus receive their letters direct through Devizes