



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Stourton (Gasper and Bonham)



GASPER and BONHAM are hamlets half a mile apart in the civil parish of Stourton, 6 miles north-east from Wincanton station on the London & South Western railway, and 3 west from Mere in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Norton Ferris, union of Mere, Shaftesbury county court district. Some of the inhabitants attend the church at Stourton. These places, originally parts of Somersetshire. Although belonging to Stourton, Wilts, were transferred to Wiltshire in pursuance of Section 54 of the "Local Government Act 1888" (51 & 52 Vict. C 41), by "Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act 1895 (58 & 59 Vict c 91) as from Sept 30th 1895. Order made May 27th 1895, numbered P 1125. There is a Catholic chapel at Bonham, originally founded in 1640 and dedicated to St Benedict. Sir Henry Hugh Arthur Hoare bart JP is the principal landowner. The soil is a sandy loam, sub-soil, clay and sandstone. The land is chiefly used for dairy purposes. The area is 1250 acres, rateable value and population included with Stourton.

Wall Letter Box: cleared at 8.30am & 6.40pm on weekdays: Sundays, 8.30am. Letters received from Bath, via Stourton, arrive about 9am. The nearest telegraph office is at Stourton, 2 miles distant, and Money order office at Zeals. 1 mile distant.

St Benedict Catholic Chapel, Bonham: Rev. George Donze, priest: services, Sunday mass 8.30 & 10.30am & 6pm, weekdays mass 8.30am. Thurs evening service, 7.30pm.

Catholic School, Gasper (mixed) erected in 1847 for 50 children. Miss Eugenie Kerr, mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents - Bonham

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Donze	George	Reverend	Priest	Bonham House

Traders - Bonham

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Jefferys	Charles Osman		Farmer	Bonham Farm

Gentry/Private Residents - Gasper

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Hankey	E Percival A			Brook House
Moore	Frederick William			
Rycroft	Nelson			

Traders - Gasper

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Gough	Jane	Mrs	Farmer	

Medlam	Augusta Maria	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Pickford	Charles Henry		Farmer	Heath Hill
Serrell	William	& Sons	Farmers	