



Kellys Directory Extract 1889

Great Chalfield



GREAT CHALFIELD is a parish, 3 miles north-east from Bradford, 3 west from Melksham, 3½ from Trowbridge, about 1½ from Holt station on the Wilts and Somerset branch of the Great Western railway and 9 east from Bath, in the Western division of the county, hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Bradford, rural deanery of Potterne, Bradford portion, archdeaconry of

Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. This parish has been added to Atworth for civil purposes only; ecclesiastically it remains separate. The Gembrook flows through the parish. The church of All Saints, a small but ancient structure of stone in the Early English style, consists of a chancel and nave, west porch and has a steeple at the western end containing one bell: a handsome stone screen separates the chancel from the nave, and the east window is stained: there are 50 sittings. The parish register commences in the year 1545 and has been kept in exact order down to the present time. The living is a rectory, gross yearly value £144, net £120, in the gift of George Pargiter Fuller esq. M.P. and held since 1878 by the Rev. Edward Kingston M.A. of Caius College, Cambridge, who resides at Melksham. The old Manor House is said by Walker ("Examples of specimens of Gothic Architecture") to be one of the most interesting Domestic Gothic architecture in England: it was built in the reign of Henry VI. (about 1460) by Thomas Tropnelle: the barns and farm buildings on the right were built in Queen Elizabeth's time: it has been converted into a farm residence. Within a century the last descendant of Thomas Tropnelle, an only son, being at man's estate, died by an accident while hunting; he put a pair of dog-couples over his head, and leaping a hedge, the end of the couple caught in a bough and kept him from the ground till he was strangled; the motto of the family was, "Le joug tyra bellement" -sadly prophetic of the end of the last of this ancient and wealthy family. George Pargiter Fuller esq. M.P., J.P. is lord of the manor and sole landowner. The soil is loam and brash; subsoil, clay. The land is chiefly used for corn and pasture. The parish contains 710 acres of arable and pasture land; rateable value, £720; and a population in 1881 of 34.

The nearest LETTER Box is Holt. Letters through Trowbridge. The nearest money order offices are at Holt, Bradford & Melksham, equi-distant; telegraph office at Holt.

The children of this place attend the Atworth school.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	James		Farmer	
Hiscock	James		Miller (Water)	
Pullen	Thomas		Farmer	Lenten Farm