



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Holt

HOLT is a civil parish constituted 1894, by Local Government Board Order 32118 and an ecclesiastical parish, formed in 1846, out of Bradford on Avon, with a junction on the Great Western railway, 2.5 miles east from Bradford, 3 north from Trowbridge, 3 south-west from Melksham, and 94 from London by rail, in the Western division of the county, 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 Katherine is an edifice of stone, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch, and an embattled western saddle-back tower containing 6 bells: the Norman font dates from the 12th century; the east and west windows and two in the south aisle are stained: the porch was erected by Miss Chapman, as a memorial to Robert Chapman esq: the church was partly rebuilt in 1891 at a cost of £2300, under the direction of Mr C E Ponting of Marlborough and affords 314 sittings. The register dates from the year 1575. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £243, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Bristol, and held since 1914, by the Rev. Thomas Roberts of St Aidan's. The Congregational chapel, built in 1880 at a cost of £2200, seats 360. A cemetery of half an acre was formed in 1893 at a cost of £200: it is under the control of a burial board of 7 members, and a portion was consecrated July 13th, 1894 by the Bishop of Salisbury. Woolstapling and leather manufacturing is carried on here, and there are also works for feather purifying, and for the manufacture of bedding and wire mattresses, and a steam laundry. The Reading Room, erected in 1873 on a site presented by T B W Forster esq has an attached billiard room added in 1893. Holt Manor House, standing in a park of 65 acres, is the seat of Lt Col Thomas Henry Burton Forster JP, who is lord of the manor. Lt Col Forster JP, George Llewellyn Palmer esq JP and Mrs Alexander are the principal landowners. The soil is rich loam, sub-soil, gravel and clay. The land is chiefly pasture. The area is 1308 acres of land and 8 of water; rateable value £5417: the population in 1911 was 1022.

Sexton: George Derham

Post M O T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office: Miss Mary Harding, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive through Trowbridge at 6.50 & 11.15am, and 4.50pm, Sundays, 6.50am, and are dispatched at 10.20am 12.55 & 7.10pm, Sundays 10am. Wall Letter Box, Melksham Rd: cleared at 10.20am, 12.55 & 7.10pm, Sundays 9.55am.

Schools

Elementary (mixed) built in 1834, for 160 children. G W Naish, master.

Elementary, opened in 1880 and enlarged in 1894, for 226 children. John C Longstaff, master.

Railway Station: Goldsworth Beer, stationmaster.

Police Constable: David John Smith

Gentry/Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Alexander | | Mrs | | Glan yr afon |
| Barclay | | Miss | | The Court |
| Beaven | Edwin Charles | JP | | Arboyne |
| Beaven | Frederick Thomas | JP | | The Retreat |
| Beaven | James | | | Fir Lawn |
| Buckland | Walter | | | Dixcroft |
| Chapman | | Miss | | Phyliss Cottage |
| Deverell | William | | | The Hollies |
| Edwards | Henry | | | Prospect Cottage |
| Fletcher | Lancelot Kohry | Reverend MA | Congregational | The Manse |
| Forster | Thomas Henry Burton | Lt Col, JP | | Manor House |
| Gee | | Miss | | Homecroft |
| Hurn | Henry | | | Fernlea |

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|---------|------------------------|----------|-------|------------------|
| Jones | Ernest | | | Bridge House |
| O'Grady | Frederick Standish FZS | Hon | | Ingleside |
| Pullen | | Mrs | | Gypsy Cottage |
| Reeves | William Robert | | | Laurel Lodge |
| Roberts | Thomas | Reverend | Vicar | The Vicarage |
| Trent | Fritz William | | | Bradley Cottage |
| Trent | Henry James | | | Berry Cottage |
| Trim | | Miss | | The Court |
| Whitear | | Miss | | The Elms |
| Willis | | Lady | | Stanbridge House |
| Woodd | | Miss | | The Cottage |

Traders

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Alexander | Edward Perkins | | Farmer | Glan yr afon |
| Bailey | Zipporah Amelia | Mrs | Grocer | |
| Baker | Dennis James | | Farmer | Blackacre Farm |
| Barnett | Henry Jesse | | Builder | |
| Barton | Robert | | Baker | |
| Beaven | James | | Leather Manufacturers | |
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| Bees | Sarah M | Mrs | Draper | |
| Bird | A H | | Coal Merchants | Station Yard |
| Bird | S | | Coal Merchants | Station Yard |
| Chapman | Sidney | | Carpenter | |
| Compton | James | Clerk | Burial Board | Cemetery |
| Cooper | George Ambrose | | Carpenter | |
| Crudge | Frederick | | Dairyman | |
| Denley | William | Mrs | Shopkeeper | |
| Edwards | Francis | | Carter & Farmer | Gaston Farm |
| Ewence | Averina | Miss | Dressmaker | |
| Harding | Harry | | Blacksmith | |
| Harding | Mary | Miss | Grocer & Post Office | |
| Hares | Percy | Manager | Coffee Tavern | |
| Harris | Edward | | Photographer | |
| Hart | Thomas | | Boot Maker | |
| Hibbard | Henry | | Butcher | |
| Hillier | James | | | White Hart PH |
| Marsh | Sidney | | Farmer | Oxenleaze Farm |
| Milsom | James | | Shoemaker | |
| Moore | Alfred | | | Three Lions PH |
| Mortimer | Aaron | | Coal Merchant | |
| Pafford | John | | Insurance Agent | |
| Parsons | Elizabeth | Mrs | Grocer | |
| Parsons | John William | | Cabinet Maker | |
| Perritt | William James | | Farmer | Hunts Hall |
| Pullen | Reginald | | Farmer | Common Farm |
| Rawlings | J | Hon Sec | Reading Room | |
| Ruckley | Henry Robinson | LRCS, MRCP Edin | Physician & Surgeon | Holt House |
| Saunders | George | | Farmer | Bradley Farm |
| Sawtell | John | & Co | Bedding & Mattress Mfrs | |
| Sealey | Thomas | | Insurance Agent | |
| Silcocks | Charles | | | Old Ham Tree Inn |
| Smith | A C | Miss, Proprietress | West Wilts Laundry | |
| Smith | Herbert Llewellyn | | Plumber | |
| Tucker | Samuel | | Farmer | Manor Farm |
| Watts | John | Mrs | Farmer | |
| Williams | Frank | | Nurseryman | |
| Williams | Joseph | | Haulier & Farmer | Holt Farm |