

Kellys Directory Extract 1889 Whaddon



WHADDON is a parish, 3 miles south-west from Melksham, 3 north-east from Trowbridge, in the Western division of the county, Melksham hundred, union and county court district, petty sessional division of Whorwellsdown, rural deanery of Potterne Bradford portion, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The river Avon and the Kennet and Avon canal pass through the parish.

The church is a small stone building, partly Norman, of ancient date, having chancel and nave, south porch with spire containing 2 bells, and was restored in 1879 by W. P. Long esq.: there are some monuments to the Long family, dating from the reign of James I.; one piece of sculpture, by Westmacott, is in memory of Miss Katharine Long, of Wraxall; there is also a memorial east window to Walter and R. P. Long esqrs.: there are 80 sittings. The register dates from the year 1652. The living is a discharged rectory, annexed to that of Hilperton, gross joint yearly value £528, in the gift of Waiter Hume Long esq. M.P. and held since 1888 by the Rev. Samuel Theodore Wood, M.A., B.C.L. of Christ Church, Oxford, who resides at Hilperton. Walter Hume Long esq. M.P., D.L., J.P. of Rood Ashton House, is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is clay; subsoil, clay and gravel. The chief crops are pasture. The area is 438 acres; rateable value, £793; the population in 1881 was 51.

Parish Clerk, Alexander Fillis.

Letters through Trowbridge, arrive at 7.30 a.m. Melksham is the nearest money order office. The nearest telegraph office is at Trowbridge.

The children attend the school at Hilperton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Gollege	Jacob		Farmer	Whaddon Grove
Grant	George		Farmer	Paxcroft
Redman	John		Farmer	Whaddon Farm