



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915

## Easton Royal



**EASTON** is a village and parish 3 miles south-west from Savernake Junction station, on the Berks and Hants extension branch of the Great Western railway, 3 west from Grafton station of the Midland & South Western Junction railway, 3.5 miles east of Pewsey, and 7 south-by-east from Marlborough, in the Eastern division of the county, Kinwardstone hundred, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Pewsey union, Marlborough county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough,(Pewsey portion) archdeaconry of Wilts, and diocese of Salisbury. The church of the Holy Trinity, erected by Sir Edward Seymour, Earl of Hertford in 1591, is a building of flint and stone in a debased Gothic style, and consists of chancel, nave, north porch and a tower containing 3 bells: there are 6 stained windows: the stained east window and a white marble tablet were erected to David Herbert Llewellyn, youngest son of a late vicar, who was surgeon of the Confederate war steamer, Alabama, and after her engagement with the federal steamer Kearsage, off Cherbourg, refusing to imperil the escape of the wounded, went down with the ship on 19th June, 1864, in the 26th year of his age: the church was restored and reseated in 1855, and repaired in 1879, and in 1884, was altered and decorated, at the expense of Ernest, 4th Marquess of Ailesbury: there are 285 sittings. The register dates from the year 1580. The living is a donative, net yearly value, £180, in the gift of the Marquess of Ailesbury, and held since 1895, by the Rev Thomas Kemm. Here is a small Wesleyan chapel. Charities: William Francis, citizen and merchant of London, bequeathed in 1805 the sum of £500, and the Rev J T Lawes, in 1828, the sum of £100: the interest of these sums, amounting to £21 yearly, is distributed among the poor. There are also two clothing clubs, one for mothers, and the other for children, to which the sum of £10 as bonus, is given annually. In the reign of Henry III, about 1240, a priory of White Canons (Premontstratensians), was founded here by Stephen, archbishop of Salisbury, the revenues of which, at the Dissolution, were valued at £55 14s 4d, and the remains and site were given to the Seymours: the foundations can still be traced. The Marquess of Ailesbury is lord of the manor and sole landowner. The soil is loam and clay, sub-soil, chalky. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and turnips: the area is 2224 acres, rateable value £1613: population in 1911 was 327.

**Godsbury** is a barrow 2 miles north. On Easton Hill is a large barrow or small camp, and there are other barrows and some remarkable terraces on the downs.

**Parish Clerk:** Alfred Brookes

**Post & T Office:** William Bailey, sub-postmaster. Letters from Pewsey, Wilts, arrive at 7.30am & 3.35pm, Sundays, 8.10am, dispatched at 11am & 5.50pm, Sundays, 11am. The nearest money order office is at Milton, 2 miles distant.

Elementary School (mixed), erected in 1873, at a cost of £500 for 96 children, Mr John Derham, master.

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Kemm	Thomas	Reverend		Vicarage

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	William		Shoemaker	Post Office

Brookes	Alfred		Carpenter	
Collins	Harry Hearne		Farmer	
Cooper	James Thomas		Farmer	
Crouch	Ann	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Derham	John		Rate Collector	
Drury	Charles		Publican	Bruce Arms Inn
Goodman	Harriet	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Haines	James Smith		Farmer	Manor Farm
Howse	Walter James		Grocer & Baker	
Kimber	James		Blacksmith	
Pearce	Henry		Farmer	
Stagg	Harriet	Miss	Dressmaker	
Trowbridge	Alban Edwin		Farmer	Home Farm
Trowbridge	Walter George		Farmer	Lower Farm