



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Longbridge Deverill with Crockerton



LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL with CROCKERTON This is a parish on the road from Warminster to Shaftesbury, 3 miles south from Warminster station on the Salisbury branch of the Great Western railway, 4 south-west from Heytesbury and 8 south-east from Frome, in the Western division of the county, South Damerham hundred, Warminster union, petty sessional division and county court district rural deanery of Wylve (Heytesbury portion) archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The river Wylve or Deverill passes through the parish. The Warminster Water Works are at Crockerton. The church of SS Peter and Paul is an edifice of stone in various styles, consisting of chancel, with the Bath chapel on the north side, and organ chamber and vestry on the south, clerestoried nave of three bays, with aisles, and a Perpendicular embattled western tower containing 6 bells, the treble bell having been added in 1882: the north arcade is very Early Norman, and the south of the 14th century: there is one stained window: a monument in the Bath chapel to Sir John Thynne, the founder of Longleat ob. 1580, and mural monuments to first and second Marquesses of Bath 1796-1837, and their wives: an elegant lych gate was erected at the south entrance, by the Rev. Canon W D Morrice, a former vicar in memory of his children: the church was restored in 1852 by John Alex 4th Marquess of Bath and affords 234 sittings. The register dates from the year 1682. The living is a vicarage, with the chapelry of Crockerton, and the village of Hill Deverill annexed, joint net income £380, including 5 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Marquess of Bath, and held since 1912 by the Rev. John Wilfred Royds Brocklebank MA of Christ Church, Oxford.

The church of the Holy Trinity at **CROCKERTON**, a chapelry in this parish, built in 1843, is an edifice in the Romanesque style, consisting of apsidal chancel, nave, and a small western tower containing one bell: the church will seat 300 persons. There is a Primitive Methodist chapel at Longbridge Deverill, and a Congregational chapel at Crockerton, erected in 1859, seating 250 persons. The almshouses here were founded in 1655 by Sir James Thynne for 3 men and 4 women, each of whom receives 15s monthly. A priory of Black Canons was founded here by Sir John Vernon about 1270 but had fallen into decay by 1529, and ultimately became the property of Sir John Thynne. Longleat, the seat of the Marquess of Bath JP, is in this parish ecclesiastically, but for civil purposes, in Horningsham: it was erected on the site of the priory by Sir John Thynne: the foundation was laid in January 1567, but 12 years elapsed before it was completed, and it is traditionally asserted that the model came from Italy: the mansion, a spacious and magnificent building, stands in a park 12 miles in circumference, watered by a branch of river Frome, amidst pleasant woods and scenery, and affording wide prospects over the adjacent country: the park contains a herd of deer and has some fine timber, comprising venerable oaks and very large Scotch spruce firs, some of which are upwards of 120 feet in height. "Shearwater" lake, covering 38 acres is within the domain, which covers 2000 acres: Sir John Thynne, the founder, died in 1580, and at the time of his decease, part of the interior was left unfinished, and his son did not live to complete the works: his descendant, Thomas Thynne, who was shot in his coach in Pall Mall in 1682, formed the road to Frome, which is planted with elms, and the whole was completed by the first Viscount Weymouth: alterations were made in the disposition of the grounds by Thomas, 3rd Viscount Weymouth, when the gardens were remodelled by Lancelot, known as "Capability" Brown: the 2nd Marquess of Bath built the northern front from designs by Sir Geoffrey Wyattville, and the mansion now forms a parallelogram 220 feet by 180, built entirely of freestone: it is of 3 stories, and the façade is relieved by projections, with pilasters of the Corinthian order on the upper storey, Ionic at the centre and Doric at the base, and the whole is surmounted with a balustrade adorned with statues: the principal staircase of oak is 10 feet wide, with two returns, and is lighted by an octagonal lantern, 15 feet in diameter, rising from a coved ceiling, enriched with arabesque foliage: the great hall, used as a dining room, has carved wainscotting and is hung with arms and trophies of the chase: a fine collection of pictures by Van Dyke, Holbein, Lely and Reynolds, including family portraits, adorns the principal apartments, and there is a valuable library: Queen Elizabeth resided here in 1575: Charles II in 1667 and subsequently George III: Bishop Ken, after being deprived of the see of Bath and Wells, resided and died here in 1711, and was buried at Frome. The Marquess of Bath is lord of the manor and sole landowner. The soil is sand and chalk, sub-soil, chalk and stone. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley. The area is 3764 acres of land and 47 of water: rateable value £3356: the population in 1911 was 561 in the civil and 685 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Parish Clerk: Arthur Smith

Sexton of Holy Trinity, Crockerton: Charles Waters

Post & T Office: Charles Snellgrove, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Warminster by messenger at 7.20am & 3pm, dispatched at 9.45am & 6.10pm, Sundays, 9am. Warminster is the nearest money order office.

Post Office, Crockerton: William Gray, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive by messenger from Warminster at 6.45am & 2.25pm, Sundays, 6.45am, dispatched at 10am & 6.25pm, Sundays, 9.20am. Warminster, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order office, and Longbridge Deverill the nearest telegraph office.

Wall Box, Crockerton Green: cleared 10.10am & 6.35pm, Sundays, 9.35am.

Schools

Elementary (mixed) built in 1851 for 100 children: Miss Amy Ludgate, mistress.

Elementary (mixed) Crockerton, built in 1850 for 95 children: Miss Eva Durrant, mistress.

Carrier: Henry Scott, to Warminster, daily.

Gentry/Private Residents – Longbridge Deverill

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bath		Marquess of, JP		Longleat & 29 Grosvenor Square, W
Brocklebank	John Wilfred Royds	Reverend MA	Vicar	Vicarage

Traders - Longbridge Deverill

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Avery	James Wm McClelland		Grocer	
Bath	William Hobbs		Dairyman	
Butt	Stanley		Farmer	Broomclose Farm
Dufosse	Alfred George		Farmer	Church St Farm
Gagen	Percy		Farmer	Shute Farm
Hinton	William		Farmer	West Farm
Lodder	Alfred G		Dairy	
Parker	Philip		Blacksmith	
Perry	Alfred James			George Inn
Pickford	George Edward		Farmer	Manor Farm
Pickford	William Frederick		Farmer	Long Ivor
Reed	George		Farmer	Sandhill
Smith	Arthur		Blacksmith	
Stockley	Peter		Head Gamekeeper to Marquess of Bath	Aucomb

Gentry/Private Residents - Crockerton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Jemmet-Brown		Mrs		Foxholes
Meade	Geo Hamilton			King's Corner
Mills	Edward			
Wood	A V L	Major		Thornhill

Traders - Crockerton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baker	Ernest		Farmer	Pond Farm
Bourne	Edward		Farmer	
Dawkins	Alfred		Dairy	
DuFosse	Harold	Sec	Reading Room	
Eeles	Ernest George		Shopkeeper	
Garrett	Isaac		Gamekeeper to Marquess	Swancombe
Grant	James John		Cowkeeper	
Gray	William		Shopkeeper, Post Office	
Harris	Francis George		Brick & Tile Maker	
Hobbs	Mark Whatley		Farmer	
Hurd	William Henry		Farmer	
Martin	William George			Bath Arms PH
Parker	Edwin		Gamekeeper to Marquess	Fox Holes
Parker	Frank		Dairyman	
Parker	Harry		Dairyman & Asst Overseer	Broadmead
Scott	Henry		Carrier & Farmer	Potter's Hill
Stainer	Albert Jesse		Miller (water)	
Webb	Charles		Farmer	
Webb	James		Dairyman	
Whatley	Levi		Carpenter	