



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Purton



PURTON is a parish and village with a station on the Cheltenham branch of the Great Western railway, 81.25 miles from London, 4 north-north-east from Wootton Bassett, 6 north-west from Swindon, and 4 south from Cricklade, in the Northern division of the county, Highworth hundred, Cricklade petty sessional division, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett union, Swindon county court district, and in the rural deanery of Cricklade, North Wilts archdeaconry and diocese of Bristol. The village is pleasantly situated on rising ground, commanding beautiful and extensive views of the surrounding country: the Wilts and Berks canal passes through the parish. The church of St Mary is a large edifice of stone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, aisles, south porch, and two embattled towers, a central tower rising from the intersection of the nave and chancel, and another at the west end, with pinnacles, containing 5 bells, an arrangement which is also seen at Wanborough in this county: the east window is stained and there are memorial windows to the Prower family: the late Rev. D O Coates, a former curate, to the late Mrs Sadler of Purton Court, and to the four sisters, Mrs Sarah Brown, Mrs Mary Cotes, and the Misses Elizabeth and Hannah Bathe, and monuments to the families of Ashley-Cooper and Sadler, and to the Rev. Nevil Maskelyne, DD, FRS, astronomer royal, who died 9th February, 1811 and was buried here: the church was thoroughly restored in 1872 and in 1907 the belfry was screened off, new carved oak choir stalls were added, and the font restored at a cost of £300: there are sittings for 500 persons. The register dates from the year 1558. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £470, with residence, and 51 acres of glebe, in the gift of trustees, and held since 1878 by the Rev. John Veysey, of Trinity College, Dublin, and chaplain of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett union. Here is a Congregational chapel, erected in 1829 with 120 sittings: also Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist chapels. A fair is held on the Friday after September 19th. A Workmens Institute and Coffee Tavern was erected by James Sadler in 1879. The workhouse for the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett union is here (particulars of the Union will be found under Wootton Bassett). Nevil Maskelyne esq. who died about 1789, left £5 to the poor and a payment of 10s to a minister for preaching a sermon on Good Friday. At Ringsbury, near the village is a Roman camp with a double ditch, the outer one being very perfect: at Red Street, in the parish, a battle was fought between the Royalists and Parliamentary forces. The famous Lord Clarendon once resided at Purton, in what is now a farmhouse called "The College Farm". There are three manors in this parish – the Great Manor, of which the trustees of the late Charles Allan Wykeham Martin esq. are lords: Purton Keynes, of which Messrs Brown Brothers are lords; and the Little Manor, which includes Purton Common. The principal landowners are James Henry Sadler esq. JP, Charles D Haycock esq, and the trustees of the late M H Story-Maskelyne esq, The soil is oolite brash; subsoil clay. The chief crops are wheat on the higher lands, and some pasture; the area is 6446 acres of land and 19 of water: rateable value £16248; the population in 1911 was 2578, exclusive of Braydon, and including 7 officers and 111 inmates in the Cricklade Poor Law Institution, and 2645 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Schools

Elementary (mixed) built by subscription in 1860 and having an endowment of £17 10s yearly, chargeable on lands belonging to the exors of the late Mrs Brown, and a residence for master and mistress. The school will hold 350 children. Frank Drew, master.

Elementary (infants) erected 1884, for 150 children, Mrs Ada Woodward, mistress.

At **PURTON STOKE**, 2 miles north in this parish, is a mineral spring, said to possess great medicinal powers, the water of which is made extensive use of. The rent of 28 acres of land on the boundary of Purton Stoke, in the parish of Cricklade, was given to the poor: the distribution is made on the first Thursday after the 6th January, the sum varying from 15s to £4. Poor persons living in this hamlet receive the benefit of this charity. A Reading Room was erected in 1909 and opened in February 1910, at a cost of £250. There is a Primitive Methodist chapel, built in 1867.

Post & Telegraph Office: Edward James Simpkins, sub-postmaster. Letters through Swindon arrive at 8am & 3.15pm; Sundays, 7.30pm; dispatched at 8.30am & 6.35pm; Sundays, 7.30am. Purton is the nearest money order office.

Elementary School (mixed) built in 1896, and placed under government control; accommodation, boy & girls, 75, infants, 25; Francis John Barnes, master. Mrs Martha Louisa Pearce, mistress; Mrs A Godwin infants mistress.

BRAYDON or Bradon is a civil parish in the ecclesiastical parish of Purton, and was a forest until the 5th year of the reign of Charles II, when it was disafforested. The church, erected in 1868, but unconsecrated, is a small edifice of brick with western turret containing one bell, and contains memorial tablets to the Rev. D O Cotes, a former curate of Purton and his wife Mary: it has sittings for 100 persons: the services are conducted by the vicar of Purton. Here is a Primitive Methodist chapel with 80 sittings: the area of the hamlet is 1484 acres; rateable value £1327: the population in 1911 was 67.

Elementary School Braydon (mixed) built in 1857 with house for mistress: placed under government in 1876; enlarged in 1882 to hold 60 children. Mrs Webb, mistress.

Wall Letter Box, (by school) cleared at 6.30pm; Sundays; 9.5am

Post M O & T Office, Purton: Mrs Alice J Bennett, sub-postmistress. Letters through Swindon at 4.30am & 2pm; Sundays 4.30am only: dispatched at 12.40 & 7.30pm; Sundays, 6.35pm. Money orders are issued and paid from 8am to 8pm.

Letter Box at Railway Station: cleared a 1 & 7.50pm; Sundays 7.55pm

Wall Letter Box, Poplar Hall: cleared at 6.45pm weekdays only.

Wall Letter Boxes: Church End: cleared at 7.15am; Sundays 8.40am: Pavenhill; cleared at 9.25 & 7pm, Square cleared at 9.30am & 7.5pm: Station Road; cleared at 12.50 & 7.45pm; Sundays, 6.45pm Bentham: cleared at 5.10pm.

Police Sergeant: Squires Edwin Cutts

Cricklade Poor Law Poor Law Institution: Sidney William Maundrell, manager, Mrs E Maundrell, matron; Robert Collins Hawkes, clerk to guardians.

Railway Station: George Evans, station master.

Carriers: to Cricklade and Cirencester: Thomas Ricks & Henry Theobald, Mon & Fri to Swindon: Henry Theobald, Tues.: Thomas Ricks, Thurs.

Gentry/Private Residents - Purton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bickford	Oscar Leonard			Purton Court
Brown	John			The Close
Brown	William			Hospital Lane
Burson	William James Bennett			Wootton Bassett Road
Canning	Albert	Lt Col		Restrop House
Charlton		Mrs		Hillside Cottage
Clarke	Albert			Clarendon House
Dunn	Arthur Horatio			Ivy Lodge
Dunsford	Arthur			Holly Lodge
Finch	Herbert J			
Hedges	Nelson William			Melville House
Hibbard		Mrs		The Cottage
Iles	Charles John	JP		College Farm
Kinnett	Charles			Norbury House
Leach	Thomas			Wootton Bassett Road
Palmer	Henry			Wootton Bassett Road

Pedley	Joseph Hewer			Hillside House
Plummer		Mrs		High Street
Prower		Miss		The Sissells
Pugh	James Ernest	Reverend MA	Curate	Pavenhill
Redman		Mrs		Churchfield Lodge
Richardson	Arthur Percy	Capt		Purton House
Robson	William Henry			
Ruck		Miss		
Russell		Miss		Red House
Sayer		Mrs		Longcroft
Story-Maskelyne		Miss		Rose Cottage
Tull	Ira			Wootton Bassett Road
Vesey	John	Reverend	Vicar & Chaplain	Vicarage
Walsh		Mrs		Manor House

Traders – Purton early closing day Wednesday

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Adams	Frederick		Cowkeeper	The Elms
Back	James		Draper	High Street
Baker	Alfred		Farmer & Lime Burner	
Ball	Thomas		Farmer	Dill Farm
Barnes	Francis	& Sons	Carpenters	Station
Barnes	Leonard James		Builder	
Barnes	William Frank			
Bennett	Alice J	Mrs	Stationer & Post Office	High Street
Boulton	William	& Sons	Marble & Stone Masons	
Bowden	Tom		Sawyer	Pavenhill
Brown	Richard		Farmers	The Manor
Brown	Stephen		Farmers	The Manor
Bunce	John Robert	Sec	Workmens' Club	
Burgess	Mary	Mrs	Baker	High Street
		Capital & Counties Bank		
Carter	Joseph		Farmer	
Clark	Abraham		Cowkeeper	
Clark	William		Brick Maker	Green Hill
Dash	Harry		Farmer	Quarry Farm
Dixon	Henry		Farmer	Bagbury Green Farm
Dunn	Francis Henry		Blacksmith	Pavenhill
Durnford	Charles		Shopkeeper	High Street
Everleigh	William Charles	Manager, New Swindon Co-op	Grocers	
Finch	Herbert Jonathan	LRCP	Surgeon	
Foster	William Henry		Tailor	High Street
Freeman	Elizabeth	Mrs	Shopkeeper	High Street
Gardner	Edward Lance		Grocer & Baker	
Garrett	John		Farmer	Manor Farm
Glass	Elton		Farmer	Widham Farm
Godfrey	Henry James		District Surveyor to RDC	The Beeches
Godwin	George		Farmer	
Greenaway	John Templar		Farmer, Cattle & Corn Merchant	
Greenham	John P		Farmer	Ridgeway Farm
Gregg	Margaret	Miss	Dressmaker	High Street
Grimes	Annie	Mrs	Corn Dealer	Packhorse
Haines	Henry		Farmer	Packhorse
Haskins	William		Farmer	Cross Lane Farm
Herbert	Albert		Blacksmith	Station Road

Hill	Edward		Brick & Tile Maker	
Iles	Charles John	JP	Farmer	College Farm
Iles	Charles Joseph		Farmer	Hayes Knoll
Iles	Henry		Farmer	Bentham
Keene	George		Refreshment Rooms	High Street
Kempster	Frank		Grocer	
		King & Sons	Saddlers	Station Road
King	William		Carpenter	
Lane	Frederick William		Farmer	Bagbury Farm
Lewis	Frank		Miller (water)	The Fox
Liddall	Ellen	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Station Road
		Lloyds Bank Ltd		
Matthews	Eber		Boot Repairer	The Square
Matthews	Edwin		Cowkeeper	
Matthews	William C		Farmer	Pound Farm
Mussell	Alfred		Pork Butcher	High Street
Newman	Alice Victoria	Mrs	Grocer & Beer Retailer	
Ody	George		Farmer	Pry
Paginton	Henry		Farmers	
Paginton	William		Farmers	
Parsons	Henry James		Florist	
Ponting	Ernest		Farmer	Moonleaze
Pool	Frank		Farmer	Moonleaze
Ricks	Ruth	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Ricks	Thomas		Beer Retailer & Carrier	Pavenhill
Riggs	William J		Dairyman	The Hyde
Scott	Mark		Farmer	Axmoor
Scott	William J		Farmer	Bentham
Selwood	Joseph	Exors of	Farmers	Bentham Farm
Shurey	Jeremiah		Beer Retailer	
Simpkins	George		Farmer	Hayes Knoll
Simpkins	Job		Farmer	The Pry
Smith	George Arthur	& Son	Plasterer	Hayes Knoll
Smith	Harry		Coach Builder	Station Road
Stanley	George			Greyhound PH
Sutton	Frederick F		Farmer	Packhorse
Sutton	Robert		Boot Maker	
Tanner	William		Farmer	Bentham
Taylor	Ernest Edward		Printer & Stationer	& at Minety & Malmesbury
Telling	William		Beer Retailer	The Square
Theobald	Francis		Coal Merchant	
Theobald	John		Shoemaker	
		Thomas' Creameries Ltd		
Tytherleigh	Edward Ernest		Farmer	West Marsh Farm
Webb	Rufus Isaac		Registrar of Births & Deaths	High Street
Webster	Ernest John		Stationer	Harford House
Wells	Limerick		Farmer	Hurstead Farm
Wheeler	Albert		Asst Overseer, Rate Collector & Clerk to Parish Council	
Wiggins	William		Farmer	Bury Hill
Wilding	Thomas		Asst Overseer	Angel Hotel
Wilkins	George Edward		Butcher	High Street
Wilkins	Harriet	Mrs	Farmer	
Wilkins	Sarah Jane	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Woodman	Mark		Farmer	Pavenhill
Young	Nathan		Farmer	Bremhill

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Ward	John Edward	JP		Red Lodge

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Gleed	Edwin		Farmer	Packgate Farm
Habgood	Robert James		Farmer	Battle Lake
Matthews	Edwin		Farmer	
Millard	Emmanuel		Farmer	Maplesale Farm
Pike	Arthur		Farmer	
Ponting	Herbert		Farmer	Cox Hill Farm
Ponting	Reginald E		Farmer	High Barn Farm
Scott	Harry		Farmer	Red Lodge Farm

Gentry/Private Residents – Purton Stoke

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Armour	George Denholm			Stoke Cottage
Warrender		Miss		Stoke House

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Akers	Edward		Farmer	Wells Farm
Akers	Fras Elliott		Farmer	Stoke Common
Clark	Abraham		Farmer	Corner Farm
Henley	John		Farmer	Hardings' Farm
Large	Benjamin		Farmer	Manor Farm
Ponting	Samuel William		Farmer	Ponds Farm
Ray	Harry Arthur		Head Gardener to Miss Warrender	
Richens	Samuel		Farmer	
Simpkins	Amelia	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Simpkins	Edward		Cowkeeper	
Wells	Limerick		Cowkeeper	
Willoughby	Henry			Bell Inn