



Kellys Directory Extract 1889

Holt



HOLT is a pleasant village, junction station on the Great Western railway, and ecclesiastical parish, formed in 1846, situated on the road from Bradford to Melksham, 2½ miles north-east from Bradford, 3 north from Trowbridge, 3 southwest from Melksham and 103 from London by rail, in the Western division of the county, civil parish, hundred, union, petty sessional division and county court district of Bradford, rural deanery of Potterne Bradford portion, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Catherine is an ancient stone structure, and consists of chancel, nave and aisles, with square western embattled saddle-back tower and 5 bells: there is a curious old Norman font, dating from the 12th century: the east window and one in the south aisle are stained: it has been restored and reseated with open benches, the old gallery removed, the west window restored, and a north porch built, total cost about £550, and four presentation windows inserted in the south side at a cost of £130: the porch was erected by Miss Chapman, in memory of Robert Chapman esq.: the church is now (1889) in the course of restoration, new roofs are to be put upon the nave and aisles, the nave will be made 11 feet higher, new arcades will be built, the whole floor paved with tiles, and it is hoped that a new chancel, vestry and organ chamber will be added: there are 276 sittings. The register dates from the year 1575. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £300, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Bristol, and held since 1865 by the Rev. Herbert Henry Moseley, B. A. of St. John's College, Cambridge. Here is a new Congregational chapel, built in 1880, at a cost of £2,200, the old chapel being converted into a school. Woolstapling is carried on by Messrs. J. and T. Beaven. A substantial stone building was erected in 1873 for a reading room for the working classes. A coffee tavern and reading room has been opened at the expense of Miss S. Chapman, of this village. Holt Manor House stands in a small park of 16 acres and is the residence of Alexander Mackay esq. J.P. J. H. B. Forster, esq. who is lord of the manor, Michael Palmer esq. and Thomas Alexander esq. are the principal landowners. The soil is rich loam; subsoil, gravel and clay. The chief crops are wheat and pasture. The area is 1,320 acres; the population in 1881 was 936.

Parish Clerk, Samuel Rudman.

POST, M. O. & T. O., S. B. & Insurance & Annuity Office. John Harding, postmaster. Letters through Trowbridge, arrive at 7 a.m. & 3.15 p.m. & are dispatched at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

WALL LETTER Box, cleared at 10.45 a.m. & 6.45 p.m.; Sundays, 9.45 a.m.

SCHOOLS:-

National (mixed), built in 1834, for 160 children; average attendance, 90; Absalom Pilley, master ; Mrs. Pilley, mist. Congregational, opened in 1880, for 150 children; average attendance, 86; James William Moore, master.

Railway Station, Samuel Chalk, station master.

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Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Alexander	Thomas			Glan-Yr-Afon
Bass		Mrs.		Fir Lawn
Beaven		Miss		
Beaven	Albert James			The Elms
Beaven	Edwin Charles			Arboyne
Beaven	Frederick Thomas			The Retreat
Chapman		Miss		Phyllis Cottage
Dibben		Miss		Stanbridge House
Dunn		Misses		Old Vicarage

Ingold	Johnson			Ingleside
Lansdowne	Richard			South View
Lyons	Henry			Springfield
Mackay	Alexander	J.P.		Manor House
Moore	James William			Holt House
Moseley	Herbert Henry	Rev., B.A.		Vicarage
Stribling	Sl. Barber	Rev	Congregational Minister	
Trent	Matthew Henry			Berry Cottage

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	Edward		Carpenter	
Bailey	John		Shopkeeper	
Beaven	John		Leather Manufacturers & Woolstaplers	
Beaven	Thomas		Leather Manufacturers & Woolstaplers	
Bird	A. H.		Coal Merchants	
Bird	S.		Coal Merchants	
Bullen	Edmund		Carpenter	
Deverell	William		Publican & Timber Merchant	Three Lions Public House
England	Frederick		Farmer	
England	Robert		Farmer	
Ferris	Samuel		Farmer & Dairyman	Oxen Leaze Farm
Harding	Harry		Blacksmith	
Harding	John		Grocer	Post Office
Hopkins	Thomas		Baker	
House	Edmund Charles		Baker	
Hunt	John		Farmer	Gaston Farm
King	James		Butcher	
Lupton	David		Shopkeeper	
Milsom	James		Shoe Maker	
Moon	Anna Maria	Miss	Linen Draper	
Moore	James William		Schoolmaster	
Perritt			Farmer	Hunts Hall
Pilley	Absalom		Schoolmaster	
Pocock	Isaac		Farmer	Manor Farm
Rudman	Samuel		Wheelwright & Parish Clerk	
Sartan	Stephen		Plumber	
Sawtell	John		Feather & Flock Dealer	Spa House
Sheppard	William		Publican	New Inn
Steadman	Frederick		Manager, Coffee Tavern	
Stevens	Florence Miriam	Miss	Day School	
Trueman	Anna	Mrs.	Publican	White Hart Public House
Williams	Alfred		Dairyman	