



GRETTON – Kelly's Directory 1914 (Extract)

GRETTON, a corruption of Great-town, is a parish and village on the river Welland, which here separates this county from Rutland, with a station on the Kettering and Nottingham section of the Midland railway, 12 miles north of Kettering, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Corby, petty sessional division of Kettering, union and county court district of Uppingham, rural deanery of Weldon (first portion), archdeaconry of Oakham and diocese of Peterborough.

The church of St. James is a building of stone, in the Norman and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave of four bays, aisles, transepts, south porch and a lofty western tower containing 5 bells and a clock bell in an open turret on the tower; a new clock was given by Mrs. Gibbon, of Gretton House, in 1897; in the vaults under the chancel are some very large stone coffins, and in the chancel are various monuments to the family of Hatton, Barons Hatton, of Kirby, and Viscounts Hatton, of Gretton; in 1894 the roofs of the nave, south transept and side aisles were thoroughly restored in oak covered with lead, and the tracery of the clerestory and other windows restored at a total cost of about £1,000; there are sittings for 500 persons; the seats in the north transept were formally appropriated to the parish of Duddington, 6 miles distant. The register dates from the year 1558. The living is a discharged vicarage, net yearly value £380, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Peterborough, and held since 1914 by the Rev. Allan Leathley Armitage M.A. of Trinity College, Oxford.

Here is a Baptist chapel, founded in 1786, with sittings for 320 persons.

Peach's charity of £10 yearly is for distribution; Johnson's of £2 yearly, left by Matthew Johnson, of Withcock, Leicestershire, is for apprenticing poor boys.

Near the church is a mote hill, from which many Roman coins and other antiquities have been dug. On the village green are some old stocks and a whipping post. Kirby Hall, a spacious mansion, erected by Sir Christopher Hatton in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, but now in ruins, is the property of the Earl of Winchilsea, lord of the manor, who with the Rev. Wentworth Watson M.A. are the principal landowners.

Gretton woods have been converted into farmlands. The soil in a good part of the

parish is a rich loam, but some of it is rather poor; subsoil, iron and lime stone. The chief crops are wheat and barley and some land is in pasture. The area is 3,871 acres of land and 8 of water; rateable value, £9,833; the population in 1911 was 771.

Vergers and Sextons, Joseph Smith.

Post & M. O. Office – Miss Frances S. Gregory, sub-postmistress. Letters through Kettering are received at 7 a.m. & 2.50 p.m.; dispatched at 10.50 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; no Sunday post. The telegraph office is at the railway station, which is closed on Sundays.

GRETTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meets at the Clerk's Office, Uppingham, every fourth Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.

The parishes in the district are:- Fineshade, Gretton, Harringworth, Laxton, Rockingham & Wakerley. The area is 12,310 acres; rateable value, April, 1914, £18,871; the population in 1911 was 1,531.

Chairman, W.T.Hayr.

Officers

Clerk, Frederick Oakley, High street, Uppingham

Treasurers:- Sanitary, Philip Greatorex, London City & Midland Bank, Uppingham;

Highways, Ernest E.Walker, Barclay's Bank, Uppingham

Medical Officer of Health, John Edward O'Connor M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H. White lodge, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester

Surveyor of Highways, Thos.Northern, Thorpe-by-Water

Sanitary Inspector, George Dolphin, Uppingham

Police Station, P.C. W.H.Shaw, in charge

Public Elementary School, built in 1908, for 200 children; Walton Leeson, master.

Railway Station, Allan Crush, station master.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Armitage Rev. Allan Leathley M.A.
(vicar), Vicarage
Briggs Emanuel, Greenwood
Clark John Henry, The Yews
Dudley William Joseph Williamson,
Harboro' hill
Dunkley William George, Stoneleigh
Gibbon Mrs. James, Gretton house
Lamb Hy. Wortley, Gretton house
Michell Leonard William
Odell Mrs. Holly lodge
Satchell Mrs.
Spendlove Joseph J.P.
Thompson Alexander Hamilton M.A.,
F.S.A. Old vicarage, South place

COMMERCIAL

Allen Edward, beer retailer
Barwell Edwin, boot & shoe maker
Chapell John, baker & shopkeeper
Coles William, grazier
Dudley William Joseph Williamson,
farmer & grazier, Harboro' hill
Ellis & Everard Limited, coal & coke
mers. &c. Gretton station (depot)
Fowkes Walter, Talbot P.H.
Garden Jane (Mrs.); White Hart P.H.
Hart James, farmer
Holloway Walter, farmer

Hayr William, grazier
Jones Henry Fredk. Butcher & baker
Holt Jesse Clement, grocer
Huffer Tansley, saddler
Kirkham George, butcher
Lattimer Arthur, coal dealer
Morley John, butcher
Northen William, farmer & machinist
Oakley Thomas S. baker
Peggs Albert, grocer
Perkins John Green, draper
Pick John Chas. Hatton Arms P.H.
Pruden Elizabeth (Mrs.), beer retailer
Rollings Charles, farmer, Brookfield
Richmond Thomas, wheelwright
Smith Charles, butcher
Smith Joseph, blacksmith
Smith William, blacksmith
Spendlove & Son, boot makers
Spendlove Bamford, farmer
Spendlove John William, farmer
Spendlove Joseph, clothing
manufacturer & grazier
Spendlove Samuel, pig killer
Spendlove Thomas, assistant overseer,
rate collector, clerk to the Parish Council
& insurance agent
Wallis & Linnell Ltd. clothing mnfrs
Whitworth John, sen. beer retailer
Whitworth John, jun. miller (water)
Woolston Charles Brown, farmer
Wootton William, blacksmith

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