

LYMPSTONE is a parish and village pleasantly seated on the eastern bank of the broad estuary of the Exe, with a station on the Exmouth branch of the London and South Western railway, and is 7½ miles south-south-east from Exeter, 3½ south-south-east from Topsham, 2½ north from Exmouth and 180 from London, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of East Budleigh, petty sessional division of Woodbury, union of St. Thomas, county court district of Exeter, rural deanery of Aylesbeare and archdeaconry and diocese of Exeter. The church of St. Mary is a building of red sandstone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower, dating from 1409, and containing a clock and 5 bells, all cast in 1746, and the third recast in 1887; in 1864 the old structure, being much dilapidated, was, with the exception of the tower, rebuilt and a north aisle added; the interior of the tower was restored, and a clock, chiming the quarters erected in 1884 at a cost of £266, and the tower was again restored in 1896; there are memorial windows in the south aisle to William Henry Wright, d. May 16, 1867, and to Mary Jane, wife of W. H. Peters esq. J.P. d. Nov. 3, 1884; and others to Frances Lucy Peters, daughter of the above, d. May 17, 1854, Mary Ann and Catherine Shirreff, d. 1884, Dr. Shirreff, d. 1886, Major and Mrs. Octavius Marshall, d. 1889, and Capt. and Mrs. Macdonald, d. 1847 and 1849; a new organ chamber and vestry were erected in 1889 all at a cost of over £500, and a new organ was provided in 1893, at a cost of £468; there are 510 sittings. The register dates from May, 1654. The living is a rectory, net yearly income £250, with about 13 acres of glebe and house, in the gift of the Rev. C. D. E. Malet, vicar of Cannington, Somerset, and held since 1892 by Rev. Charles Gordon Browne M. A. of Balliol College, Oxford; attached to the living is a rectorial manor, the lands of which are leased out for lives, and held under rector as lord; on the expiration of the leases the value of the living will be considerably augmented, as, by an Act of Parliament passed in 1861, the rack rents will then revert to the living. The Primitive Methodist chapel, erected in 1883 at a cost of about £850, is a neat building of limestone with Bath stone dressings in the Gothic style, and will seat 280 persons. The parish charities amount to about £60 yearly and are expended upon the National and Sunday schools and the deserving poor. Near the beach is a square tower with weather vane, containing a clock with two dials, erected in 1885 at a cost of about £1,000, by W. H. Peters esq. of Harefield, in memory of his wife Mary Jane, and to commemorate her kindness to and sympathy for the poor of Lymptstone; from the top magnificent views of the surrounding country can be obtained. This is the head quarters of No. 1 Company of the 1st Devonshire Volunteer Artillery, Western Division, Royal Artillery; the drill shed and general equipments are very complete. Here is a Working Men's Club, established in 1884, and a lending library, open during the winter months; also a Conservative Club, established in 1885. There are several good residences in the parish, including Harefield, Lymptstone House, Lymptstone Grange, the Manor House, Sowdon Lodge, and the Rectory. Sir Francis George Augustus Fuller-Elliot-Drake bart. of Nutwell Court, is lord of the manor. Major-Gen. William Henry Brooke Peters J.P. is the principal landowner; the rest of the land is divided among a great number of persons. The soil is of a rich loam, and the subsoil is gravel. The chief trades are sea-fishing and Honiton lace making, the latter industry having greatly declined in recent years. The area of the parish is 973 acres of land and 434 of foreshore; rateable value, £4,992; the population in 1901 was 1,012.

Sexton, Harry Pannell.

Post, M. O. & T. M. O., S. B., Express Delivery, Parcel & Annuity & Insurance Office. John Mortimer, sub-postmaster. Letters received from London & the South, via Exeter, at 5.29 a.m. & 4.35 p.m.; dispatched at 8.55 a.m. & 7.20 p.m.; special dispatch for Exmouth only, 5.26 a.m. Letters received from the North at 10.35 a.m. & dispatched at 3 p.m.; sundays at 7.20 p.m. Town delivery commences at 7 & 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.; rural at 6.30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wall Letter Boxes, Church street, cleared at 8.5 a.m. 2.45 & 7.5 p.m. week days only; Higher

Lympstone, cleared at 8 a.m. 2.40 & 7 p.m. week days only
 National School (mixed & infants), built in 1825 & enlarged in 1872 & 1886, for 250 children;
 average attendance, 150; Samuel G. Sheppard, master; Mrs. Eliza Sheppard, mistress
 Railway Station, John William Waiter, station master; agent, John Widdicombe
 Carriers to Exeter - Charles Reynolds, to 'Black Lion', & Robert Furze, to 'New Golden Lion'
 every mon. wed & fri at 10 a.m.; returning at 4 p.m.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Barton George Pigott, Varnes	Law Henry, Backenhayes
Bemridge John Lendon, Brook cottage	Louch Charles John, Sowdon house
Birch Mrs. Lympstone grange	Lythall Alfred, Lympstone house
Bland Mrs. Greenhill	Moore-Miller Mrs. Underhill house
Browne Rev, Chas. Gordon M.A. Rectory	Pearse Commander Charles Eden R.N.
Carr Frederick Ralph	Manor house
Dallas James F.L.S. Wisteria cottage	Pearson Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles
D'Arcy Mrs. Metherells	Knight C.B., K.C.M.G. Tedstone
Dick Miss, Rose cottage	Peters Maj.-Gen. William Henry Brooke
Freeman Richard, Newlands	J.P. Harefield
Gardiner Charles Lawrence Weare,	Sims Miss, The Cottage
Crossways	Tupper Miss, Sunnyside
Garnliam Thomas, Bronte house	Venman Richard Gwyn, Hillside
Frant Frederick William, Avenue house	Wilkinson Mrs. The Laurels
Hamlin, Albert James, Greenhill	Wilkinson Cuthbert, The Laurels
Kelly Mrs. Sowdon lodge	Wilkinson Percy Wm. M.B. The Laurels
Landon Miss, Southerleigh	Wreford Miss
Larkins Henry Pascal, Ellinthorpe	Wright Misses, Southtown

COMMERCIAL

Bailey John, Farmer, Pitt farm & Thorn farm	Davey George, farmer, Sowdon
Barton George Pigott M.R.C.S. Eng. surgeon & medical officer & public vaccinator, Lympstone district, St Thomas union & inspector army recruits, Varnes	Daymond William, boot repairer
Blackmore Alfred, blacksmith	Denning Sarah (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Bolt William Brice, butcher	Devonshire (1st) Volunteer Artillery, Western Division, Royal Garrison Artillery (No. 1 Company; Capt. Charles Wyndham Heathcote Rickford; Surg.-Capt. P. G. Barton, Medical officer; Rev. C. G. Browne, Acting chaplain; Sergt.-Major John Tucker R. G. A. drill instructor)
Bowerman Maria (Mrs.), dairyman	England James, market gardener
Brown John, Globe P.H.	Foxwell Noah, shopkeeper
Challis John, fish dealer	Furze Robert, fish dealer
Chapman Edwin, boot & shoe maker	Gardener William, builder
Chick George, Railway hotel	Grant Richard, market gardener
Chown William Henry, builder, house Decorator, sanitary engineer, plumber & glazier	Hallett Matilda (Miss), farmer, Lyndhayes farm
Clark George, dairyman	Hayman Sl. Jn. Farmer, Coombe farm
Conservative Club (W. H. Chown, hon sec)	Hedgeland Jane (Miss), dress maker
Coventon George, builder	Brookfield cottages
Crook John, dairyman	Hockey John, butcher

Jackson William Sivell, grocer, draper
& coal merchant & clerk to Parish
Council & assistant overseer
Jones George, baker
Lawn Tennis Club
Linscott Wm., miller (water) & maltster
Long William Cornish, baker
Lympstone Lending Library
Lympstone Working Men's Club
(W. H. Chown, hon. sec.)
Moore Edwin, butcher & dairyman
Mortimer Jn., draper & grocer, Post office
Newbery Susannah (Mrs.), Honiton lace
manufacturer
Pannell Henry, sexton
Parsons Charlotte (Mrs.), china dealer
Perriam Fred Albert, The London P.H.
Perry John, fly proprietor
Philips William, builder
Pidsley William, market gardener
Pring William, butcher
Pyle William Henry, coach builder,
wheelwright & smith
Quick Edward Hare, sanitary inspector
Quick William Sanders, druggist
Reynolds Charles, market gardener
Reynolds Sarah (Mrs.), apartments
Reynolds William, shoe maker

Searle James Hole, fish dealer
Searle Rosa (Mrs.), apartments
Shears Christopher, ironmonger
Shears Thomas, carpenter
Sheppard Samuel G. schoolmaster &
organist at St Mary's church
Skinner John Quick, painter
Skinner William, baker
Skinner William, fish dealer
Smith Walter, boot maker
Tapscott John, carpenter
Tozer James (Mrs.), laundress
Tozer James, thatcher & basket maker
Tuck Francis Drake, farmer, Wotton
Tucker Sergt.-Major John R.G.A. drill
instructor
Tuersley William, grocer & wine & spirit
merchant
Venman Edwin George, builder
Venus Frederick Geo., fish merchant
Widdicombe John, coal mer. & agent
for London & South Western Railway
Wilkinson Percy William M.B. &
.M.Edin., physician & surgeon,
The Laurels
Williams Edmund Harris, Saddlers Arms
P.H.