



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Keevil

KEEVIL is a parish 3 miles south-west from Seend station, 5 south from Melksham station, and 5 east from Trowbridge station on the Great Western railway, and 7 south-west from Devizes, in the Western division of the county, hundred and petty sessional division of Whorwellsdown, Westbury and Whorwellsdown union, Trowbridge county court district, rural deanery of Potterne (Potterne portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Leonard is a plain building of stone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, south aisle, north porch, and an embattled western tower containing 6 bells: in 1908 figures were placed in the panels of the reredos in memory of the Rev. W H Chamberlaine MA, a former vicar d 1902: the stained east window is a memorial to the Rev. George Thomas Chamberlaine, d 1858 and his wife: a new organ was erected in 1909 at a cost of £200 and at the same date, the side chapel in the south transept was restored in memory of the Rev. Charles Y Mitchinson, vicar, 1904-08: the church was re-seated in 1910 at a cost of £250 and in 1911, a rood oak screen was erected in memory of Col Sir John William Wallington KCB, JP (d 1910): there are monuments to John J Harris, citizen and alderman of London dated 1657, the Blagden family, 1730, Jane Talbot, 1768, William Gaisford, 1754, and William Beach, 1741; and brasses to Jane Flower, dated 1662, Stephen Cox, 1761; John Halkens, 1689, Roger Jordan, 1669, Roger Blagden 1637, and Eliza Gaisford, 1720: There are memorial windows to W W B Beach esq MP d 1901, Lady Wallington, d 1905, and J A Wallington: there are 250 sittings. The register dates from 1559. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £200 with residence, in the gift of the Dean & Chapter of Winchester, and held since 1914 by the Rev. Frank Moir Weller MA of Durham University, who is also vicar of Bulkington. The Wesleyan chapel here, built about 1844, will hold 200: a Sunday School was added in 1901. In 1882, George Taylor left £3000, the interest of which is to buy bread for 6 poor men and 6 poor women of the parishes of Keevil, Edington and Steeple Ashton. An iron hall was erected here in 1892 by the late Col Sir John W Wallington KCB and is used for concerts, entertainments, etc. Keevil Manor House, an ancient mansion in the Elizabethan style, standing in grounds of about 21 acres, is the Seat of Sir John Baillie Ballantyne Dickson CB, CMG, who is lord of the manor. Major William Archibald Hicks-Beach and Mrs Chamberlaine are the principal landowners. The soil is clay, sub-soil, clay and brash. The land is mostly in pasture; the chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 2063 acres; rateable value £4171: population in 1911, 376 in the civil, and 542 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Bulkington, a tithing of this parish, will be found under a separate heading.

Sexton: Albert King

Post & T Office: Mrs Mary Bodman, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive through Trowbridge at 7.50am & 5.30pm, Sundays 8.30am, dispatched at 10am & 6.20pm, Sundays, 10am. Steeple Ashton, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order office.

Elementary School (mixed) erected in 1869 for 95 children. Miss Ruby Bayliss, mistress.

Assistant Overseer & Clerk to the Parish Council: W J Humphries, Seend

Carriers: to Trowbridge, Frederick Gumm, Tues. & sat. William Salter, Tues., fri & sat. To Devizes, William Salter, Thurs.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Briant	Sidney			Highfield
Chamberlaine	William Henry	Lieut RN		
Chamberlaine		Mrs		Blagden House

Dickson	John Baillie Ballantyne	Major Gen, CB CMG		Manor House
Ghey *	Henry			Strand
Ghey *	Worthy			Strand
Hobbs	William John			
Mackay	Eric	Captain		Tallboys
Matthews		Miss		East View
Weller	Frank Moir	Reverend MA	Vicar	Vicarage

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Axford	Thomas		Farmer	Mere
Bailey	Arthur		Farmers	
Bailey	William George		Farmers	
Bodman	Mary	Mrs	Shopkeeper & Post Office	
Butcher	Thomas Weeks		Miller (water)	Baldham Mill
Collett	Edmund Clement		Shopkeeper	
Ghey	William		Farmer	Wick Leaze
Griffin	John William		Farmer	West Wood & Martins
Gumm	Frederick		Carrier	
Huntley	Charles		Farmer	Church Farm
Jefferies	Thomas		Farmer	
Moore	Edward William		Blacksmith	
Newman	Richard		Farmer	Wick
Newman	William		Farmer	Hurst
Noad *	Mary Ann	Mrs	Farmer	Woodhouse
Nutland	Henry Edward		Farmer	Pinkneys
O'Leary	Edward		Thatcher	
Orchard	Edward			Beach Arms PH
Pepler	George		Stone Mason	
Pickford	Walter		Farmer	Manor
Ragbourne	George		Farmer	Pyetts
Rogers *	Joseph		Farmer	Horse Shoes
Salter	William			Rose & Crown PH
Stokes	George		Farmer	
Taylor *	Charles			Lamb Inn PH, Strand
Tucker	Charles Edward		Farmer	Longleaze
Tucker	Martin		Grazier	South View
Tucker	William S		Farmer	Wick
Watts	Mary J	Mrs, Keeper	Public Hall	

* denotes postal address Semington, Trowbridge