



GREAT OAKLEY – Kelly’s Directory 1914 (Extract)

GREAT OAKLEY is a parish and village, half a mile from Geddington station on the Kettering, Manton and Nottingham section of the Midland railway and 5 north from Kettering, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Corby, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Kettering. A stream called “Harper’s Brook” flows through the parish.

The church of St. Michael is an ancient building of stone, consisting of chancel, nave, south aisle of six bays, south porch and an embattled western tower containing a clock and 4 bells; in the church are several monuments to various members of the Brooke or Broke family, including an inscribed brass to Sir Thomas Broke kt. Dated 1557, and a monument to Arthur Brooke esq. d. Nov.26th, 1620. The register dates from the year 1718.

The living is a vicarage, in the gift of Sir Arthur de Capell-Brooke bart. J.P. who makes a voluntary payment of £100 a year to the incumbent. The Rev. Arthur Roberts Graham B.A. of Trinity College, Dublin, has been vicar since 1911, and is also rector of and resides at Little Oakley.

In the village is a well called “Monk’s well”.

Oakley Hall, is the residence of Sir Arthur Richard de Capell-Brooke bart. J.P. Sir Arthur Richard de Capell-Brooke bart, who is lord of the manor, and the Earl of Dalkeith are the chief landowners. The soil is stiff; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats &c. The area is 2,208 acres; rateable value, £3,892; the population in 1911 was 201, including part of Pipewell hamlet.

Parish Clerk, John Tebbutt

Post Office – Lewis Dennis Woolston, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive through Kettering at 6.55 a.m.; box cleared at 6.10 p.m. week days only. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Geddington. Wall Letter Box, at smithy, collected at 5.15 p.m.; no Sunday collection.

Assistant Overseer, Albert George Caswell.

School, built in 1867, at the expense of the late Sir William de Capell-Brooke bart. for 35 children, & partly supported by Sir A.R. de Capell-Brooke bart,; Miss Jane Watkins, mistress.

Railway Station, Frederick William Rose, station master.

Brooke Sir Arthur Richard de Capell –
bart. J.P. Oakley Hall

COMMERCIAL

Allsopp George, shopkeeper
Bagshaw Thomas, land steward to Sir
Arthur Richard de Capell-Brooke bart.
J.P.
Coales William, farmer
Cross William E., head gardener Oakley
Hall
Ellis & Everard Limited, coal merchants,
Geddington station
Essam Samuel, farmer

Haynes Austin, farmer
Hobbs Levi, Oakley Hay P.H.
Marlow William, head gamekeeper to Sir
Arthur Richard de Capell-Brooke bart.
J.P.
Northen John, farmer
Potter Jas. Farmer. Gt.Oakley grange
Sherratt Arthur, farmer, Lyveden lo.
Tebbot Jonathan Marsh M.R.C.V.S.
veterinary surgeon
Wells Herbert, blacksmith
Woolston Lewis D. boot & shoe maker,
Post office
Wrighton Harry, farmer

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