



Kellys Directory of Wiltshire 1915



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 sessions 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, one to Frederick Day, missionary, killed in China, 1912: 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 1911 by the Rev. Sydney Denton M.A. of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge: 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). The principal landowners are Merton College, Oxford, Capt. Alderson Archer R.A. and Thomas Arkell esq. J.P. The soil is principally clay loam and brash: subsoil of a loamy mixture. The land is principally in pasture. The area is 2,851 acres of land and 8 of water; ratable value £20,146: population in 1911 3,689 including 325 inmates and 16 officials in the Swindon & Highworth Poor Law Institution and 35 in the small home.

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 & Telephonic Express Delivery Office – Harvey Whitaker, sub-postmaster. Letters received through Swindon office at 6am & 1.15pm & 5.15pm; Sundays 7am; dispatched at 12 noon & 2, 4.30, 8.30 & 9.30pm; Sundays 9.30pm Post & M.O. office, Upper Stratton – Frank Ashe, sub-postmaster. Letters through Swindon office arrive 7am & 12.40pm; cleared 6.25am & 1.35 & 8.30pm weekdays only. The nearest Telegraph office is at Stratton St Margaret, 1 mile distant. Wall letter boxes – At Stratton Green, cleared 2.10 & 8.30pm daily: Sundays 8.30pm. At Kingsdown cleared 1.20 & 8.45pm: Sundays 8.35pm. Cross Roads Upper Stratton cleared at 2.15 & 8.30pm; Sundays 8.30pm.

HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The parishes in the District are:- Bishopstone, Blunsdon St. Andrew, Castle Eaton, Chisledon, Hannington, Highworth, Little Hinton, Inglesham, Liddington, South Marston, Rodbourne Cheney, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton St. Margaret, Wanborough and Wroughton. The area is 49,271 acres; population in 1911, 15,139.

Council meets at the Poor Law Institution, Stratton, monthly on Wednesdays.

Chairman - Jethro K. Coleing, Hampton, Highworth

Officials

Clerk - John Peter Kirby, 100 Victoria Road, Swindon

Treasurer - John R. Mundy, Lloyds Bank Ltd., Swindon

Medical Officer of Health, Friend Edward Streeten, MRCS Eng., LRCP & LM Edin., DPH., 26 High Street, Swindon

District Surveyor - Oliver Kimber, Wanborough, Swindon

Sanitary Inspector - Edward Hoddinott, Stratton St. Margaret

Swindon & Highworth Poor Law Institution, Rev. Sydney Denton, MA, chaplain; David Muir M.B., & C. M. Glas, Medical Officers; Herbert Thomas Bond, Master; Mrs. Eleanor C. Bond, Matron.

Fire Brigade - Alfred G. Keene, Chief Officer

Police Constables - Sydney Smith, Kingsdown; John Northeast, 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. Correspondent – John Cox. Attendance officer – Thomas Jackson
Upper Stratton boys) built 1892 for 240 children; John E Greehalgh, headmaster
Upper Stratton (girls) built 1883 for 260 children, Mrs Elizabeth Annie Usher, headmistress
Lower Stratton (infants) opened June 1895 for 160 children, Miss S Vowles, headmistress
Lower Stratton (mixed) build 1869 for 165 children, G. J. G. Gilbert, master

Railway Station (GWR) Wm. Couzens, stationmaster

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arkell		Miss		Kingsdown
Arkell	Thomas	Esq.	JP	Beech Croft, Kingsdown
Blake	Frederick Amos			The Street
Bridger	Ernest Vine	Rev.	Curate	Hermitage Lane, Upper Stratton
Chapman	Thomas			Lower Stratton
Cholmeley	Hugh S.			Kingsdown house
Cole		Mrs.		Fairview, Upper Stratton
Cuzner	Henry			Rose Cottage
Denton	Sydney	Rev. M.A.	Vicar	Vicarage
Glynn	Edward Francis			The Close, Lower Stratton
Hayes	Albert			Hazlemere
Hoddinott	Edward			Willow Cottage, Lower Stratton
Muir	David M. B.			The Villas
Pound	Montague			The Street

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arkell	James		Maltster & brewer	Kingsdown Brewery
Arkell	Thomas		Maltster & brewer	Kingsdown Brewery
Ashe	Frank		Grocer	Post Office, Upper Stratton
Barnes	Rd.		Beer retailer	Upper Stratton
Barnes	Richard		Shopkeeper	
Barr	James		Farmer	Kingsdown Manor Farm
Bourton	John		Farmer	
Bown	Alice	Mrs		Upper Stratton
Burge	William		Plumber	
Carter	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton
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
Cox	John		Assistant overseer	Upper Stratton
Curnick	Robert		Farmer	Clays farm
Dawes	Albert Ernest		Secretary	Upper Stratton Workmen's Club
Day	Edward	& Sons	Brick makers	Lower Stratton Green
Duck	William		Haulier	Lower Stratton
Edwards	Wm.		Shopkeeper	Upper Stratton
Freeth	Chas. Wm.		Printer	Station Road
Gale	William			Jacobs Ladder, Lower Stratton
Gantlett	Edward		Farmer	
Gill	Charles		Shopkeeper	Lower Stratton
Glas	C. M.		Surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator No.4 district. Highworth & Swindon medical officer.	The Villas
Godwin	Walter Ernest		Shopkeeper	Kingsdown
Harris	Geo.		Beer retailer	Lower Stratton
Haynes	A.		Bacon curer	Lower Stratton
Haynes	E.		Bacon curer	
Herring	Joseph		Beer retailer	
Hill	William Henry		Coach builder	Cross Roads
Hoddinott	Donald		Farmer	Lower Stratton & Penhill
Hughes	Arthur Edwin		Baker	Upper Stratton
Iles	William		Brick maker	
Iles	William Henry		Brick maker	
Ingram	Wm.		Beer retailer	Upper Stratton
Jackson	Alfred		Grocer	Lower Stratton
Jackson	Thomas		School Attendance Officer	Upper Stratton
James	Charles		Beer retailer	Cross Roads, Lower Stratton

Keene	Alfred Goulding		Grocer	Lower Stratton
Keene	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Dressmaker	Upper Stratton
Kembry	Edwd.		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Kilminster	Joseph		Plasterer	Upper Stratton
King	Henry		Coachbuilder	Upper Stratton
King	Joseph		Coachbuilder	Upper Stratton
Looker	Hy. C.		Builder	Lower Stratton
Looker	John Fisher		Shopkeeper	Kingsdown
Manners	Hy.	Mrs.	Farmer	Beech farm
Manners	Wm. Bourton		Farmer	Nythe farm
Mayes	Albert		Boot maker	Lower Stratton
Muir	David M. B.		Surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator No.4 district. Highworth & Swindon medical officer.	The Villas
Osbourne	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Grocer	Upper Stratton
Otton	H.		Draper	Lower Stratton
Otton	J.		Draper	Lower Stratton
Parker	Edgar		Grocer	Upper Stratton
Pearce	Frederick George			Kingsdown Inn
Richards	Rt.		Hairdresser	Lower Stratton
Rimes	George		Saddler	Lower Stratton
Roberts	Henry		Shopkeeper	
Roberts	James William		Farmer	
Ruddle	Wm.		Insurance Agent	21 Southend Terrace
Russell	Joseph		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Russell	Wm.		Cattle dealer	Lower Stratton
Samuels	Elizabeth Mahala	Mrs.	Midwife	Lower Stratton
Sanger	Ellen Amelia	Miss	Midwife	124 Highworth Road, Kingsdown
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
Veal	Samuel	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Vowles	Valentine Herbert		Registrar for of births & deaths for Highworth sub- district & relieving officer for Swindon & Highworth No.1 district	
Ward	James		Grocer	Upper Stratton
West	John		Farmer	Lower Stratton
Westmacott	Theodore		Baker	
Whitaker	Harvey		Mineral water manufacturer & sub-postmaster	Lower Stratton
Wilden	Herbert Ernest		Farmer	Dockle farm
Wollen	Charles		Market Gardener	24 Southend Terrace