



CUDDESDEN PARISH.

Cuddesden parish, which includes the hamlets of Chippinghurst, Denton, and the chapelry of Wheatley, covers an area of 2,700 acres. Its population in 1831, was 1,460; and in 1841, 1,483 souls. The amount of assessed property is £6,506, Cuddesden township comprises 860 acres, and in 1841, it contained 305 inhabitants. The earl of Macclesfield is lord of the manor, and chief proprietor. *The Manor House* is now a farm house in the occupation of Mr. William Chillingworth.

Cuddesden is a small village situate on the side of a hill, from which it commands extensive views of the surrounding country. It is distant 61 miles E.S.E. from Oxford.

Cuddesden Palace, the episcopal residence of the bishops of Oxford, is a fine commodious mansion situate about 7 miles S. by E. of Oxford, near the course of the river Thame. The original building with a chapel in it, was erected by Dr. Bancroft at the instigation of archbishop Laud, and finished in 1635. During the civil war of Charles I., Colonel William Legg, then governor of Oxford, fearing that this palace might be used as a garrison by the parliamentarians, burnt it to the ground; its ruins remained untouched, till Dr. Dell, bishop of Oxford, re-built it at his own cost. The exterior was completed in 1679 ; and the interior shortly after. The same apprehension which led to the destruction of the palace, caused Sir Thomas Gardiner to destroy his own house on the south side of the Church. (*For some particulars of the present bishop of Oxford, see page 348J* t

The Church, dedicated to All Saints, is a fine edifice, cruciform in shape, with a massive tower in the centre, in which are six bells. The east window is filled with stained glass 'representing the agony in the garden, the crucifixion, and the entombment of our Lord. The other windows of the chancel, contain the arms of several bishops of the see. The bishop's seat and the stalls for the clergy are of carved oak. The church has recently been thoroughly restored at a cost of about £1,400. The bishop at his own expense put a new oak roof upon the chancel. The interior of the edifice is fitted up with open seats, and its general appearance is singularly chaste, and beautiful. The benefice was formerly annexed to the see of Oxford, but by an order in council, dated May 15th, 1852, her Majesty has been pleased to ratify a scheme of the ecclesiastical commissioners for severing the vicarage from the see. It is rated in the king's books at £17. 0s. 5d. The tithes were commuted for a rent charge of £325.; and there are 15 acres of glebe. The Rev. Alfred Pott, M.A., is the present vicar. There is a school west of the church supported by subscription.

CHIPFINGHURST is a hamlet, containing one farm house, and a few cottages, situate about 1 mile south of Cuddesden. Its acreage is 140 ; and its population in 1841, was 18 souls. The executors of the late Mrs. Greenwood possess the manorial rights,

DENTON is another hamlet to Cuddesden. It comprises 730 acres; in 1841, it had 163 inhabitants. *The Village* consists of the good residence of the Rev. W. Sneyd, and a few detached farm houses and cottages, distant about j mile from Cuddesden. The

principal landowners are the earl of Macclesfield, and Queen's college, Oxford. Though this hamlet belongs to Cuddesden, its tithes are appropriated to Wheatley.

WHEATLEY PAROCHIAL CHAPELRY.

Wheatley or Whateley is a chapelry in the parish of Cuddesden, containing 970 acres of the rateable value of £2,138. Its population in 1831, was 976; and in 1841, 997 souls. The assessed property amounts to £2,295. The earl of Macclesfield is lord of the manor ; and Messrs. Hall and Tawney of Oxford, are the chief landed proprietors.

The Village of Wheatley, which is of considerable extent, is situate in a valley, completely embedded amongst a group of hills. It is distant 51 miles E. by S. of Oxford, and 1-| from Cuddesden.

The Church, dedicated to St. Mary, is a plain modern edifice, with a west tower. The living is a perpetual curacy, formerly subordinate to the vicarage of Cuddesden, but now quite independent of it. The gross income of the incumbent is £300. per annum. The patron is the bishop of Oxford ; and the Rev. Edward Elton, M.A., is the incumbent. *The Parsonage* is a good residence of recent erection.

. There is a neat *Independent Chapel* here, which was opened October 6th, 1842.

CHARITIES.—*Dr. Moss*, bishop of Oxford, by will in 1811, endowed a school which was established here for the entire parish of Cuddesden. It is in connection with the National society; and the endowment consists of £1,500. stock, 3 per cent, consols. *John Child, Esq.*, by deed in 1640, left to the poor of the parish a yearly rent charge of £4. *Thomas Westbrooke*, in 1630 left £15. to the poor of Wheatley ; the interest, 15s. per annum is still received. The town meadow, or town land of Wheatley, yields an annual rental of about £25. The sum of £5. per annum is received for the poor, out of the rents of Simon's close. *Dame Elizabeth, Curzon*, about 1688 gave £100., the profits thereof to be disposed of for the apprenticing, and schooling of poor children of Wheatley. Another sum of £100. was given by Mr. Sims of Wheatley, and both were laid out in 1773 in the purchase of land which now yields about £16. per annum. Dr. Cyril Jackson, in 1816, gave £100. in pursuance of the wishes of his brother Dr. Wm. Jackson, the late bishop of Oxford, to be applied for the benefit of the poor of Wheatley. With the addition of about £31. given by Mr. Downes, the sum. was laid out in the purchase of £166. 13s. 4d., 3 per cent, consols

CUDDESDEN.

*Marked * reside in that part of Cuddesden which forms part of the village of Forest Hill.*

Pott Rev. Alfred
Sneyd Rev. Walter, Denton
Wilberforce Rt. Rev. Samuel
D.D., Lord bishop of Oxford,
Palace

Farmers.

Biggs Wm., Chippinghurst

Chillingworth William, Manor
House
Gale John
Mountain James, Denton
White Elizabeth, Denton

Miscellany.

Cooper John, baker & shpkr.
Hayward Charlotte, baker
Holly Joseph, miller

Howard H., carrier, Denton
*Phillips William, baker
Rankine, -----schoolmaster
Stone Charles, carrier
*Trinder T., vict., *King's Arms*
Waterman Charles, builder
Wildgose Robert, vict., *Three
Compasses*
Young Jph., butcher, Denton

Letters are received through the Wheatley Post Office.

WHEATLEY

Collingwood Felix F., Esq.
Davis Rev. Charles M. Cordy,
(Independent)
Elton Rev. Edward, M.A.
Guy Mrs. Mary
Hatten Edward, Esq.
Hideman Mrs. Catherine
Juggins John, Esq.
Juggins Miss Ann
Lee Richard, Esq., surgeon
Smith John, Esq., surgeon

Farmers.

Bracher William (& grazier)
Cooper Martha (& brick mkr)
Davis James (& coal dealer)
Gardner Alfred
Gardner George
Moore William
Ring John (and maltster)

Miscellany.

Allsop Thomas, plumber
Ayres John, blacksmith
Booth Alfred, grocer and draper,
and dealer in ready made
clothes
Buckland Wm., carpenter
Burrows Thomas, hawker
Casemore John, corn dealer
Castle Thomas, butcher & fmr.
Chapman Robert, plumber,
glazier and painter

Coleson James, mason
Coleson Thomas, mason
Cooper Martha, ladies
school
Cripps George, miller
Cullam Wm., wheelwright
Davis Hannah, vict., *King's
Arms*
Davis Richard, mason
Davis Thomas, mason
East William, saddler
Edmonds Thos., coal dealer
Elderfield Isaac, vict., *Bell*
Frampton Joseph, cooper
Froud John, carpenter and builder
Gardner Mary, vict., *Crown*,
(commercial inn and posting
house)
Harper John., vict., *Plough*
Hayward John, baker
Hodges John, vict., *Sun*
Hunt Thomas, shoemaker
Hitchman Robert, superintendent
of police
Johnson John, carrier
Knapp James, wheelwright
Lambert Wm., mason and
quarryman
Lovelock William, grocer,
draper, provision merchant,
dealer in British wines, &
registrar of births, deaths,
and marriages

Mott John, shoemaker
Munt Isaac, general dealer
Newhill Howell, schoolmstr.
Putt William, shoemaker
Robbins E., timber dealer
Robbins J., vict., *White Hart*
Rogers Joseph, baker
Rogers Robert, wheelwright
Rogers Wm., wheelwright
Rose Geo., butcher & farmer
Saul Wm., vict., *Chequers*
Sawyer John, blacksmith
Sheldon Rachel, blacksmith
Slaymaker William, mason
Slatter James, tailor
Slatter Richard, tailor
Slatter Samuel, tailor
Spicer H., butcher & dealer
Stacey John, baker
Stanley John, mason
Steel John, nurseryman
Sullivan Michael, general dlr.
Tombs John, vict., *King &
Queen*, (and tailor)
Town P., earthenware dealer
Waine Wm., brewer
Walker Robert, gardener .
Ward Richard, tailor
Whiting Richd., wheelwright
Williams Thos., wheelwright
Wilson John, schoolmaster
Yates David, carpenter

Post and Money Order Office
Mr William Lovelock, Postmaster