



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Leigh Delamere



LEIGH DELAMERE is a parish, 5½ miles north-west from Chippenham station and 2½ miles south of Hullavington station, both on the Great Western railway, and 7 south-west from Malmesbury, in the North Western division of the county, hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Chippenham, and in the rural deanery of Chippenham, archdeaconry of North Wilts and diocese of Bristol. The parish includes the hamlet of Sevington, 1 mile south-west from the church. The church of St Margaret, entirely rebuilt in 1846, at the sole expense of the late Joseph Neeld esq. of Grittleton House, is an edifice of stone, in the Early English and later styles, consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, aisles, south porch and a turret rising from the eastern gable of the nave and containing one bell: there are several stained windows, and the church has sittings for 150 persons. The register dates from the year 1626. The living is a rectory, net income £150, with 48 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Lieut-Col Sir Audley D Neeld bart. and held since 1913 by the Rev William Hale Evans MA of New College, Oxford. Close to the church is an almshouse, built and endowed by the late Joseph Neeld esq. and consisting of six sets of apartments for aged servants, and others employed on the Grittleton estate. The suffix-name of the parish is derived from the knightly family of Delamere, who sold the estate before the year 1369. Lt-Col Sir Audley Dallas Neeld bart. CB MVO is lord of the manor and owns nearly the whole of the parish. The soil, being on the forest marble, is various; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat, barley and beans, with a large proportion of pasture land. The area is 1,237 acres; rateable value, £1,141; the population in 1911 was 110.

Letters arrive from Chippenham to Leigh Delamere at 7.30am & 7pm

Wall Letter Box, Leigh Delamere: cleared at 7.15am & 7.10pm; Sundays, 7.05am

Wall Letter Box, Sevington: cleared at 7.15am & 7.20pm; Sundays, 7.15am. Letters arrive at Sevington from Chippenham at 7am & 4.30pm. the nearest money order & telegraph office is at Grittleton

The children of this parish attend the school at Grittleton

Gentry/Private Residents – Leigh Delamere

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Evans | William Hale | Reverend MA | Rector | Rectory |

Traders – Leigh Delamere

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
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| Rudler | Ernest Henry | | Farmer & Overseer | Manor Farm |

Traders - Sevington

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
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| Isaac | Charles | | Farmer | |
| Jenner | Henry | | Farmer | |
| Pullin | George | | Cowkeeper | |