



Kelly's Directory of Wiltshire, 1898



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 3 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 Bristol diocese. The Wilts & Berks canal skirts the parish on the south. The church of St.Margaret is an ancient edifice of stone, 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: the east window is stained and there is one other and monumental tablets to William & Alice Hedges, alias Lacey de Kingsdown, 1645: Catherine Hedges, 1649 & 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 350 sittings. The register dates from the year 1608. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £104, with 132 acres of glebe & residence, in the gift of Merton College, Oxford, and held since 1898 by the Rev. Cecil Foster Burgess, late curate in charge: the rectorial tithe and glebe lands are in the possession of Merton College The iron mission church of St.Philip at Upper Stratton has 230 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 clay loam and brash: subsoil of a loamy mixture. The chief crops are wheat, beans and barley. The area is 2,852 acres of land and 8 of water; ratable value £13,136: population in 1891 3,232 including 180 officers and inmates in Highworth workhouse.

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

GORSE HILL is a hamlet, joining New Swindon. The names of residents are registered under New Swindon, which see; it was joined to New Swindon for all purposes by order of Wilts County Council, confirmed by Local Government Board Order, dated 24 September 1890.

Sexton – Alfred Edward Holdman

Post, M.O. & T.O., T.M.O., S.B., Express Deliver, Parcel Post & Annuity & Insurance Office – Alfred Edward Holdman, sub-postmaster. Letters received through Swindon office at 3.10am & 1.15pm; dispatched at 2.5 & 10pm Post, M.O., S.B & Annuity & Insurance office, 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: Cross Roads cleared at 1 & 7.40pm; weekdays only.

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

Schools

The school board of 5 members was formed February 12, 1876: John Cox, 71 Avenue Road, Swindon, clerk to the board: John Jackson attendance officer.

Board (girls & infants) Upper Stratton built 1883 for 537 children, average attendance 141 girls & 133 infants; Miss E.J. Giles, mistress; Miss E. Craig, infants' mistress

Board (boys) Upper Stratton built 1892 for 240 children; average attendance 161; William O Hill master

National (mixed) build 1869 for 240 children, average attendance 167 boys & girls & 97 infants; G.J.G. Gilbert master

Railway Station (GWR) William Rhodes Bessent, stationmaster

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Stratton St. Margaret

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Archer	David	Lt-Col	JP	Kingsdown house & Lushill, Highworth
Arkell		Miss		The Close
Arkell	Thomas	Esq.	JP	Beech Croft, Kingsdown
Barnes	Charles Wm.			Chestnut Villa. Lower Stratton
Burgess	Cecil Foster	Rev.	Vicar	
Colborne	Samuel			The Villas
Fish	John	Rev.	Primitive Methodist	Rose Cottage
Haynes	Albert			Hazlemere
Haynes	Edward			Hazlemere
Hoddinott	Edward			Cross Roads
King	Edward			Boundary House
Muir	David M. B.			The Villas
Pound	Montague			Clyde Villa
Pound	William			
Pritchard		Mrs.		Stratton House
Renshaw	John L			Lower Stratton
Sanders		Misses		Lower Stratton

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Apling	Chrstr. Hy		Butcher	Upper Stratton
Arkell	James		Maltster & brewer	Kingsdown Brewery
Arkell	Thomas		Maltster & brewer	
Ashe	Frank		Grocer & beer retailer	Post Office, Upper Stratton
Barnes	Albert James		Commercial traveler	
Barnes	Richard		Shopkeeper	
Bazzard	Thomas		Brick maker	
Brown	Alice	Mrs.	Grocer	Upper Stratton
Burge	William		Plumber	
Bye	William		Beer Retailer	
Chappell	Eli		Shopkeeper	Lower Stratton
Clack	Richard		Grocer	
Clark	Lemuel		Shopkeeper	
Colborne	Samuel		Assistant overseer	
Cole	Charles		Sanitary Inspector – Highworth & Swindon rural district council	Upper Stratton
Cole	Edwd. Jas.		Baker	Upper Stratton
Coleing	Jethro Kinch		Farmer	Upper Stratton
Cook	Henry		Baker	Upper Stratton
Cox		& Sons	Farmers	Wharf farm
Cox	Samuel		Farm Bailiff to Lt-Col Archer	
Curtis	Edward		School attendance officer	
Curtis	Jasper		Brick maker	Kingsdown
Eatwell	George		Blacksmith	
Edwards	Wm.		Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton
Ford	Henry		Grocer	Upper Stratton
Ford	Hy. Jas.		Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton
Forest	Mark		Wheelwright	Cross Roads
George	Richard		Carpenter	

Gantlett	Vivian		Farmer	Church farm
Gatford	John		Shopkeeper	Lower Stratton
Goddard	Jn.		Grocer & Draper	Lower Stratton
Gosling	John		Beer retailer	The Green
Greenaway	William		Farmer	
Hale	George		Beer retailer	Kingsdown
Harris	Henry		Builder	Upper Stratton
Haynes	Fras. Wm,		Farmer	Dockle farm
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	William Henry		Coach builder, wheelwright & registered shoeing smith	Cross Roads
Hoddinott		Bros.	Farmers	Penhill
Holdman	Alfred Edward		Stationer & Post Office	Lower Stratton
Hopkins	Fredk.		Clerk	Church farm
Iles	Henry		Brick maker & shopkeeper	
Ingram	Wm.		Beer retailer	Upper Stratton
Jackson	John		School Attendance Officer	Upper Stratton
Jarvis	Hy			'Kingsdown Inn'
Jewell	Agnes	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Jukes	Walter		Farmer	Pidgeon House farm
Keene	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Dressmaker	Upper Stratton
King	E.	& Son	Coachbuilders	Upper Stratton
Kilminster	Jsph.		Plasterer	Upper Stratton
Linsell	James			'Crown Inn'
Looker	Henry		Builder	
Looker	John Fisher		Shopkeeper	Kingsdown
Love	Thomas		Baker	
Loveday	Florence	Miss	Dressmaker	
Manners	Dnl. Leonard		Farmer	Nythe farm
Manners	Henry		Farmer	Beech farm
Cooper	I		Marsh Gate Blood & Bone Manure Works	Lower Stratton
Miller	William		Farmer	Clay's farm
Montague	Charles		Carpenter & shopkeeper	Cross roads
Morse	Ebenezer		Family grocer, butcher, bacon curer &c.	
Muir	David M. B.		Surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator No.4 district. Highworth & Swindon medical officer.	The Villas
Glas	C. M.		Surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator No.4 district. Highworth & Swindon medical officer.	The Villas
		North Wilts Sanitary Steam Laundry Co.		
Osbourne	Henry		Grocer	Upper Stratton
Pearce	Henry E.	& Co.	Printers, stationers	& at 45a Regent St, New Swindon
Hill	W. O.		Secretary of the Perfect Thrift Building Society	Lower Stratton
Radwat	Jethro		Shopkeeper	
Rames	Albert		Butcher	Lower Stratton
Russell	George		Farmer	Lower Stratton

Russell	Joseph		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Shail	Robert		Beer retailer	
Spering	Reuben		Carpenter	
Stroud	Mary	Mrs.	Beer retailer	
Trotman	Daniel		Grocer	Lower Stratton
Townsend	Chas.		Wheelwright	Kingsdown
Trowbridge	James		Bricklayer	
Crane	George		Secretary of the Upper Stratton Workmen's Reform Club	
Veal	Samuel		Carpenter	
Warman	Jsph.		Beer retailer	Cross roads
Westmacott	Amy	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Wheeler	James		Beer retailer & coal merchant	Upper Stratton
Young	John Giles		Commercial traveler	Kingsdown