



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Maiden Bradley



MAIDEN BRADLEY is a parish on the Somersetshire border, 6 miles south from Frome station and 7 miles east from Witham station, on the Bath and Yeovil section of the Great Western railway, 7 southwest from Warminster, and 6 north from Mere, in the Western division of the county, Warminster petty sessional division, Mere union and hundred, Frome county court district, rural deanery of Wylde, (Heytesbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury. The Roman road from Uphill in Somerset to Old Sarum in this county, is conjectured to have pursued nearly a straight line through Maiden Bradley. The village runs north and south and stands between Long Knoll and Brimsdown. The church of All Saints, founded in the reign of Richard II, is building of stone, in mixed styles, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays, aisles, south porch, and a western tower containing 6 bells: the 3rd, dated 1619, with an illegible inscription, is supposed to have been presented by Charles, Prince of Wales, then aged 19: another is dated 1613, and four were recast in 1895, the old designs and inscriptions renewed, and 2 new bells added: the chancel has a stained window, the gift of Edward Adolphus, 12th Duke of Somerset, and there is another erected as a memorial to Michael John Festing, esq: here also is the tomb of Sir Edward Seymour bart, Speaker of the House of Commons in 1678: the organ chamber was added in 1884, at a cost of £402, and during its erection, the foundations of an earlier church were met with: in 1908 the organ was restored and enlarged by the 15th Duke of Somerset, in memory of his brother, Lord Percy St Maur: in 1884, the vestry was enlarged: in 1891, the chancel floor was relaid, and in 1893, a new reredos, painted by Mrs Hanson, wife of a former vicar (1883-97) was provided: the church plate includes a handsome flagon dated 1636, and a silver paten, dated 1674: there are 280 sittings. The register dates from the year 1662. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value about £160, with 10 acres of glebe, and residence, in the gift of Christ Church, Oxford, and held since 1911 by the Rev. Alfred James Wilcox FCS. Here is a Congregational chapel, founded in 1780 with 150 sittings. Thomas Taylor, by his will dated September 14th 1621, left £150, and Mrs Brent, by her will of about 1797, £100, now producing £8.10s which is distributed in fuel and clothing. About the year 1180, Manassar Biset founded in a valley to the north-east, a hospital for leprous women, placing the management under secular priests, superseded in the reign of Henry II, by canons of the Augustinian Order. At the Dissolution in 1536, the lands of the Priory were granted to the Seymour family, and have since formed the Priory Farm: the remains of the buildings now include a cow stall, living room and a chamber, with traces of an external staircase of Early English character. A fine fountain, in stone, was erected in 1891, by Algernon 14th Duke of Somerset. Bradley House, a brick and stone mansion, close to the church, is the seat of the Duke of Somerset JP, who is lord of the manor, and with a trifling exception, owns the whole of the parish. The soil is various, sub-soil, chalk and upper greensand: the old quarry has now fallen into disuse, having yielded the majority of the well known "chalk-greensand" fossils of the Cenomanian Age. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and pasturage. The area (including Yarnfield), is 4608 acres, consisting of arable, pasture and down land; rateable value £3736: the population in 1911 was 563.

YARNFIELD tithing, a part of Maiden Bradley parish, on the north-west, and formerly in the county of Somerset, was transferred in 1895 to Wiltshire. It will be found under a separate heading.

Sexton & Parish Clerk: George Adlam.

Rodmead is hamlet 1.5 miles south.

Post M O T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office: Albert John Griffin, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Bath and are delivered at 6am & 5.30pm, dispatched at 8.10pm, Sundays at 8.10pm

County Police: Walter Webb, constable

Elementary School (mixed) with residence for master, for 134 children. John Scanes, master. This was enlarged and improved in 1888 at a cost of £310.

Carriers:

Thomas Hooper from Mere, passes through to Frome, Mon, returning same day.

Edward Doman, from Maiden Bradley to Frome, wed: to Warminster sat, returning same day.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Somerset		Duke of, JP		Bradley House & 35 Grosvenor Square, West London
Croom	George			
Taylor	Russell Leigh			The Cottage
Wilcox	Alfred James	Reverend FCS	Vicar	Vicarage
Williams	Demetrius	Capt		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Aldrich	Alfred		Stud Groom to the Duke	
Baker	Henry J		Smith, Wheelwright & Cart Maker	
Carder	Thomas		Clerk of Works to the Duke	
Compton	Henry James		Farmer	Priory Farm
Doman	Edward		Coal Merchant & Carrier	
Dulake	George		Head Gamekeeper to the Duke	
Farmilo	Henry		Farm Bailiff to J A Harding esq	Rodmead
Gillanders	Alexander		Head Forester to the Duke	
Greening	Frederick		Farm Bailiff to J A Harding esq	
Harding	James Allen		Farmer	Rodmead
Howell	Mary Ann	Mrs	Laundress	
Jefferys	Alfred H		Farmer	Church Farm
Jefferys	Stephen		Farmer	Newmead Farm
Jeffreys	Arthur		National Poultry Assocn (Rye Hill)	Bradley & Horningsham Depot
Locke	Alfred George			Somerset Arms PH
Luff	Robert		Farmer	Perry Farm
Miles	S	& Son	Poultry & Game Dealers	
Potter	Mary	Miss	Parish Nurse	
Taylor	Russell Leigh		Land Steward to the Duke	
Timaeus	M K		Accountant to the Duke	
Viney	Thomas		Shoemaker	
Walton	John	& Co	General Warehousemen	
Woodfield	Wm Alexander		Gardener to the Duke	