



# Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

## Wilsford



**WILSFORD** (or Willesford), near Pewsey, is a village and parish, on the river Avon, about 2 miles south from Woodborough station on the Reading, Newbury and Yeovil branch of the Great Western railway, 6 south-west from Pewsey and 7 south-east from Devizes, in the Eastern division of the county, Swanborough hundred, petty sessional division of Everleigh and Pewsey, Pewsey union, Devizes county court district, rural deanery of Potterne (Enford portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Nicholas is an ancient building of stone, in the Norman and Early English styles, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and an embattled western tower, containing a clock and 5 bells: the east window and two others in the chancel are stained, and there are 160 sittings. The register dates from the year 1588. The living is a vicarage, with the chapelry of Manningford Bohune annexed, net yearly value £205, including 2 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Master of St Nicholas' Hospital, Salisbury, and held since 1881 by the Rev William Wrixon Keating MA of Trinity College, Dublin. The trustees of the late Captain Wyndham, who are lords of the manor, and the War Office are the principal landowners. The soil is clay and chalky; subsoil, chalk and green sand. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats, beans and roots. The area is 1,759 acres; rateable value £1,077; and the population in 1911 was 130 in the civil and 345 in the ecclesiastical parish.

**Parish Clerk:** James Gardiner

**Post Office:** Mrs Mary Ann Chamberlain, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Pewsey, Wilts, at 8.10am & 4pm; Sunday 8.50am; dispatched at 10.15am & 5.30pm; Sunday 10.25am. Woodborough, 3 miles distant, is the nearest money order & telegraph office

**Elementary School (mixed):** built in 1848 for 50 children; George E Muspratt, master

**Carriers to Devizes:** Hibberd of Woodborough, & Cave of Upavon pass though Thurs

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Hutton	William Thomas			
Keating	William Wrixon	Rev MA	Vicar	

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Burry	Thomas Edward		Farmer	
Burry	William George		Farmer	Mill
Butler	John		Farmer	Upper & Lower Farms
Cleverly	George		Beer Retailer & Grocer	
Gardiner	James		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Oram	Thomas Grace		Blacksmith	