

Parish Notables of Stratton St. Margaret

Doomsday book of 1086 shows that the parish was held by **Nigel**, physician to William the Conqueror

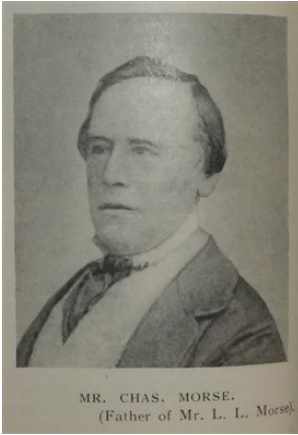


[Adam De Stratton](#) (c.1235 - 1294) was the son of Thomas De Argoges, or Arwillis, of Stratton St. Margaret in Wiltshire. A Royal Moneylender, Clergyman and Administrator, during the reign of Henry III. His fortune came from the money lending.

[Sir William Hedges](#), (21 October 1632 – 6 August 1701) He was born in Coole in County Cork, Ireland, the eldest son of Robert and Catharine Hedges. The Hedges had originally gone by the surname of Lacy. He became a wealthy Stratton St Margaret landowner and was the first English Governor of the East India Company in Bengal, bequeathed the interest on a sum of £200 “for the sustenance of vicar’s widows.” He married Susannah Nicholas Van Acker of Erith, daughter of Nicholas Vanacker and Susanna Butler, of Amberley Castle, Sussex...

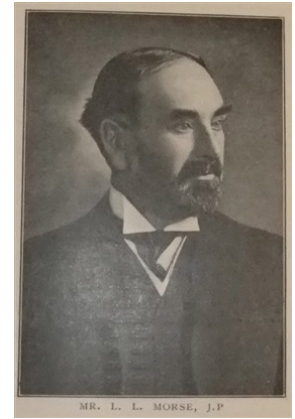


Thomas Turner set up his brick business in the early 1860s and married Mary Gosling, a farmer's daughter from Coate, in 1866. The couple began married life at the brick works at Cross Roads. He was a director of the Wilts & Berks Canal Company and a shareholder in Swindon Town Football Club. Turner Street, Swindon is named after him.



Charles Morse came to Stratton from Purton in the early 19th century and became one of the leaders of Primitive Methodism. He is shown in 1861 at Stratton Green & again in 1871 in Stratton Street as a Draper & Grocer with his wife Rebecca and children.

His son [Levi Lapper Morse](#) (24 May 1853 – 10 September 1913) also a Methodist set up the successful stores chain in Swindon and became Liberal M.P. for South Wilts. He is in Stratton Street on 1881 Census and shown as a Grocer & Draper employing 6 people. He married Winifred, daughter of Isaac Humphries of Broad Hinton, they had 2 boys & 4 girls



Charles Marlow Dutchman is Workhouse.



(1816 - aft 1881) Jockey of 1849 Derby winner 'Flying Dutchman' recorded in 1881 census as living in the Highworth & Swindon

Rev. Frederick Day (1884-1912) - killed by mutinous troops near Pao-ting-fu in China. Born in Stratton and educated at St Boniface, Warminster was working as a S.P.C. missionary.

Henry Lawson J.P. - served with 11th Wiltshire Volunteer Force from 1872-1908. He became Mayor of Swindon in 1909.

John Herring - Local landowner who on his death left a dowry for annual school prize to best boy and best girl. Street off Grange Drive named after him.

Rev. Dr. Frederick Walter Thomas Fuller (1917 - 2007)
Writer and Historian, Lecturer in History at Exeter University, Minister of the Church of England and also served in the Royal Air Force.



Henry Edward Daghish (1926-1951) - At one time was world's tallest man. Measured at 7ft 7" on his death was believed to actually have been 2 inches taller. He worked for Arkells brewery as a dray man.



[Roger Smart](#) (25/03/1943 -) - Attended Beechcroft School. Football Player moved up through the ranks of junior football to play for Swindon Town F.C. making 411 appearances from 1960-1973. Most famously scored the first and laid on other two goals against Arsenal in the 1969 League Cup Final win. After retiring he was landlord of 'The Plough Inn' in Old Town Swindon for a while.

[Baron John Leonard Eatwell](#) (02/02/1945 -) John Eatwell went to Lower Stratton Junior School in Swindon before moving on to the old Headlands Grammar School in 1956. He was awarded the Kennedy Scholarship to Harvard in 1967. He taught economics at Cambridge University from 1970, where he remains a Professor and was chief economic adviser to Neil Kinnock, the then-Leader of the Labour Party, from 1985 to 1992. In 1992 he became Labour member of the House of Lords as Baron Eatwell, of Stratton St. Margaret in the County of Wiltshire. In 2010, he was appointed a Labour Opposition Spokesman for the Treasury in the House of Lords by the Ed Milliband.



[Robert Charles "Bob" Anderson](#) (Born 7th November 1947). World darts Champion. Although born in Winchester, Bob grew up in Stratton and had a Saturday delivery job for local butcher. His successes included World Professional Champion 1988, World Masters Champion 1986, 87 & 88, World Pairs Champion 1986 & 95, World Matchplay Champion 1988, World Champions Champion 1990, British Open Champion 1988, Pacific Master 1987, 88 & 89. His father Harry was one of the instigators of Kingsdown Youth Centre.

Michael C Willis (born 1971)

Professor of Chemistry, originally at Bath University joined Oxford University in 2007. In 2014 was awarded Royal Society of Chemistry Award for work Catalysis in Organic Chemistry.

