



Kellys Directory Extract 1889

Kingston Deverill



KINGSTON DEVERILL is a parish and village 3½ miles north-north-east from Mere, 7 south from Warminster and 8 south-east from Frome, in the Southern division of the county, partly in the hundred of Amesbury and partly in that of Mere, Warminster petty sessional division, Mere union, Frome county court district, rural deanery of Wylve Heytesbury portion, archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury. The village is situated in a valley, running from east to west, with lofty downs on either side. The river Deverill comes to the surface here after having run for five miles underground from Kilmington. The church of St. Mary was rebuilt, except the tower, in 1847, the expense being defrayed by the Dowager Marchioness of Bath, the trustees of the Marquess (then a minor), and the Rev. D. M. Clerk, rector, the parish contributing £120: it is a stone edifice, in the Early Decorated style, and consists of chancel and nave, with south aisle, which is connected with the nave by an arcade, supported by two Pointed piers: the steps of the chancel are paved with encaustic tiles: here is a handsome stained east window with three figures: there is a south porch and a square 15th century tower having a good peal of 6 bells : there are 120 sittings. The register dates from the year 1706. The living is a rectory, yearly value £160, derived exclusively from 347A. (*acres*) 2R. (*roods*) 9P. (*perches*) of land, with residence, in the gift of the Marquess of Bath, and held since 1885 by the Rev. William Moore, B.A. of St John's College, Oxford. Here is a Wesleyan Methodist chapel. Eleanor Hurlé of this parish, widow, in 1688 gave £50 to be laid out in land, the profit thereof to the poor forever. There are in this parish 14 acres of land belonging to the Charity school at Horningsham, called the School lands. The Roman road from Uphill, in Somerset, to Old Sarum, passed through Kingston Deverill, thence over the Downs till crossed by the Shaftesbury and Warminster road near the sixth milestone. The Marquess of Bath F.S.A. who is lord of the manor, and the rector are sole landowners. The soil is chalk, with some sand: subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley. The area is 2,651 acres; rateable value, £1,393; the population in 1881 was 278.

Parish Clerk, Henry Maxfield.

POST OFFICE. - John Carpenter, receiver. Letters arrive from Warminster at 9.30 a.m.; dispatched at 5 p.m.; on Sundays at 10 a.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Mere. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid.

National School (mixed), built in 1853, for 60 children; average attendance, 30; Mrs. C. Wheeler, mistress.

CARRIERS TO WARMINSTER. - Joseph Stone & John White, Tues., Thurs., & Sat.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Curtis	James		Shopkeeper	
Long	James		Pond Maker	
Moore	William	Rev., B.A.		Rectory
Osborne	Francis		Dairyman	
Pullin	Charles Hoare		Farmer	Newport Farm
Stone	Joseph		Carrier	
Stratton	William		Farmer	Manor Farm
Trimby	Henry		Blacksmith	
White	Henry		Shopkeeper	
White	John		Carrier	