



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

Great Cheverell



GREAT CHEVERELL is a parish 1.5 miles west of Lavington station, on the London and Weymouth line, and 5.75 south of Devizes station, on the Great Western railway, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Swanborough, Devizes petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Potterne (Potterne portion), archdeaconry of Wilts, and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Peter is an ancient edifice of stone, mainly in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave, north transept, south porch and an embattled western tower, with turret, containing 5 bells and an ancient clock, remodeled in 1897 in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee: in the chancel is an ancient piscine and two small, deeply splayed lancets, filled with stained glass in memory of the Rev Edward Gunner, rector of this parish for 20 years, and who died in 1885; there is a handsome marble monument in the north transept to James Townsend, who died 1750, and wife, and a tablet in the nave to Sir John Stonehouse bart, d 1795: the transept was repaired in 1699, and the church restored and reseated in 1868 at a cost of about £500: a stained east window was inserted in 1909: there are 158 sittings. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £195, with 339 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of R W Bourne, esq, and held since 1912 by the Rev John Bury Bourne MA of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Here is a Baptist Chapel and schoolroom erected in 1911 at a cost of £450. An annual flower show is held for this and the neighbouring villages of Erlestoke, Coulston, Edington, Tinhead and Marston: George S A Watson-Taylor, president. Townsend's charity of £8 yearly, derived from land in the parish of Easterton, is for clothing and bread. Townsend's educational charity of £6 yearly, derived from invested funds and land in this parish and Marston, is now applied in providing prizes for scholars of the Sunday school and day school. George S. A. Watson-Taylor esq is lord of the manor, and principal landowner. The soil throughout the parish is variable, producing good crops of grain and roots: subsoil, green sand: the area is 1846 acres, rateable value £2374. The population in 1911 was 316.

Sexton: William Orchard

Post Office: Herbert John Batchelor, sub-postmaster. Letters through Littleton Panell, Wilts, arrive at 6.50am & 3.50pm, dispatched at 8.35am & 7pm. Littleton Panell is the nearest money order and telegraph Office.

Elementary School (mixed), built in 1844 and subsequently enlarged for 100 children. Mrs Brooks, mistress

Carriers to Devizes; David Wheeler, Thurs from Edington, and Isaac Whiting, Thurs, from the village.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bourne	John Bury	Reverend, M.A.	Rector	Rectory
Starky	Bayntum	Mrs.		Manor House
Batchelor	Herbert John		Shopkeeper	
Bristow	Frederick		Farmer	
Chapman	James		Farmer	
Coleman	James Gee		Farmer	
Davies	Frank		Clerk to the Erlestoke Estate	
Dean	Hugh		Farmer	
Dyke	Thomas		Baker	
Watson- Taylor	G. S. A.		Agent	Erlestoke Estate Office, Lavington
Lancaster	William		Bell manufacturer for sheep & cattle	
Price	Edward		Farmer	Manor Farm
Rogers	Edward		Cheese Maker & Farmer	
Self	Edward		Market Gardener	
Stafford	William Knowles			Bell Farm
Turner	Albert		Farmer	
Whiting	Ann	Mrs.	Farmer	
Whiting	Isaac		Carrier & Farmer	Lavington