

Droxford - Hampshire Directory 1792 (poss 1798)

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DROXFORD, HANTS.

DROXFORD is a considerable village, divided into four townships or tythings; and the parish-church is situate in that called Droxford. The living is worth about 500*l.* per annum, in the possession of the Rev. Dr. Chelsum, and in the gift of the bishop of Winchester. It is a manor held in ancient soccage, under the bishop of Winchester; and there are two other manors within the same, viz. the manor of Midlington, the seat of Peter Barfoot, Esq. and the manor of Holywell, the seat of Humphrey Minchin, Esq. M. P. for Bossiney in Cornwall. Midlington manor was a grant from Edward the Third to John de Midlington. It is pleasantly situated, in a fine open country, having the turnpike-road leading from Gosport to London, through the centre of it. The mansion-house stands on a pleasing slope, with a fine trout stream at the bottom, and commands a most delightful prospect over Portsdown, and the adjacent country.

Colonel de Burgh, brother to the marquis of Clanricarde, occupies the manor-house, in the centre of Droxford-street, and keeps a staunch pack of fox-hounds.

The post goes through Droxford to London every day in the week, except Saturday and Monday; sets out at 5 o'clock, and returns at 12. Droxford of itself is only a bye-post to Alton through Corhampton and Exton.

The Diligence from Gosport through the same to London, (Mr. Eden and others proprietors,) goes through Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, about half past seven in the morning; and returns in general between five and six in the evening of the same days.

Mr. Padwick's stage-coach from Gosport through Droxford, comes from London every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, about 10 in the morning; and returns again on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, about the same hour at night.

There are two waggons that go from Gosport to London, the one belonging to Mr. Padwick, goes through this place to London about 4 in the afternoon every Monday; and returns from London every Saturday about 1 o'clock.—The other (Mr. Knight proprietor) goes through every Friday from London to Gosport about 1 o'clock; and returns from Gosport back again to London, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The following are the principal inhabitants of Droxford, including the tithings of Hill, Swanmore, and Shidfield:

GENTRY, &c.

Barfoot Peter, Esq.
Barnard Mrs. Elizabeth
Bettsworth William Augustus, Esq.
Cuthbert Alexander, Esq.
De Burgh, Hon. Colonel
Edwards John, Gent.
Hamilton Hon. Captain
Myngs Mrs. Mary

CLERGY.

Reynes Rev. John
Chelsum James, D. D.

PHYSIC.

Rogers William, Surgeon

TRADERS, &c.

Aburrow William, Farmer
Antram Simon, Farmer
Biggs Thomas, Miller
Blackman Thomas, Blacksmith
Boswell Richard, Farmer
Callaway James, Victualler
Cammis Joannah, Maltster
Cleverly Richard, Farmer
Dash Edward, Farmer
Dash Thomas, Farmer
Diaper Henry, Cordwainer
Dollar Peter, Bricklayer
Edmunds Richard, Cordwainer
Edney

Edney John, *Farmer*
 Egerton James, *Farmer*
 Figgins John, *Cordwainer*
 Foster Thomas, *Farmer*
 Gale John, *Baker*
 Gibbs George, *Potter*
 Goodyer John, *Farmer*
 Hoad Thomas, *Farmer*
 Hoaton Edward, *Farmer*
 Horner Richard, *Malster*
 Hurst Edward, *Farmer*
 Jenkins Walter
 Knight Jerman, *Farmer*
 Lacy John, *Farmer and Brick-burner*
 Laming Marshall, *Vicualler*
 Long Richard, *Farmer*
 Page John, *Breeches-maker*

Page John, *Draper*
 Page Richard, *Butcher*
 Parrat Henry, *Farmer*
 Pink James, *Cordwainer*
 Prowting William, *Blacksmith*
 Ryves William, *Farmer*
 Shayer John, *Farmer*
 Smith Henry, *Wheelwright*
 Smith Peter, *Farmer*
 Smith Thomas, *Draper*
 Singleton Aaron, *Farmer*
 Stares Robert, *Farmer*
 Stone Edward, *Farmer*
 Waffel William, *Farmer*
 Wath John, *Carpenter*
 Winkworth Joseph, *Surgeon*
 Woodley Robert, *Carpenter*

The village of Corhampton stands at about two miles distant; the mansion-house is the property of H. P. Wyndham, Esq. He possesses the greatest part of the property there, with the tithes of a great part of the parish.—John Long, Esq. has a considerable estate in the parish, with his tithes annexed. Here is a free-school with a donative, founded by the Collings's family, the former proprietors of Mr. Wyndham's estate. Here is a small church, and the schoolmaster does the duty for the donation, and teaches a certain number of free boys, worth all together about 60*l.* per ann. The present incumbent is the Rev. Mr. Richards, rector of Bradford, in Wilts. Mr. Wyndham's mansion-house at Corhampton is occupied by the Lady Dowager Clanricarde.

Exton is the next village adjoining. The manor of Exton is held under the dean and chapter of Winchester; and the manor-house and estate thereto belonging was lately the property of Mrs. Raleigh deceased, and has been since sold to Mr. Bowdler of the Temple. Mr. Wyndham has likewise a good mansion-house in Exton, occupied by Matthew Bunbury, Esq. The parsonage-house and rectory belongs to the Rev. Mr. Davis, of St. Mary's, Southampton, value about 200*l.* per ann.

Meonstoke is a village four miles distant: the rector is the Rev. Mr. Poulter, brother-in-law to the bishop of Winchester; and the living, with Soberton annexed, is worth about 600*l.* per ann.

Soberton is only a mile from Droxford. The manor-house formerly belonged to the Lewis's family, but has been pulled down, and the materials sold, by H. Minchin, Esq. There is a manor in this parish, called East Hoe, the property of James Amyatt, Esq. M. P. for Southampton.

West Lodge is in the forest of Bere, adjoining to this parish, of which Robert Thistlethwaite, Esq. formerly member in parliament for the county, is lord-warden; and Major Bathurst, who resides in the house at West Lodge, is ranger of the forest. The king has only one purlieu within Soberton parish. The Earl of Portsmouth has a considerable freehold-estate here, and a purlieu; and Capt. Knight, of the navy, has lately built a handsome house in the forest.