

LYMPSTONE IN WHITE'S DIRECTORY OF 1850

Lympstone, a pretty village, with several large and handsome houses, is pleasantly situated on the eastern bank of the broad estuary of the river Exe, about 2 miles N by W of Exmouth, and 8 miles S.S.E of Exeter. It has in its parish 999 inhabitants, and 1866 acres of land, including Sowden hamlet, and rises picturesquely from the principal street, which extends on a level near the estuary. Leland describes Lympstone as a "pretty townlet" with a "great trade in shippes", and it is still a very considerable fishing station, having about 60 small fishing boats and large beds of oysters in the estuary, brought there to fatten, from the sea coast near Exmouth. The village may be considered as a suburb of the watering place of Exmouth, and has many commodious lodgings for the accommodation of visitors, who throng here during the proper season.

The manor, anciently called Lenington, was given by Henry I to William, his steward. It afterwards passed to the Damarell, Dinham, Prideaux, Putt and Heathfield families. It passed from the late Lord Heathfield to Sit Thomas F. E. Drake, Bart., its present owner; but a great part of the parish belongs to Captain Wright, Charles Gifford, W. H. Hull, William Spicer, W. H. Peters and Thomas Porter and a few smaller owners.

The Church, St. Mary, is a fine old structure, with an embattled tower and five bells. It is said to have been rebuilt in 1409 but the nave, aisles and chancel have undergone many repairs and alterations. It was enlarged in 1830 and the east window embellished with stained glass by the later rector. The beautiful altar piece was given by Mrs. Wyatt, and the organ purchased by subscription in 1845. The rectory, valued in the King's Book at £15. 13s 4d, and in 1831 at £300, is in the patronage of Thomas Porter Esq, and incumbency of the Rev. Edmond Strong, MA of Clist St. Mary. The Rectory House, occupied by the Curate, is a neat residence. The glebe is some 12 acres and the tithes were commuted in 1838 for £264 per annum. The Unitarians have a district chapel in the adjoining parish of Woodbury, built in 1774, and a small one at Lympstone built in 1820, but the latter is now let to the Wesleyans. The poor of Lympstone have the dividends of £500, three per cent Consols, left by William Spicer Esq., in 1848. A yearly rent charge of £4 was left in 1727 by Henry Metherell for schooling poor children of this parish. The interest of £20, left by John Egerton in 1730 is paid for the same purpose; as also is £2 13s. 4d. of the yearly dividends of £270, three per cent Consols, left in 1818 by Wakelin Welch, who directed two-thirds of the income to be distributed in blankets among the poor.

The National Schools form a neat building, erected in 1823 by the late Mrs. Elizabeth Welch, relict of the last named donor. Mrs Wyatt allows the mistress £24 a year and the boys' school is supported partly by subscription. In 1829, John Denning left the dividends of £100, three per cent Consols, towards the support of the Sunday School.

RESIDENTS

Adney, Captain John
Bennett, Henry B, *Metherell's*
Burch, James, plumber, painter &c
Burgmann, Lady
Claxton, Mrs, L
Coventon, Mr. William, *Underhill*
Crespin, Captain Henry, RN
Fley, William, cider merchant

Gardner, William, mason
Hamlin, Thomas, lodging house, *Brook Cottage*
Harbottle, Thomas R., *Sowden Villa*
Harris, John, horse and fly to let
Hawker, Ann, lodgings
Hilliker, Elizabeth, staymaker
James, Rev. William,

Kilner, Mrs. Mary
 Langdon, Mary Ann, schoolmistress
 Lefevre, Belfield, MD
 Lewin, Lady Caroline
 Linscott, Thomas, corn miller & maltster,
 Sowden
 Linscott, William, corn miller
 Lock, Mrs
 Moorshead, Rev. J. A, MA, curate, *The*
 Rectory
 Newberry, William, traveller
 Palmer, James, cooper
 Pengilly, Mrs.
 Munhall, Miss
 Perry Mrs.
 Pennell, Philip, sexton
 Peters, William Henry Esq, *Harefield*

Price, Rees Charles, surgeon
 Reynolds, Mrs. G
 Powell Mrs.
 Rider, Edward, druggist, wines & spirits,
 Norwich Union Agent
 Shears, Richard, master mariner
 Squire Rev. Edmund (Unitarian) *Underhill*
 Upcott, Charles Haynes, watchmaker
 Venman, John , stone mason
 Williams, Mrs., *Sowden House*
 Williams, Miss Mary Ann
 Windover, Edward saddler
 Wolland, Samuel Throne, schoolmaster
 Wolridge, Captain William, *Nutwell*
 Wright, Captain William Henry and Miss
 Emily
 Wyatt, Mrs, Henrietta, *Strawberry Hill*

COMMERCIAL

INNS AND TAVERNS

Globe, Mary Ann Voysey
New Inn, John Stanton
Saddler's Arms, Samuel Darby
Swan Inn, William Linscott

BAKERS

Linscott, James
 Taylor, Thomas,
 Ware, James

BLACKSMITHS

Carter, Francis
 Hutchings, John (and wheelwright)
 Jackson, Henry
 Marshall, William

BOOT & SHOE MAKERS

Carslake, Abraham
 Crabb, Samuel
 Hawkins, Samuel
 Hilliker, James
 Lacey, Henry
 Quick, Thomas
 Pyne, Thomas
 Saunders, John
 Silvester, Frederick
 Upcott, John

BUTCHERS

Mitchell, W. F
 Till, Edward

CARPENTERS

Coventon, John
 Searle, Francis Y

Sivill, John

COAL MERCHANTS

Skinner, James
 Widdicombe, Thomas

FARMERS

Bridle, George
 Cowd, William
 Fley, Richard
 Hill, Charles
 Linscott, Thomas
 Manley, Samuel
 Mitchell, William
 Neck, John
 Ridge, Henry
 Stamp, Philip

GROCERS & DRAPERS

Crabb, Richard (and Parish Clerk)
 Parsons, John
 Searle, Thomas Yarde (and spirit
 merchant)

SHOPKEEPERS

Blampin, Jonas
 Clapp, John
 Membury, Samuel
 Woodley, Oliver

TAILORS

Cowd, John
 Cowd, Philip
 Johnson, Robert
 Membury, Samuel

TINNERS &c

Edwards, John

Shears, Christopher

POST OFFICE at Richard Crabb's

Letters despatched at 10 in the morning
and quarter past 6 evenings

COACHES to Exeter &c daily

CARRIERS to Exeter: C. Denning and J.
Wood daily.