



Kellys Directory Extract 1911



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 & Highworth 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, and in Cricklade rural deanery, North Wilts archdeaconry and Bristol diocese. The Wilts & Berks canal skirts the parish on the south. The church of St. Margaret is an ancient edifice of stone, chiefly in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles separated from the nave by ancient arcades of four bays, organ chamber and vestry, south porch and a western tower containing 6 bells: there is a small Norman doorway in the north aisle & the porch is perpendicular: east window is stained, there are 5 others including one to Rev. Septimus Isaac Crawhill M. A. vicar here 1879-96, there are also monument tablets to William & Alice Hedges, alias Lacey de Kingsdown, 1645: Catherine Hedges, 1649 & William Hedges, 1693: the south aisle was new-roofed in 1894, and in 1897 an organ chamber and vestry were built at a cost of £450: there are 420 sittings. The churchyard has been twice enlarged, the last addition in 1901, when new oak gates were put up. The register dates from the year 1608. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £200, with 132 acres of glebe & residence, in the gift of Merton College, Oxford, on the nomination of the Bishop of Bristol, and held since 1898 by the Rev. Cecil Foster Burgess: the rectorial tithe and glebe lands are in the possession of Merton College. The church of St. Philip, erected in 1904-5 at a cost of £3,700, is an edifice of brick in the Early English style, from the designs by Mr. W. A. H. Masters, architect of Swindon: there are sittings for 463 persons. The iron mission church of St. Philip at Upper Stratton is now used as a parish hall and Sunday school. Here are Particular Baptist, General Baptist, Primitive Methodist & Wesleyan 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 a trust, bequeathed by John Herring and yielding £3 per annum of which £2:10s is applied in providing yearly prizes for scholars belonging to the elementary schools in the parish and the remaining 10s is given to four widows: there is an endowment of £24 a year to the General Baptist chapel at Lower Stratton. Here is the Poor :Law Institution of the Swindon & Highworth Union (for particulars see Swindon). Kingsdown House, a mansion of stone in the Elizabethan style, is the property of Lieut. -Col. David Archer, and the residence of Hugh S. Cholmeley esq. lord of the manor. The principal landowners are Merton College, Oxford, Lieut. -Col. David Archer, of Lushill House, Letchlade, and Thomas Arkell Esq. J. P. The soil is principally clay loam and brash: subsoil of a loamy mixture. The chief crop is hay. The area is 2,851 acres of land and 8 of water; ratable value £16,112: population in 1901 was 3,357 including 16 officials and 330 inmates in the Swindon & Highworth Workhouse.

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

By Local Government Board Order No. 25,937 dated 30th December 1900 a part of Stratton St Margaret was added to Swindon

Sexton – Alfred Edward Holdman

Post, M. O. & T. O. & Telephonic Express Delivery Office – Mrs. Helen Otton, sub-postmaster. Letters received through Swindon office at 6 am & 1.15 pm; Sundays 7 am; dispatched at 12 noon & 2, 8.30 & 9.30 pm; Sundays 9.30 pm

Post & M. O. office, Upper Stratton – Frank Ashe, sub-postmaster. Letters through Swindon office arrive 7 am & 12.40 pm; cleared 6.25 am & 1.35 & 8.30 pm weekdays only.

The nearest Telegraph office is at Stratton St Margaret, 1 mile distant.

Wall letter boxes – At Stratton Green, cleared 2.10 & 8.30 pm daily: Sundays 8. 30 pm. At Kingsdown cleared 1. 20 & 8. 45pm: Sundays 8. 35pm. Cross Roads cleared at 2. 15 & 8.30pm. At Upper Stratton, cleared 8. 20p. m. Swindon & Highworth Union Workhouse, Rev. Cecil Foster Burgess, chaplain: David Muir, medical officer; John Frank Kirby, master; Mrs Emily Kirby, matron

Police Constables, William Joseph Colwell, Kingsdown; William Purdie, Lower Stratton. .

Council Schools – The school board formed in 1876 has been dissolved by the Education Act of 1902 and the schools are now controlled by a board of managers. John Cox, 2 Ermine Street, clerk; Thomas Jackson ,Attendance officer Upper Stratton (girls) built 1883 for 260 children, attendance 160, Mrs. Elizabeth Annie Usher headmistress Upper Stratton (infants) built 1892 for 225 children; attendance 140. Miss Mary E Barrett headmaster Upper Stratton (boys) built 1892 for 240 children; attendance 185. John E Greehalgh headmaster Lower Stratton (infants) opened June 1895 for 160 children, attendance 115. Miss S Vowles headmistress Lower Stratton (mixed) build 1869 for 165 children, attendance 163. G. J/G/Gilbert master

Railway Station (GWR) Wm. Couzens, stationmaster_

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arkell		Miss		Kingsdown
Arkell	Thomas	Esq.	JP	Beech Croft, Kingsdown
Barrett	Richard J	Rev.	St. Audries Primitive Methodist	Upper Stratton
Blake	Frederick Amos			The Street
Bourton	Henry James			Ryall Farm
Burgess	Cecil Foster	Rev.	Vicar	
Charters	John H			Stratton house
Cholmeley	Hugh S			Kingsdown house
Cole		Mrs.		Fairview, Upper Stratton
Cuzner	Henry			Rose Cottage
Hayes	Albert			Hazlemere
Hobley	Chas. McDonald	Rev	Curate	
Hoddinott	Edward			Willow Cottage, Lower Stratton
Muir	David	M.B.		The Villas
Pound	Montague			The Street
Wiseman		Mrs		Chestnut Villa, Lower Stratton

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Ellis & Edgar	Farmers	Lower Stratton
		Gantlett & Bourton	Farmers	Church Farm
Arkell	James		Maltsters & brewers	Kingsdown Brewery
Arkell	Thomas		Maltsters & brewers	Kingsdown Brewery
Ashe	Frank		Grocer	Post Office, Upper Stratton
Barnes	Rd.		Beer retailer	Upper Stratton
Barnes	Richard		Shopkeeper	
Barr	Jas.		Farmer	Kingsdown Manor Farm

Bourton	John		Farmer	See Gantlett & Bourton
Bown	Alice	Mrs.		Upper Stratton
Bugg	Arthur Henry		Wheelwright	Crossroads
Burge	William		Plumber	
Carter	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton
Clack	Charles H		Innkeeper	Kingsdown Inn
Cole	Edwd. Jas.		Baker	Upper Stratton
Cook	Saml.		Coal merchant	Upper Stratton
Cooksey	Robert		Beer retailer	Lower Stratton Green
Cooper	John		Marsh Gate Blood & Bone Manure Works	Lower Stratton
Cooper	Sidney		Marsh Gate Blood & Bone Manure Works	Lower Stratton
Cousens	Wm.		Beer retail	Upper Stratton
Cox	Jn		Assistant overseer	Upper Stratton
Curnick	Robert		Farmer	Clays farm
Dawes	Albert Ernest		Secretary	Upper Stratton Workmen's Club
Day	Edward		Brick maker	Lower Stratton Green
Deal	Wm		Shopkeeper	Lower Stratton
Dennis	Charles		Publican	Jacobs Ladder
Duck	William		Coal mer	Lower Stratton
Edwards	Wm.		Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton
Freeth	Chas. Wm.		Printer	Station Road
Gibbs	Albert		Farmer	Upper Stratton
Gill	Charles		Shopkeeper	Lower Stratton
Gosling	John		Beer Retailer	The Green
Grant	Reginald		RSS blacksmith & farrier	Kingsdown
Hale	Ann	Mrs	Shopkpr	Kingsdown
Harris	Isaac		Beer retailer	Lower Stratton
Hawkins	Catherine	Mrs	Apartments	Rose Cottage, Upper Stratton
Haynes	A		Bacon curers	Lower Stratton Green
Haynes	E		Bacon curers	Lower Stratton Green
Hill	Wm. Hy.		Coach builders	Cross Roads
Hoddinott	Francis		Farmer	Penhill
Holdman	Alfred Edward		Stationer	Lower Stratton
Hughes	Arth. Edwin		Baker	Upper Stratton
Iles	Albert		Shopkpr	Low Stratton
Iles	Wm		Brick maker	
Ingram	Wm.		Beer retailer	Upper Stratton
Jackson	Alfred		Grocer	Lower Stratton
Jackson	Thomas		School Attendance Officer	Upper Stratton
Keene	Alfred Goulding		Grocer & draper	Lower Stratton
Keene	Elizabeth	Mrs	Dressmaker	Upper Stratton
Kilminster	Jsph.		Plasterer	Upper Stratton
King	Henry Charles		Coachbuilders	Upper Stratton
King	Joseph		Coachbuilders	Upper Stratton
Looker	Henry. C.		Builder, undertaker & plumber	Lower Stratton
Looker	John Fisher		Shopkeeper	Kingsdown
Manners	Henry		Farmer	Beech farm
Manners	Wm. Bourton		Farmer	Nythe farm
Mayes	Albert		Boot maker	Lower Stratton
Montague	Chas		Carpenter & shopkpr	
Muir	David	M. B. & C. M. Glas	Surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator No. 4 district. Highworth &	The Villas

			Swindon medical officer.	
Osbourne	Elizabeth	Mrs	Grocer	Upper Stratton
Richards	Rt		Hairdresser	Lower Stratton
Rimes	George		Saddler	Lower Stratton
Roberts	Henry		Shopkeeper	
Roberts	James William		Farmer	
Russell	Geo.		Cattle dealer	Lower Stratton
Russell	Joseph		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Shail	Robert		Beer retailer	
Sheppard	Chas.		Boot repairer	Upper Stratton
Shewry	Florence	Mrs.	Laundry	Lower Stratton
Sperring	Reuben		Carpenter	
Townsend	Chas.		Wheelwright	Kingsdown
Trotman	Daniel		Grocer	Lower Stratton
Tucker	Levi		Farmer	
Turner	Geo.		Blacksmith	Lower Stratton
Turner	Samuel G.			Crown, Lower Stratton
Twiss	Joseph Gleave		Farmer	Kingsdown Manor Farm
Veal	Samuel		Carpenter	
Ward	James		Grocer	Upper Stratton
Westmacott	Amy	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Westmacott	Theodore Samuel		Baker	
Wildern	Herbert Ernest		Farmer	Dockle farm