



Kellys Directory Extract 1903

Stratton St. Margaret



Stratton St Margaret is a parish and a village, taking its name from the old roman road running through it; it has a station on the Swindon & Cricklade branch of the Great Western Railway, 2½ miles north-east from Swindon, 79½ miles from London and 3½ south from Highworth: it was originally divided into three tithing's, called the street (now Lower Stratton), The Green, and Upper Stratton, and includes Upper Stratton with Kingsdown: it is in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Highworth, Swindon & Highworth union, Swindon county court district & petty session's division, and in Cricklade rural deanery, North Wilts archdeaconry and diocese of Bristol. The Wiltshire & Berks canal skirts the parish on the south. The church of St.Margaret is an ancient edifice of stone, chiefly in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles separated from the nave by arcades of four bays, organ chamber and vestry, south porch and a western tower containing 4 bells: there is a small Norman doorway in the north aisle, and the porch is Perpendicular; the east window is stained and there are four others, one of which is a memorial to the Rev. Septimus Isaac Crawhall M.A. vicar here 1879-95: there are also monumental tablets to William & Alice Hedges, alias Lacey de Kingsdowne, 1645: Catherine Hedges, 1649, and William Hedges, 1693: the south aisle was new-roofed in 1894, and in 1897 an organ chamber and vestry were built at a cost of £450: there are 420 sittings. The churchyard has been twice enlarged, the last addition being in 1901, when new oak gates were put up. The register dates from the year 1608. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £160, with 132 acres of glebe & residence, in the gift of Merton College, Oxford, and held since 1898 by the Rev. Cecil Foster Burgess, the rectorial tithe and glebe lands are in the possession of Merton College. The iron mission church of St.Philip at Upper Stratton has 200 sittings. Here are Particular Baptist, General Baptist, Primitive Methodist & Wesleyan chapels, with Sunday schools attached. The charities are inconsiderable, being the interest of a sum of £200, bequeathed for the sustenance of vicars' widows in 1693 by William Hedges: there is an endowment of £24 a year to the General Baptist chapel at Lower Stratton. Here is the Workhouse of the Swindon & Highworth. Kingsdown House, a mansion of stone in the Elizabethan style, is the seat of Lieut-Col. David Archer J.P. lord of the manor. The principal landowners are Merton College, Oxford, Lt-Col D.Archer, Thomas Day Esq. and Thomas Arkell Esq. The soil is principally stone brash;: subsoil of a loamy mixture. The chief crops are wheat, beans and barley. The area is 2,851 acres of land and 8 of water; ratable value £15450: population in 1901 was 3,367 including 16 officers and 230 inmates in Swindon and Highworth workhouse.

KINGSDOWN is 1½ miles north; PENHILL 2 miles north-west

By Local Government Board Order No, 25,937 dated 30th September, 1900 a part of Stratton St Margaret was added to Swindon.

Sexton – Alfred Edward Holdman

Post, M.O. & T.O., T.M.O., S.B., E.D, P.P. & A & I O – Alfred Edward Holdman, sub-postmaster. Letters received through Swindon office at 3.10am & 1.15pm; dispatched at 12 noon & 9pm

Post, M.O., S.B & A & I O, Upper Stratton – Frank Ashe, sub-postmaster. Letters through Swindon office arrive 6.30am & 12.50pm; cleared 7.30 & 2.30pm weekdays only. The nearest Telegraph office is at Stratton St Margaret, 1 mile distant.

Wall letter boxes – At Stratton Green, cleared 8.30pm daily: At Kingsdown cleared 7.45pm: Sunday 1.45pm At Cross Roads cleared at 1 & 7.40pm; weekdays only.

Highworth & Swindon Union Workhouse, Rev. Cecil Foster Burgess, chaplain; David Muir, medical officer; John Frank Kirby, master; Mrs. Emily Kirby, matron.

Schools

The school board formed in 1876: has been dissolved by the Education Act of 1902 & the schools are now controlled by a board of manager; Joh Cox, 86 Avenue Road, Swindon, clerk; Thomas Jackson, attendance officer.

Elementary (girls & infants) Upper Stratton built 1883 for 537 children, average attendance 165 girls & 145 infants; Mrs Elizabeth Griffiths, mistress; Miss Minnie E Barrett, infants' mistress

Elementary (boys) Upper Stratton built 1893 for 240 children; average attendance 143; William O Hill master

Elementary (infants), Lower Stratton, opened June 1895; average attendance 139; Miss S. Vowles, mistress.

Elementary (mixed) build 1869 for 240 children, average attendance 161 boys & girls; G.J.G. Gilbert master

Railway Station, John Churchill, station master

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Archer	David	Lt-Col	JP	Kingsdown house & Lushill, Highworth
Arkell	Thomas	Esq.	JP	Beech Croft, Kingsdown
Barnes	Charles Wm.			Chestnut Villa. Lower Stratton
Burgess	Cecil Foster	Rev.	Vicar	
Davis	William			Rose Cottage
Haynes	Albert			Hazlemere
Hoddinott	Edward			Cross Roads
Monro	Loftus Thomas		M.B.	Stratton House
Muir	David		M.B.	The Villas
Pound	Montague			Clyde Villa
Scott	Henry Charles	Rev.	Curate	

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Apling	Christr. Henry		Butcher	Upper Stratton
Arkell	James		Maltsters & Brewers	Kingsdown Brewery
Arkell	Thomas		Maltsters & Brewers	Kingsdown Brewery
Ashe	Frank		Grocer & Beer Retailer	Post Office, Upper Stratton
Barnes	Albert James		Commercial Traveler	
Barnes	Richard		Shopkeeper	
Bazzard	Thomas		Brick Maker	
Burge	William		Plumber	
Clark	Jane	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Cole	Edward. Jas.		Baker	Upper Stratton
Cook		Bros	Coal Merchants	Upper Stratton
Cooper	John		Marsh Gate Blood & Bone Manure Works	Lower Stratton
Cox		& Sons	Farmers	Wharf farm
Crane	George	Sec.	Upper Stratton Workmen's Reform Club	
Curnick	Tom		Farmer	Clays farm
Eatwell	George		Blacksmith	
Edwards	Wm.		Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton
Forest	Mark		Wheelwright	Cross Roads
Freeth	Charles		Printer	

	William			
Gantlett	Vivian		Farmer	Church farm
Gardner	Percy Franklin		Shopkeeper	
George	Richard		Carpenter	
Gibbs	Albert		Beer Retailer	Upper Stratton
Gosling	John		Beer Retailer	The Green
Hale	Ann	Mrs.	Baker	Kingsdown
Harris	Henry		Builder	Upper Stratton
Haynes	A.		Millers, Coal Merchants & Bacon Curers	Lower Stratton, Green
Haynes	E.		Millers, Coal Merchants & Bacon Curers	Lower Stratton, Green
Hill	Ellen	Mrs.		'Jacobs Ladder'
Hill	W. O.	Sec.	Perfect Thrift Building Society	Lower Stratton
Hill	William Henry		Coach Builder, Wheelwright & Registered Shoeing Smith	Cross Roads
Hoddinott	Francis		Farmer	Penhill
Holdman	Alfred Edward		Stationer & Post Office	Lower Stratton
Iles	Henry		Brick Maker & Shopkeeper	
Ingram	Wm.		Beer Retailer	Upper Stratton
Jackson	John		School Attendance Officer	Upper Stratton
Jewell	Agnes	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Jukes	Walter Henry		Farmer & Assistant Overseer	Pidgeon House farm
Keene	Alfred Goulding		Grocer & Draper	
Keene	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Dressmaker	Upper Stratton
Keene	George		Beer Retailer	
Kelly	Thomas		Inland Revenue Officer	
Kilminster	Joseph		Plasterer	Upper Stratton
King	Charles		Coachbuilders	Upper Stratton
King	Henry		Coachbuilders	Upper Stratton
King	Joseph		Coachbuilders	Upper Stratton
Linsell	James			'Crown Inn'
Looker	Henry		Builder	
Looker	John Fisher		Shopkeeper	Kingsdown
Love	Thomas		Baker	
Manners	Henry		Farmer	Beech farm
Manners	Wm. Bourton		Fmr	Nythe farm
Montague	Charles		Carpenter & Shopkeeper	Cross roads
Morse	Ebenezer		Family Grocer, Butcher, Bacon Curer & C.	
Muir	David	M.B. & C.M. Glas	Surgeon & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator No.4 District. Highworth & Swindon Medical Officer.	The Villas
Osbourne	Henry		Grocer	Upper Stratton
Pearce	Thomas		Beer Retailer	Cross roads
Roberts	James William		Farmer	
Russell	Geo.		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Russell	Joseph		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Shail	Robert		Beer Retailer	
Sperring	Reuben		Carpenter	
Stratford	Joseph		Farmer	
Teal	William Wood		Beer Retailer	
Townsend	Chas.		Wheelwright	Kingsdown
Trotman	Daniel		Grocer	Lower Stratton

Veal	Samuel		Carpenter	
Webb	William Hercules		Beer Retailer	Kingsdown Inn
Westmacott	Amy	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Westmacott	Theodore Samuel		Baker	
Wheeler	James		Farmer	Up Stratton
Wildern	Herbt. Ernest		Farmer	Dockle fm
Young	John Giles		Commercial traveler	Kingsdown