



Kellys Directory Extract 1889



Westwood-cum-Iford

WESTWOOD-cum-IFORD is a parish, situated on the Avon and Frome rivers, the latter river dividing the county from Somersetshire, 2 miles south-west from Bradford, 3 north-west from Trowbridge and 111 from London, in the Western division of the county, hundred of Elstub, Bradford petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Potterne Bradford portion, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church, which is supposed to have been dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, is an ancient stone structure, in the Early English style, consisting of a singularly small chancel, nave of two bays, north aisle, with exquisitely carved oak ceiling, square tower with four stone pinnacles, and containing 4 bells: the chancel arch does not spring from a like point on each side: the east window is stained: the centre figure is " Our Saviour on the Cross;" on either side are St. John, St. Peter, St. Paul, and the emblems of Our Lord's Passion: there are 100 sittings. The register dates from the year 1666. The living is a rectory, gross yearly value £291, including 19 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Bristol, and held since 1884 by the Rev. William Ruscombe Wollen, M.A. of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. Here are Baptist and Wesleyan chapels. A cemetery of half an acre was formed in 1883 at a cost of about £250; it is under the control of a burial board of 7 members. Here are freestone quarries. The Bradford Union House is situate in this parish, on the side of the Avon and Kennet canal, which crosses the Avon by an aqueduct near this spot, called Avon Cliffe; for particulars of Union, see Bradford-on-Avon. The course of the Avon from Bradford to Bath presents a series of rich and beautiful views: the valley is narrow, and abounds with wood, rock, meadow, natural and artificial water, as the canal runs parallel with the Avon throughout this beautiful valley the entire distance from Bradford to Bath; the river Frome empties itself into the Avon at Freshford. Westwood Manor House, now occupied as a farmhouse, was built by Thomas Hungerford, yeoman of this parish and the founder and benefactor of the church; although much reduced in size, the house has some fine specimens of oak ceiling - one on the ground floor, which has 88 oblong compartments, each 18 inches long and 12 in width; the upper storey has the greater portion of a fine banqueting hall, having a rich ceiling, with pendent bosses and deep cornice with tracery. G. H. Tugwell, esq. is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is clayey ; subsoil, clayey and parts heavy. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 807 acres; rateable value, £1,816; the population in 1881 was 516 including 125 Officers and inmates of the Bradford Workhouse.

Iford was a Roman settlement. Iford House is the seat of Mrs. Rooke. Midway is 1 mile south. Parish Clerk, Robert Cottle.

A School Board of 5 members was formed in 1882, C. Patrick, Bradford, clerk to the board.

Board School (mixed), built in 1841 with residence, for 55 children; average attendance, 48; Miss Ada Mary Smith, mistress.

Letters through Bradford-on-Avon, which is the nearest telegraph & money order office, arrive at 9 a.m.

Wall Letter Box cleared at 8.50 a.m. & 6.25 p.m. & at Avon Cliff 7.50 a.m. & 6.50 p.m.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Misen		Mrs.		The Laurels
Patrick	Charles			Avon Cliff
Rooke		Mrs.		Iford House
Wollen	William Ruscombe	Rev., M.A.	Rector	Rectory

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Bath Stone Firms Limited	Quarry Masters & Bath Stone Merchants; Chief Office, Corsham	
Beaven	A.		Cemetery, Clerk to the Burial Board (Bradford)	
Bourne	James		Farmer	Manor House Farm
Godwin	Herbert William		Farmer	
Godwin	William		Quarry Master	
Harman	Henry		Flock Mill	
Hazell	Alfred		Shopkeeper	
Hobbs	Samuel		Cemetery, Sexton	
Manners	Emma	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Marsh	George Benoni		Farmer & Overseer	
Pike	Thomas		Farmer	
Pyle	Edward		Publican	Cross Guns Public House
Raines	Maria	Mrs.	Publican	New Inn Public House