



Kellys Directory of Wiltshire, 1907



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, chiefly in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles separated from the nave by ancient 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 & the porch is perpendicular: east window is stained, there are four others including one to Rev. Septimus Isaac Crawhill M.A. vicar here 1879-1895: there are also monument 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 420 sittings. The churchyard has been twice enlarged, the last addition in 1901, when new oak gates were put up. The register dates from the year 1608. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £178, with 132 acres of glebe & residence, in the gift of Merton College, Oxford, on the nomination of the Bishop of Bristol, and held since 1898 by the Rev. Cecil Foster Burgess: the rectorial tithe and glebe lands are in the possession of Merton College. The new church of St. Philip, erected in 1904-5 at a cost of £2,200, is an edifice of brick in the Early English style, from the designs by Mr. W. H. Masters, architect of Swindon, but consists at present only of nave and aisles: there are sittings for 463 persons. The iron mission church of St. Philip at Upper Stratton is now used as a parish hall and Sunday school. 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 a trust, bequeathed by John Herring and yielding £3 per annum of which £2:10s is applied in providing yearly prizes for scholars belonging to the elementary schools in the parish and the remaining 10s is given to four widows: there is an endowment of £24 a year to the General Baptist chapel at Lower Stratton. Here is the Poor Law Institution of the Swindon & Highworth Union (for particulars see Swindon). Kingsdown House, a mansion of stone in the Elizabethan style, is the seat of John Thornton Esq. lord of the manor. The principal landowners are Merton College, Oxford, Lieut. Col, David Archer, of Lulshill House, Lechlade, Thomas Day Esq.. and Thomas Arkell Esq. J.P. The soil is principally clay loam and brash: subsoil of a loamy mixture. The chief crops are beans & Hay. The area is 2,851 acres of land and 8 of water; ratable value £15,930: population in 1901 3,367 including 16 officers and 330 inmates in the Swindon & Highworth Workhouse.

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

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

Sexton – Alfred Edward Holdman

Post, M.O. & T, O., S.B., A & I. office – Alfred Edwd. 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. 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 1.45 & 8.45pm: Sundays 8.45pm. At Cross Roads cleared at 12n00n & 7.40pm week days only. Swindon & Highworth

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

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Schools

The school board formed in 1876 has been dissolved by the Education Act of 1902 and the schools are now controlled by a board of managers. John Cox, 2, Ermine street, clerk – Thomas Jackson, attendance officer
Elementary (girls & infants), Upper Stratton, built 1883 for 420 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 185; John E. Greenhaugh, master. Elementary (infants), Lower Stratton, opened 1893, for 240 children; average attendance 156; Miss S Vowles, mistress. Elementary (mixed), Lower Stratton, built in 1869, for 168 children; average attendance 161 (boys & girls); C. J. G. Gilbert, master.

Railway Station (GWR) Ernest Lee, stationmaster

Stratton St Margaret

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arkell	Thomas	Esq.	JP	Beech Croft, Kingsdown
Barnes	Charles Wm.			Chestnut Villa, Lower Stratton
Burgess	Cecil Foster	Rev		
Davis	William			Rose Cottage
Haynes	Albert			Hazlemere
Hoddinott	Edward			Willow Cottage, Lower Stratton
Munro	Loftus Thomas			Stratton House
Muir	David M. B.			The Villas
Pound	Montague			The Street
Thornton	John			Kingsdown house
Worter	Sydney Robert	Rev. M.A.	Curate	

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arkell	James		Maltster & brewer	Kingsdown Brewery
Arkell	Thomas		Maltster & brewer	Kingsdown Brewery
Ashe	Frank		Grocer & beer retailer	Post Office, Upper Stratton
Barnes	Albert James		Commercial traveler	
Barnes	Richard		Shopkeeper	
Bazzard	Thomas		Brick maker	
Bown	Alice	Mrs.		Upper Stratton
Burge	William		Plumber	
Clack	Charles H			Kingsdown Inn
Clark	Jane	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Cole	Edwd. Jas.		Baker	Upper Stratton
Cook	Saml.		Coal merchant	Upper Stratton
Cooper	John & Sidney		Marsh Gate Blood & Bone Manure Works	Lower Stratton
Coulton	Henry P		Inland Revenue officer	
Cowley	Ephraim		Shopkeeper	Lower Stratton
Cox	John		Assistant overseer	Upper Stratton
Curnick	Robert		Farmer	Clays farm
Duck	William		Coal merchant	Lower Stratton
Eatwell	George		Blacksmith	
Edwards	Wm.		Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton

Forest	Mark		Wheelwright	Crossroads
Freeth	Charles William		Printer	
Gantlett	Edward		Farmer	Church farm
Gardner	Percy F.		Secretary of the Perfect Thrift Building Society	Lower Stratton
Gardner	Percy Franklin		Shopkeeper	
George	Richard		Carpenter	
Gibbs	Albert		Beer retailer	Upper Stratton
Glas	C. M.		Surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator No.4 district. Highworth & Swindon medical officer.	The Villas
Gosling	John		Beer retailer	The Green
Grant	Reginald R. S. S.		Blacksmith & farrier	Kingsdown
Hale	Ann	Mrs.	Baker	Kingsdown
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	Francis		Farmer	Penhill
Holdman	Alfred Edward		Stationer & post office	Lower Stratton
Iles	Henry		Brick makers & shopkeeper	
Ingram	Wm.		Beer retailer	Upper Stratton
Jackson	Alfred		Grocer, butcher, bacon curer &c.	Lower Stratton
Jackson	Thomas		School Attendance Officer	Upper Stratton
Jewell	Agnes	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Keene	Alfred Goulding		Grocer & draper	Upper Stratton
Keene	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Dressmaker	Upper Stratton
Keene	George		Beer retailer	
Kilminster	Joseph.		Plasterer	Upper Stratton
King	Henry Charles		Coachbuilders	Upper Stratton
King	Joseph		Coachbuilders	Upper Stratton
Looker	Henry		Builder	
Looker	John Fisher		Shopkeeper	Kingsdown
Love	Thomas		Baker	
Manners	Henry		Farmer	Beech farm
Manners	Wm. Bourton		Farmer	Nythe farm
Montague	Charles		Carpenter & shopkeeper	Crossroads
Muir	David M. B		Surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator No.4 district. Highworth & Swindon medical officer.	The Villas
Osbourne	E.	Mrs.	Grocer	Upper Stratton
Pullen	Frederick		Secretary of the Upper Stratton Workmen's Reform Club	
Richards	Rt.		Hairdresser	Lower Stratton
Roberts	James William		Farmer	
Russell	C.	Mrs.		Crown
Russell	Geo.		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Russell	Jsph.		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Saunders	Joseph		Lower Stratton Workmen's Reform Club	
Shail	Robert		Beer retailer	
Sperring	Reuben		Carpenter	
Stratford	Joseph		Farmer	
Teall	William		Beer retailer	

	Wood			
Townsend	Chas.		Wheelwright	Kingsdown
Trotman	Daniel		Grocer	Lower Stratton
Veal	Samuel		Carpenter	
Westmacott	Amy	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Westmacott	Theodore Samuel		Baker	
Wilden	Herbert Ernest		Farmer	Dockle farm