



Kellys Directory Extract 1895

Stratton St Margaret



Stratton St Margaret is a parish and a village, taking its name from the old roman road running through it; it has a station on the Swindon & Cricklade branch of the Great Western Railway, 2½ miles north-east from Swindon, 79½ miles from London and 3½ south from Highworth: it was originally divided into 3 tithing's, called the street (now Lower Stratton), The Green, and Upper Stratton. And includes Upper Stratton with Kingsdown: it is in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Highworth, Swindon & Highworth union, Swindon county court district & petty session's division, rural deanery of Cricklade, archdeanery of Bristol and diocese of Gloucester and Bristol. The Wiltshire & Berks canal skirts the parish on the south. The church of St.Margaret is an ancient structure of stone, in the Early English style, supposed to have been erected in the reign of Edward I: it consists of chancel, nave, aisles separated from the nave by arcades of four bays, organ chamber and vestry, south porch and a western tower containing 4 bells: the east window is Decorated and stained: there are monumental tablets to William & Alice Hedges, alias Lacey de Kingsdown, 1645: Catherine Hedges, 1649 & William Hedges, 1693: also a memorial window in the south aisle to Mrs. Eliza E. Craig, 1882 the south aisle was new-roofed in 1894, there are 350 sittings. The register dates from the year 1608. The living is a vicarage, average tithe rent charge £30, gross yearly value £210, net £104, with 132 acres of glebe & residence, in the gift of Merton College, Oxford, and held since 1895 by the Rev. Alexander Nairne Scott M.A. of Exeter College, Oxford: the rectorial tithe and glebe lands are in the possession of Merton College. There is an iron mission church, dedicated to St. Philip, at Upper Stratton has 230 sittings. Here are Particular Baptist, General Baptist and Primitive Methodist chapels, with Sunday schools attached. The charities are inconsiderable, being the interest of a sum of £200, bequeathed for the sustenance of vicars' widows in 1693 by William Hedges: there is an endowment of £24 a year to the General Baptist chapel at Lower Stratton. Here is the Workhouse of the Swindon & Highworth union. Kingsdown House, a mansion of stone in the Elizabethan style, is the seat of Lieut-Col. David Archer J.P. lord of the manor. The principal landowners are Merton College, Oxford, Lt-Col D.Archer, Thomas Day Esq. and Thomas Arkell Esq. The soil is principally stone brash: subsoil of a loamy mixture. The chief crops are wheat, beans and barley. The area is 2,852 acres of land and 8 of water; ratable value £13,092: population in 1891 3,232 including 180 officers and inmates in Highworth workhouse.

KINGSDOWN is 1½ miles north; PENHILL 2 miles north-west

GORSE HILL is a hamlet, joining New Swindon. The names of residents are registered under New Swindon, which see; it was joined to New Swindon for all purposes by order of Wilts County Council, confirmed by Local Government Board Order, dated 24 September 1890.

Sexton – Alfred Edward Holdman

Post, M.O. & T.O., T.M.O., S.B., Express Deliver, Parcel Post & Annuity & Insurance Office – Alfred Edward Holdman, sub-postmaster. Letters received through Swindon office at 3.10am & 1.15pm; dispatched at 2.5 & 10pm

Post Office, Upper Stratton – Frank Ashe, sub-postmaster. Letters through Swindon office arrive 6.20am & 12.50pm; cleared 7.30 & 1.50pm weekdays only. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid. The nearest money order and telegraph office is at Stratton St Margaret, 1 mile distant.

Wall letter boxes – at Stratton Green, cleared 8.30pm daily: At Kingsdown cleared 7.45pm: Sunday, 1.45pm. At Cross Roads cleared at 1 & 7.40pm; weekdays only.

Highworth & Swindon Union Workhouse, Rev. Alexander Nairne Scott M.A., chaplain; David Muir, medical officer; John Frank Kirby, master; Mrs. Emily Kirby, matron.

Schools

The school board of 5 members was formed February 12, 1876: John Cox, Clovelly house, Stratton St Margaret, clerk to the board: John Jackson attendance officer.

Board (girls & infants) Upper Stratton built 1883 for 537 children, average attendance 130 girls & 120 infants; Miss E.J.Giles, mistress; Miss C. B. Anquin, infants' mistress

Board (boys) Upper Stratton built 1893 for 240 children; average attendance 156; William O Hill master

Board (infant) Lower Stratton, opened June 1895

National (mixed) build 1869 for 240 children, average attendance 150 boys & girls & 85 infants; G.J.G. Gilbert master

Railway Station (GWR) William Williams, stationmaster

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Archer	David	Lt-Col	JP	Kingsdown house & Lushill, Highworth
Arkell	Henry			Pen Hill
Arkell	Thomas	Esq.	JP	Kingsdown
Chugg	James	Rev.	Curate	
Colborne	Samuel			The Villas
Evans	Wm. Boucher	M.B.		Lower Stratton
Frogley	Aaron			Hazlemere
Hoddinott	Edward			Cross Roads
Jowett	Thos.			Junior Carlton Club
King	Edward			Boundary House
Muir	David	M.B.		Albion cottage
Pound	Montague			Clyde Villa
Pound	William			
Sanders		Misses		Lower Stratton
Scott	Alex Nairne	Rev.	Vicar	
Smith	Fredk. Gilliat	Capt.		Stratton house

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		North Wilts Sanitary Steam Laundry Co.		
		Swindon & North Wilts Brewery Lim		
		Frogley & Deacon	Millers (steam)	
A'Court	Charles		Baker	Kingsdown
Apling	Christr. Hy		Butcher	Upper Stratton
Arkell	Henry		Farmer	Penhill
Arkell	James		Maltsters & brewers	Kingsdown Brewery
Arkell	Thomas		Maltsters & brewers	Kingsdown Brewery
Ashe	Frank		Grocer & beer retailer	Post Office, Upper Stratton
Barnes	Albert James		Commercial traveler	
Barnes	Chas. Wm.		Assistant overseer	
Barnes	Richard		Shopkeeper	
Burge	William		Plumber	
Clack	Richard		Grocer	

Clark	Lemuel		Shopkeeper	
Colborne	Thomas		Builder	
Cole	Charles		Inspector of nuisances – Highworth & Swindon rural district council	Upper Stratton
Cole	Edward. Jas.		Baker	Upper Stratton
Coleing	Jethro Kinch		Farmer	Upper Stratton
Cook	Henry		Baker	Upper Stratton
Cowley	Chas		Shopkeeper	Kingsdown
Cox	John		Clerk to school board	Clovelly house
Cox	Stephen	& Sons	Farmers	Wharf farm
Curtis	Jasper		Brick maker	Kingsdown
Eatwell	George		Blacksmith	
Edwards	Wm.		Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton
Evans	William Boucher		M.B. surgeon	Lower Stratton
Ford	Hy. Jas.		Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton
Ford	Jacob		Beer retailer	
George	Richard		Carpenter	
Gillett	Thomas O		Farm bailiff to Col. Archer	Kingsdown
Gills	William John		Farm bailiff to Henry Arkell esq.	
Goddard	Jn.		Grocer	
Greenaway	William		Farmer	
Haines	Fras. Wm.		Farmer	Dockle farm
Hale	George		Beer retailer	Kingsdown
Harris	Henry		Builder	Upper Stratton
Hayward	Thomas William		Glass & china dealer	Upper Stratton
Hill	Frank			'Jacobs Ladder'
Hill	W.O.	Sec.	Perfect Thrift Building Society	Lower Stratton
Holdman	Alfred Edward		Stationer & Post Office	Lower Stratton
Hopkins	Fredk.		farmer	Church farm
Hughes	James		Farmer	Clay's farm
Iles	Henry		Brick maker & shopkeeper	
Ingram	Wm.		Beer retailer	Upper Stratton
Jackson	John		School Attendance Officer	Upper Stratton
Jarvis	Hy			'Kingsdown Inn'
Jukes	Walter		Farmer	Pidgeon House farm
Keene	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Dressmaker	Upper Stratton
Kemble	Israel C.		UPPER STRATTON WORKMEN's REFORM CLUB	
Kembrey	Thos.		Beer retailer	The Green
Kilminster	Joseph.		Plasterer	Upper Stratton
Looker	Henry		Builder	
Love	Thomas		Baker	
Manners	Dnl. Leonard		Farmer	Nythe farm
Manners	Hy		Farmer	Beech farm
Montague	Chas		Carpenter	Cross roads
Morse	Ebenezer		Family grocer, butcher, bacon curer &c.	
Muir	David	M.B. & C.M. Glas.	Surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator No.4 district. Highworth & Swindon medical officer.	The Villas
Osbourne	Henry		Grocer	Upper Stratton
Pearce	Henry E.	& Co	Printers, stationers	& at 45a Regent St, New Swindon
Ponting	Alfred			Crown, Lower

	Edwards			Stratton
Pound	William		Farmer	
Radway	Jethro		Shopkeeper	
Russell	Geo.		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Russell	Jsph		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Spering	Reuben		Carpenter	
Strode	Mary	Mrs.	Beer retailer	
Townsend	Chas.		Wheelwright	Kingsdown
Trotman	Daniel		Grocer	Lower Stratton
Trowbridge	James		Bricklayer	
Turner	Thomas		Brick maker	
Veal	Samuel		Carpenter	
Warman	Joseph.		Beer retailer	Cross roads
Wheeler	James		Beer retailer & coal merchant	Upper Stratton
Wilson	Hugh		Beer retailer	
Young	John George		Commercial traveler	Kingsdown