



CORBY – Kelly's Directory 1914 (Extract)

CORBY is a parish on the road from Oundle to Market Harborough, with a station on the Kettering, Manton and Nottingham section of the Midland railway, 8 miles north-north-east from Kettering, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Corby, Kettering petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Weldon (first portion), archdeaconry of Oakham and diocese of Peterborough.

The church of St. John the Baptist is an ancient building of stone, in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, south porch and a western tower with spire containing a clock and 4 bells; the church was restored in 1902 at a cost of £4,400, the Rev.T.G.Clarke M.A. and Mrs.Clarke contributing £2,500; the restoration included the removal of the west gallery and the building of a new north aisle; a new carved oak roof was also erected, the windows repaired and two stained glass windows presented by Mrs.Barwell Ewins and Mrs. Hales, of Corby; an organ was provided in 1903 at a cost of £420, defrayed by the rector and Mrs. T.G.Clarke. The register dates from the year 1684. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £574, with 279 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Countess of Cardigan, and held since 1896 by the Rev.Thomas George Clarke M.A. of Oriel College, Oxford. There are Wesleyan and Congregational chapels. A cemetery of 2 acres and 2 poles was formed in 1899, at a cost of £895, and contains a mortuary chapel; it is controlled by the Parish Council. The charities amount to about £40 yearly, of which £12 10s. Is for clothes and money.

A "poll fair" is held here every twenty years to commemorate the granting of a charter to this place by Queen Elizabeth and its confirmation by Charles II. This charter exempts the residents from the payment of market tolls, and was last commemorated 18 May, 1902, when the fair was proclaimed at 4 a.m. and this charter read by the rector and the chairman of the Parish Council.

The Countess of Cardigan, who is lady of the manor, James Pain esq. and Lloyd's Ironstone Co. Limited are the principal landowners. Lloyd's Ironstone Co. Limited gives employment to 500 or 600 men.

The soil is clayey; subsoil, clay and rock. The chief crops are wheat, barley and beans and some land in pasture. The area is 2,640 acres; rateable value, £10,728; the population in 1911 was 1,356.

Post, M.O. & Telephone Call Office. - Mrs. Mary Ireland Chapman, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Kettering at 7 a.m. & 2.35 p.m.; dispatched at 11 a.m. & 6.35

p.m.; no Sunday delivery. Telegrams are accepted & telephoned to Thrapston.

Police Station, John Brown, constable.

Council School, erected in 1914 (mixed), for 200 children; Albert Brookes, master; Infants, for 140 children; Miss Winifred E. Gooding, mistress.

Railway Station, Herbert Victor Reeve, station master.

Carrier to Kettering – William Cottingham, mon. & fri.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Clarke Rev. Thomas George M.A. Corby Rectory
Freeman Henry Alfd. The Chestnuts
Pain Mrs. Corby house
Pelham Charles A. Shire lodge

COMMERCIAL

Atkins Wm. Marshall, Nag's Head PH
Avery William Joseph, baker
Baines John William, grocer
Barratt Thomas, baker
Biddles & Church, coal merchants
Bishop Walter, hair dresser
Boon William, boot & shoe maker
Butterworth Albt. plumber & glazier
Capital & Counties Bank Limited (sub-branch), fri. 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Montague Edlin Goldsmith, manager); draw on head office, 39 Threadneedle street, London
Cemetery (Eustace Ridley Lane, George street, Kettering, clerk to the Burial Authority)
Chapman Edward, farmer
Chapman William, farmer
Chapman Mary Ireland (Mrs.), grocer, Post office
Colyer Richard Rowland, stone mason
Cottingham William, carrier
Cumberpatch Frances Mary (Mrs.), midwife
Dixon Ann (Mrs.), wood dealer
Dixon John, grazier
Ellis & Everard Lim. Coal merchants
Flanders Joseph, farmer

Kettering Co-operative Society Lim. Grocers &c
Kirkham & Sons, farmers, Shire farm
Langley George, insurance agent
Langley Richard, farmer
Lewin William, grocer, draper &c
Lewis George, Old White Horse P.H.
Lloyd's Ironstone Co. Limited, iron manufacturers & masters, also blast furnaces; & at Prince's chambers, Corporation street, Birmingham
London City & Midland Bank Ltd. (sub-branch) (Frank Berrill, manager), tues. & fri. 10.30 to 1; head office, Threadneedle st. London EC
Mehew Vaughan, saddler
Nixon William, cycle repairer
Patrick Caroline (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Patrick Herbert, carpenter
Patrick John, carpenter
Payne John, Black Horse P.H.
Peerless Harry, boot repairer
Pelham Charles A. Estate agent to the Countess of Cardigan & to Capt. A. E. Watts-Russell & sec. To Woodland
Pytchley Hunt, Shire lodge
Read Albert, coal merchant
Robinson Joseph, wood dealer
Rowlatt Charles, butcher
Sarrington John, grocer
Sheffield Brothers, coal merchants
Simpson Thomas, shopkeeper
Small Henry Robert, tailor
Spendlove Joseph William A.R.C.O. teacher of music, assistant overseer & organist at parish church
Streather Joseph & Son, stone masons
Streather Joseph, jun. Builder

Gray Alma, grazier
Gray Horace, pork butcher
Gray Richard, farmer
Hunt Edward, farmer
Ironmonger William, carter

Thompson Frederick, White Hart P.H.
Weldon & Corby Patent Brick Co. Ltd
Wells Herbert, blacksmith
Wingell Harold, Cardigan Arms P.H.

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