

## **Transcript of directory entries for Crowell, Oxfordshire.**

### **1831 Topographical Dictionary of England:-**

CROWELL, a parish in the hundred of Lewknor, county of Oxford, 5 miles (E. S. E.) from Tetsworth, containing 159 inhabitants. The living is a rectory, in the archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford, rated in the king's books at £7. 9. 9 ½., and in the patronage of Miss Wykeham. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. Crowell is situated at the foot of the Chiltern hills: the Roman Iknield-street passes through the village.

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### **1847 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a small parish in the diocese of Oxford and Hundred of Lewknor, situated about 7 ½ miles south of Thame, at the foot of the Chiltern hills. The church, a very small building, presents no architectural attraction, or associations of interest. The living is a rectory, of the value of £200 per annum, in the presentation of the Right Hon. the Baroness Wenman, who is also lady of the manor; the Rev. James Beauchamp is rector, and the Rev. Henry Matthew, M.A. is the present curate. Here, too, as at Chinnor, the inhabitants find employment in lace manufacture and chair making. By the last quarterly returns the population was 169, and the area of the parish does not exceed 500 acres, some portion of which is woodland.

#### **GENTRY.**

Beauchamp Rev. James, Rectory

Matthew Rev. Henry, M.A. [curate]

#### **TRADERS**

Beazley John, farmer

Beazley Robert, farmer

Cooper Randall, '*Catherine Wheel*' & wheelwright.

Harding James, carpenter & shopkeeper

Heybon John, farmer

Sulston John, farmer

Letters received through the Tetsworth office

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### **1851 The return of the census of religious worship**

Crowell population 157 HO 129/156/18

Parish Church, erected before 1800. Endowed with tithe commuted at

£243 10s, glebe £6 10s, gross annual amount. Free sittings 36; other sittings 106. On the 30<sup>th</sup> March in afternoon General Congregation 53, Sunday Scholars 26. Average attendance during previous 12 months, in morning General Congregation 40, Sunday Scholars 20; in afternoon General Congregation 70, Sunday Scholars 20.  
James Beauchamp, Rector.

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## **1852 Survey of the County of Oxford:**

### **CROWELL Parish**

Crowell parish contains 1,160 acres, the rateable value of which is £802. The assessed property of the parish amounts to £1,013.; and the population in 1831, was 159; and in 1841, 169 souls. the baroness Wenman, the earl of Abingdon, and James Campion, Esq., are the principal landowners. The manorial rights belong to the baroness Wenman.

*The Village of Crowell* consists of about six farm houses and a few cottages, and is distant about 4 ½ miles E.S.E of Tetsworth and 7 ½ S. of Thame, at the foot of the Chiltern hills.

*The Church* is a small ancient building having a nave and spire, with a low wooden tower, in which are three bells. The living is a rectory in the patronage of the baroness Wenman; rated in the king's books at £7 9s 9 ½ d. The Rev James Beauchamp, MA, is the present rector. The tithes were commuted in 1839 for a rent charge of £249 9s 1d.

There is in this parish a piece of land called the *Poor's close*, containing about four acres, the rents of which are distributed to the poor.

Beauchamp Rev. James

Britnel Mr. Jonah

Farmers  
Beasley John  
Bennall Jesse  
Britnell John  
Britnell John, Sprigg's Alley  
Heyborn John  
Hill Abel  
Sulston John

Miscellany.  
Robinson Thomas, vict., *Catherine Wheel*  
Randall Cooper, wheelwright

*Letters are received through Tetsworth Post Office*

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## 1852 Gardeners

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*The Church* is a small ancient building having a nave and spire, with a low wooden tower, in which are three bells. The living is a rectory in the patronage of the baroness Wenman; rated in the king's books at £7 9s. 91/2d. The Rev. Beauchamp, M.A., is the present Rector. The tithes were commuted in 1839 for a rent charge of £249. 9s. 1d.

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Heyborn John

Hill Abel

Sulston John

Miscellany.  
Robinson Thomas, vict *Catherine Wheel*  
Randal Cooper, wheelwright

*Letters are received through Tetsworth Post Office*

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**1854 Post Office:-**

CROWELL is a small parish in the Hundred of Lewknor, about 7 ½ miles south of Thame, at the foot of the Chiltern hills. The church is a very small building. The living is a rectory, in the diocese of Oxford, of the value of £200 per annum, in the presentation of Lord Abingdon and the Right Ho. the Baroness Wenman, who is also lady of the manor; the Rev. James Beauchamp is rector and the Rev. Henry Matthew, MA., is the curate. Here, too as at Chinnor, the inhabitants find employment in lace manufacture and chair making. The population in 1851 was 172, and the area of the parish does not exceed 500 acres, some portion of which is woodland.

Beauchamp Rev. James, M.A. [rector], Rectory house

TRADERS

Beasley John, farmer

Bennett Jesse, farmer

Britnell John, farmer

Cooper Randolph, builder

Coote Thomas, '*Katherine Wheel*' and tailor

Harding James, shopkeeper

Heybourn John, farmer

Hill Abel, farmer

Manning Thomas, parish clerk

Sulston John, farmer

Letters through Tetsworth

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**1863 Dutton & Allen:-**

CROWELL is a parish in the hundred of Lewknor, about 5 miles south of Thame, at the foot of the Chiltern hills. The church is a very small building; the living is a rectory, in the diocese of Oxford, with a residence and 9 acres 2 roods and 19 perches of glebe. In 1842 the tithe arising from the cultivated portion of land, subject to tithe in kind, was

commuted to a rent charge of £243 10s per annum. The rectory is alternately in the presentation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Abingdon and Right Hon. the Baroness Wenman, who are also proprietors of the manor. The Rev. James Beauchamp is rector. There is a charity consisting of 4 acres of land, known as the poors' land, the proceeds of which have been immemorially distributed unto the resident poor annually on New Years Day, by the rector and parochial officers, who are the feoffees. Here the inhabitants find employment in lace manufacture and chair making. The population in 1861 was 162, and the area of the parish is 1053 acres 2 roods and 19 perches, viz., 634 acres under cultivation, 320 acres Beechwood land and 90 acres of common and waste lands.

Beauchamp, Rev. James (rector) Rectory house

Traders

Beasley John, farmer

Britnell John, farmer

Britnell Jonah, farmer

Britnell Elizabeth, farmer

Cooper Randal, wheelwright and smith

Harding James, carpenter and builder

Heybourn John, farmer

Hill Abel, farmer

Manning Thomas, parish clerk

Stevens Jesse, *Catherine Wheel* and bricklayer

Sulston John, farmer

West William, farmer

Letters through Tetsworth

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### **1864 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a small parish, in the hundred of Lewknor, union and county district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston, diocese and archdeaconry of Oxford, about 5 ½ miles south from Thame, at the foot of the Chiltern Hills. The church of St Mary is a very small building. The living is a rectory, annual value £200, with residence, in the gift of the Baroness Wenman and held by the Rev. James Beauchamp, B.A. of Clere College Cambridge. The inhabitants find employment in lace manufacture and chair making. The population in 1861 was 162; the

area of the parish is 978 acres, some portion of which is woodland.  
*Parish Clerk* Thomas Manning

Baeuchamp Rev. James, B.A. [rector], Rectory

#### COMMERCIAL

Beasley John, farmer

Bowler Frederick, *Catherine Wheel*

Britnell John, farmer

Cooper Randolph, builder

Heybourn John, farmer

Hill Abel, farmer

Sulston John, farmer

Letters through Tetsworth, which is the nearest money order office.

#### **1867 Melville & Co.**

##### CROWELL

Is a parish distant 7 miles south from Thame. The population in 1861 was 162. The living is a rectory, in the gift of Lord Abingdon; the Rev. James Beauchamp is the rector.

Letters through Tetsworth.

Beasley, John, farmer

Beauchamp, Rev. James, M.A. Rectory

Britnell, John farmer

Britnell Jonah, farmer

Britnell, Elizabeth, farmer

Cooper, R., wheelwright

Harding James, builder

Heybourn, John, farmer

Hill, Abel, farmer

Manning, Thomas, parish clerk

Stevens, Jesse, *Catherine Wheel* inn

Tulston, John, farmer

West, William, farmer

Note:- This directory, which appears to have been rebound, is labelled 1867 but at this time the publican at the Catherine wheel was Frederick Bowler and James Harding died

**1868 Cassey:-**

**CROWELL**

Is a small parish, in the hundred of Lewknor, union of Thame, rural deanery of Aston, diocese and archdeaconry of Oxford, about 5 ½ miles south from Thame, at the foot of the Chiltern Hills.

The church of St. Mary is a very small building. The living is a rectory, annual value £200, with residence, in the gift of the Baroness Wenman. The inhabitants find employment in lace manufacture and chair making.

The population in 1861 was 162; the area of the parish is 987 acres some portion of which is woodland.

Letters through Tetsworth

Beauchamp Rev. James, B.A.' rector, Rectory

Bowler Frederick, Catherine Wheel

Britnell John, farmer

Cooper Randolph, builder, &c.

Heybourn John, farmer

Hill Abel, farmer

Sheen George, farmer

Sulston John, farmer

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**1869 Post Office:-**

CROWELL is a parish in the hundred of Lewknor, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston, and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford, about 5 ½ miles south from Thame, at the foot of the Chiltern Hills. The church of St. Mary is a small Gothic building of flint, and consists of a nave, chancel, north porch and square tower with 1 bell. The register dates from about the year 1620. The living is a rectory, yearly value £200, with residence, in the gift of the Baroness Wenman, and held by the Rev. James Beauchamp, B.A., of Clare College, Cambridge. The inhabitants find employment in lace manufacture and chair making. The Baroness Wenman is lady of the manor. The principal landowners are Baroness Wenman, Rev. T.H. Burrows, the earl of Abingdon, Rev. H.T. Young, and Mrs. Champion. The soil is chalk and flint; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat,

barley, beans and oats. The population in 1861 was 162; the area is 987 acres, some portion of which is woodland.

*Parish Clerk*, Thomas Manning.

Letters through Tetsworth, which is the nearest money order office.

Beauchamp Rev. James, B.A. [rector], Rectory

Bowler Frederick, *Catherine Wheel*

Britnell Elizabeth (Mrs.), farmer

Cooper Randal, wheelwright

Heybourn John, farmer

Hill Abel, farmer

Sheen George, farmer ; & Sydenham

Sulston John, farmer

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#### **1874 Mercer Cookers:-**

CROWELL is a parish and village, five miles from Thame; population 163. The church, dedicated to St. Mary, is a small building. The living is a Rectory, value £210 per annum. Patron, the Baron Wenman. The Rev. J. Beauchamp, B.A., is the Rector. Letters via Tetsworth, which is the nearest Money Order Office. Rev. James Beauchamp, B.A., Rectory; Frederick Bowler, innkeeper; Mrs. Britnell, farmer; Richard Cooper, wheelwright; John Harrison, farmer; Abel Hill, farmer; George Sheen, farmer; John Sulston, farmer.

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#### **1876 Harrods:-**

CROWELL is a parish and village 5 miles from Thame, and 1 ¼ from Chinnor railway station, in the hundred of Lewknor, union and county court district of Thame, diocese and archdeaconry of Oxford, and rural deanery of Aston Rowant. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The living is a rectory, annual value £280 with residence, in the gift of H. P. T. Wykeham, Esq. The Rev John Churchill is the rector. The acreage is 1,053, of which the chief owners are Lord Abingdon, H. P. T.

Wykenham, Esq. (Lords of the manor), and T. A. Champion, Esq. The population is about 180. The nearest money order, telegraph office, and post town is at Tetsworth.

Churchill Rev. John, rector, the Rectory.



Bowler Frederic, beer retailer and shopkeeper  
Cooper Randall, wheelwright

FARMERS

Britnell Mrs. E. and landowner  
Heybourn John  
Hill Abel  
Sheen W. C.  
Sulston John

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**1877 Post Office**

CROWELL is a parish in the hundred of Lewknor, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford, about 5 ½ miles south from Thame, 4 miles north-west from Tetsworth and one from Chinnor station on the Watlington and Princess Risborough railway, at the foot of the Chiltern Hills. The church of St. Mary is a small Gothic building of flint, and consists of a chancel, nave and north porch; it is now (1877) being restored. The register dates from about the year 1600. The living is a rectory, gross yearly value about £250 with residence, in the gift of H.T.P. Wykeham, esq of Tythrop House, near Thame, and held by the Rev. John Churchill M.A. of Worcester College Oxford. The principal landowners are H.T.P. Wykeham, esq. Who is lord of the manor, Rev. H.W. Burrows and Mr T. Champion. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats; the area is 677 acres, some portion of which is woodland; rateable value £1,002; the population in 1871 was 203.

*Parish Clerk*, George Sewell

Letters through Tetsworth. Chinnor nearest money order office

Brazier William, Rose Cottage  
Churchill Rev. John, M.A. [rector], Rectory  
Bowler Frederick, *Catherine Wheel*  
Britnell Elizabeth (Mrs), farmer  
Cooper Randal, wheelwright  
Davenin William, farmer  
Hill Abel, farmer  
Sheen William Cawood, farmer

Sulston John, farmer  
Thomas Henry, naturalist

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**1883 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a parish in the hundred of Lewknor, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford, about 5 ½ miles south from Thame, 4 north-west from Tetsworth and one south-west from Chinnor station on the Watlington and Princes Risborough railway, at the foot of the Chiltern Hills. The church of St. Mary, rebuilt in 1877-8, is a small building of flint outside, lined with chalk inside, and covered with red tiles, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cot containing 1 bell: the chancel is Decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period; it contains two sedilia: the doorways are Norman: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson 1469, with a demi-effigy and 8 English verses. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, gross yearly value £249 with residence and 9 acres of glebe, in the gift of Wenman Wykeham Musgrave esq. of Thame Park, near Thame, and held since 1879 by the Rev. Cadwallader Coker Beck B.A. of Balliol College Oxford. The principal landowners are Joseph Hill esq. of Kingston, who is lord of the manor, Wenman Wykeham Musgrave esq. Rev. H. W. Burrows and Mr. T Champion. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil, chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats; the area is 1,053 acres some portion of which is woodland; rateable value, £994 17s 5d. ; the population in 1881 was 121.

*Parish Clerk*, John King.

The children of this parish attend Aston Rowant school.

Letters through Tetsworth. Chinnor is the nearest money order office & Tetsworth the nearest telegraph office.

Beck Rev. Cadwallader coker B.A [rector]  
Booth Mrs., Rose Cottage  
Bowler Frederick, *Catherine Wheel*  
Britnell Elizabeth (Mrs.), farmer  
Cooper Randall, wheelwright

Davenin William, farmer  
Hill Alfred, farmer  
Sheen William Cawood, farmer  
Sulston John, farmer

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**1887 Kelly's:-**

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Parish Clerk, John King

The children of this parish attend Aston Rowant school.

Letters through Tetsworth. Chinnor is the nearest money order office & Tetsworth the nearest telegraph office.

Beck Rev. Cadwallader Coker B.A. [rectr]  
Phillips Charles, Crowell hill  
Cooper George, blacksmith  
Sulston John, Catherine Wheel P.H

**1891 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, about 5 ½ miles south from Thame, 4 north west from Tetsworth and 1 south west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, in the southern division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Mary, rebuilt in 1877-8, is a small building of flint outside lined with chalk inside, and covered with red tiles and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cote containing one bell: the chancel is decorated appears to have been shortened at an early period; it contains two sedilia: the doorways are Norman: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson 1469, with a demi-effigy and 8 English verses. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, yearly value from tithe rent-charge £243, with residence and 9 acres of glebe, in the gift of Wenman A. Wykeham Musgrave esq. of Thame Park, near Thame and held since 1879 by the Rev. Cadwallader Coker Beck B.A. of Balliol College Oxford. The principal landowners are Joseph Hill esq. of Kingston, who is lord of the manor, Wenman Aubrey Wykeham Musgrave esq. Rev. H. W. Burrows, Henry Clerke Brown esq. J.P. and Mr T. Champion. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seed and oats; the area is 1,053 acres, some portion of which is woodland; rateable value, £1,056; the population in 1881 was 121.

Parish Clerk, George Sewell.

The children of this place attend Aston Rowant school.

Letters through Tetsworth arrive at 8 am. Chinnor is the nearest money order office and Tetsworth the nearest Telegraph office.

WALL LETTER BOX cleared at 5-45 p.m. ; sunday 11.30 a.m.

Beck Rev. Cadwallader Coker B.A. [rector]

Phillips Charles, Crowell hill

Cooper George, blacksmith

Sulston Thomas, Catherine Wheel P.H

Hill Oliver, farm bailiff to Joseph Hill esq. Manor Farm house  
Sewell George, farm bailiff to George Sheen esq.

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### **1895 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame, and 4 north-west from Tetsworth, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Mary, rebuilt in 1877-8, is a small building of flint, lined inside with chalk, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cot containing one bell: the chancel, which is Decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period, retains two sedilia: the doorways are Norman: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson, 1469, with a demi-effigy and 8 English verses: the church was restored in 1878, at a cost of £1,300 and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value from tithe rent-charge £160, average £100, but subject to deduction, with residence and 9 acres of glebe, in the [g]ift of Wenman A. Wykeham Musgrave esq. of Thame Park, and held since 1893 by the Rev. Edward James Howman M.A. of University College, Oxford, rural dean of Aston, surrogate, and also rector of Chinnor, where he resides. The principal landowners are Joseph Hill esq. of Kingston, who is lord of the manor, Wenman Aubrey Wykeham Musgrave esq., the trustees of the late Rev. Canon H. W. Burrows B.D. (d. 1892) Henry Clerke Brown esq. of Kingston Blount, and Mr. T. Champion. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats; the area is 1,053 acres, some portion of which is woodland; rateable value, £1,056; the population in 1891 was 102.

Parish Clerk, George Sewell.

The children of this place attend Chinnor and Aston Rowant schools  
Letters through Tetsworth arrive at 8 a.m. Chinnor is the nearest money  
order office & Lewknor the nearest telegraph office

Wall Letter Box cleared at 5.55 p.m.; sunday at 11.30 a.m

Beck Mrs. Rectory

Phillips Charles, Crowell Hill

Cooper George, blacksmith

Saunders Abel, Catherine Wheel P.H

Smith John, assist. overseer, Rose cot

Turner Richard, bailiff to Joseph Hill esq. Manor farm

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### **1899 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame, and 4 north-west from Tetsworth, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Mary, rebuilt in 1877-8, is a small building of flint, lined inside with chalk, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cot containing one bell: the chancel, which is Decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period, retains two sedilia: the doorways are Norman: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson, 1469, with a demi-effigy and 8 English verses: the church was restored in 1878, at a cost of £1,300 and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £190, with 9 acres of glebe, in the gift of Wenham A. Wykeham Musgrave esq. of Thame Park and held since 1893 by the Rev. Edward James Howman M.A. of University College, Oxford, surrogate and also rector of Chinnor, where he resides. The principal landowners are Joseph Hill esq. of Kingston Blount, who is lord of the manor, Wenman Aubrey Wykeham Musgrave esq. of Thame Park, the trustees of the late Rev. Canon H. W. Burrows B.D. (d. 1892), Henry Clerk Brown esq. of Kingston Blount, and Mr T Champion. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats. The area is 1,996 acres some portion of which is wodland; assessable value, £878; the population in 1891 was 102.

Parish Clerk, George Sewell.

The children of this place attend Chinnor school  
Letters through Tetsworth arrive at 8 a.m. Chinnor is the nearest money  
order office & Lewknor the nearest telegraph office, 2 mils distant  
Wall Letter Box cleared at 6.20 p.m.; sunday at 11.30 a.m

Beck Mrs. Rectory

Davis Rev. Francis Neville B.A (curate for Chinnor & Crowell)

Hill Henry Joseph, Ellwood house

Cooper George, blacksmith

Saunders Abel, Catherine Wheel P.H

Smith John, assist. overseer, Rose cot

Turner Richard, bailiff to Joseph Hill esq. manor farm

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### **1903 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame, and 4 north-west from Tetsworth, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Mary, rebuilt in 1877-8, is a small building of flint, lined inside with chalk, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cot containing one bell: the chancel, which is Decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period, retains two sedilia: the doorways are Norman: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson, 1469, with a demi-effigy and 8 English verses: the church was restored in 1878, at a cost of £1,300 and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £190, with 9 acres of glebe, in the gift of Wenham A. Wykeham Musgrave esq. of Thame Park and held since 1902 by the Rev. Francis Neville Davis M.A. of Pembroke College, Oxford. The principal landowners are Joseph Hill esq. of Kingston Blount, who is lord of the manor, Wenman Aubrey Wykeham Musgrave esq. of Thame Park, the trustees of the late Rev. Canon H.W. Burrows B.D (d. 1892), Henry Clerke Brown esq. of Kingston Blount, and Mr. T. Champion. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat,

barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats. The area is 1,996 acres some portion of which is woodland; assessable value £878; the population in 1901 was 104.

Parish Clerk, George Sewell.

The children of this place attend Chinnor school

Letters through Wallingford arrive at 8 a.m & 2 p.m.

Chinnor is the nearest money order & telegraph office, 1 mile distant

Wall Letter Box cleared at 9.15 a.m & 6.20 p.m; sunday at 11.30 a.m

Beck-Coker Mrs. Rectory

Davis Rev. Francis Neville M.A. vicar

Hill Henry Joseph, Ellwood house

Cooper George, blacksmith

Halton Frederick, bailiff to Joseph Hill esq. Manor farm

Hicks Edwin, Catherine Wheel P.H

Smith John, assist. overseer, Rose cot.

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### **1907 Kellys:-**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame, and 4 north-west from Tetsworth, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and Archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Mary is a small building of flint, chiefly in the Decorated style, and lined inside with chalk, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch, and a modern stone bell-cote containing one bell: the chancel, which is Decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period, retains two sedilia and a blocked low-side window: the doorways are Norman and the front Transitional: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson 1469, with a demi-effigy and eight English verses: the church was partially rebuilt in 1878, at a cost of £1,300, and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £190, with 9 acres of glebe, in the gift of Wenman A. Wykeham - Musgrave esq. of Thame park, and held since 1902 by the Rev. Francis Neville Davis M.A. of Pembroke College, Oxford. The



principle landowners are Henry Joseph Hill esq. of Kingston Blount, who is lord of the manor, Henry Clerke Brown esq. of Kingston Blount, the trustees of the late Rev. H. S. Young M.A. of South Leigh (d. 1906) Wenman Aubrey Wykeham-Musgrave esq. of Thame Pak, Col. E. A. Burrows R.F.A., C.M.G. of Long Crendon, and Capt. Mansel. The soil is calk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats he area is 96 acres, some portion of which is woodland; rateable value, £900; the population in 1901 was 104.

Parish Clerk, Frederck Gomme.

The children of this place attend Chinnor School

Letters through Wallingford arrive at 8a.m. & 2p.m. Chinnor is the nearest telegraph office, 1 mile distant & Kingston Blount, half a mile distant, the nearest money order office.

Wall Letter Box cleared at 9.15 a.m. & 5.50 p.m.; sunday at 11.30 a.m. Assistant Overseer, Arthur Harry Tranter, Stokenchurch.

#### CROWELL

Davis Rev. Francis Neville M.A. The Rectory

Francis Arthur, Manor farm

Lonsdale Mrs

Smith John, Rose cottage

#### COMMERCIAL

Butler William, Catherine Wheel P.H.

Castle Valentine F bailiff to Henry j Hill esq. Ellwood house

Cooper George, blacksmith

#### CROWELL HILL

Abbot Leonard Charles, Home Close

Thomas James, farm bailiff, woodman & gamekeeper to Henry Clerke

Brown esq. D.L., J.P. Town farm

Wixon Jas. gardener to Capt. Mansel

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### **1911 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame, and 4 north-west from Tetsworth, in the southern division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of

Watlington, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Mary is a small building of flint, chiefly in the decorated style, and lined inside with chalk, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cote containing one bell: the chancel, which is decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period, retains two sedilia and a blocked low-side window: the doorways are Norman and the front Transitional: there is a brass to Sir Jon Payne, parson, 1469, with a demi-effigy and eight English verses: the church was partially rebuilt in 1878, at a cost of £1,300, and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £190, with 9 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Wenman A. Wykeham-Musgrave esq of Thame Park, and held since 1902 by the Rev. Francis Neville Davis B.A., B.Litt. of Pembroke College, Oxford, who also officiates as Chaplain at Thame Park, Thame. The principle landowner is Henry Joseph Hill esq. of Kingston Blount. Henry Clerke Brown esq. is lord of the manor. the soil is chalk and loam: subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats. The area is 900 acres, some portion of which is woodland; rateable value, £881; the population in 1901 was 104.

Parish Clerk, Frederick Gomme

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Wall Letter Box cleared at 9.15 a.m. & 5.45 p.m.; Sunday at 12.20 a.m. Assistant Overseer, Arthur Harry Tranter, Stokenchurch

CROWELL

Davis Rev. Francis Neville M.A. The Rector

Sibley Alfred Durley, Manor house

Smith John, Rose cottage

COMMERCIAL

Castle Valentine F. bailiff to Henry J Hill esq. Ellwood house

Earp Thos. Wm. Catherine Wheel P.H.

CROWELL HILL

Wixon Jas. gardener to Capt. Mansel

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### **1914 Little Guide to Oxfordshire:-**

*Crowell* (16 ½ miles S.E. of Oxford) is a little village under the Chilterns, between Aston Rowant and Chinnor Stations. The little church is Dec., but retains a Norman N. door and a Trans. font. Note the square stoup, square headed sedilia, blocked low side window, and brass dated 1469, with an English rhyming inscription.

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### **1915 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame, and 4 north-west from Tetsworth, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Mary is a small building of flint, chiefly in the Decorated style, and lined inside with chalk, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cote containing one bell: the chancel, which is Decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period, retains two sedilia and a blocked low-side window: the doorways are Norman and the font Transitional: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson, 1469, with a demi-effigy and eight English verses: the church was partially rebuilt in 1878, at a cost of 1,300, and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £190, with 9 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Wenman A. Wykeham-Musgrave esq. of Thame Park, and held since 1902 by the Rev. Francis Neville Davis B.A., B.Litt, of Pembroke College, Oxford, who also officiates as Chaplin at Thame Park, Thame. the principal landowner is Henry Joseph Hill esq. Henry Clerke Brown esq. is lord of the manor. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats. the area is 996 acres, some portion of which is woodland; rateable value, £730; the population in 1911 was 83.

Parish Clerk, Frederick Gomme.

The children of this place attend Chinnor school

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office.

Wall Letter Box cleared at 9.15 a.m. & 6.15 p.m.; Sunday at 10.20 a.m.

CROWELL

Davis Rev. Francis Neville M.A. The Rectory

Smith John, Rose cottage

COMMERCIAL

Bell Chas. (Mrs.) Catherine Wheel P.H.

Castle Valentine F. bailiff to Henry J. Hill esq. Ellwood house

CROWELL HILL

Wixon Jas. gardener to Capt. Mansel

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**1920 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame, 4 north-west from Tetsworth, in the Henley division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Mary is a small building of flint chiefly in the Decorated style, and lined inside with chalk, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cote containing one bell: the chancel, which is decorated and appears to have shortened at an early period, retains two sedilia and a blocked low-side window: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson 1469, with a demi-effigy and eight English verses: the church was rebuilt in 1878, at a cost of £1,300, and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £246, with 9 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Herbert Wenman Wykeham-Musgrave esq. and held since 1919 by the Rev. George Victor Collier B.A. of the Royal University of Ireland. The principle landowner is Henry Joseph Hill esq. Mrs. Clerke Brown is lady of the manor. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seed and oats. The area is 996 acres, some portion of which is woodland; rateable value £798; the population in 1911 was 83.

Parish Clerk, Robert Charles Surman

The children of this place attend Chinnor school

Letters through Wallingford. Kingston Blount, a quarter of a mile

distant, is the nearest telegraph & money order office.

Wall Letter Box.

Collier Rev. George Victor B.A. The Rectory

Mansel Mrs. Home close

#### COMMERCIAL

Marked thus \* farm 150 acres or over.

Forte Saml. Jn. Catherine Wheel P.H.

\*Hill Joseph, farmer, Ellwood house

Witney John, farmer

Wixon Jas. gardener to Mrs. Mansel

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### 1924 Kelly's

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame, and 4 north-west from Tetsworth, in the Henly division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, union and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Mary is a small building of flint, chiefly in the Decorated style, and lined inside with chalk, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cote containing one bell: the chancel, which is Decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period, retains two sedilia and a blocked low-side window: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson, 1649, with a demi-effigy and eight English verses: on the north wall is an oak tablet erected in memory of two men from this parish who lost their lives in the Great War 1914-18: the church was rebuilt in 1878, at a cost of £1,300, and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value +£?? with 9 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Herbert Wenman Wykeham-Musgrave esq. and held since 1919 by the Rev. George Victor Collier B.A. of the Royal University of Ireland. The principal landowner is Henry Joseph Hill esq. Mrs Clerke Brown is lord of the manor. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats. The area is 996 acres some portion of which is woodland; rateable value £795; the population in 1911 was 83.

Parish Clerk, Robert Charles Surman.  
Letters through Wallingford. Kingston Blount' quarter of a mile distant  
is the nearest telegraph, telephone & money order office.  
Police-Constable William Ewart Brain, constable in charge, Chinnor.  
The children of this place attend Chinnor School.

#### PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Collier Rev. George Victor B.A. The Rectory  
Gossling Rupert Emerson, Rose cot  
Mansel Mrs. Home close

#### COMMERCIAL

Marked thus \* farm 150 acres or over.  
Denton Wm. Catherine Wheel P.H.  
\*Hill Joseph, farmer Ellwood house  
Wixon Jas. gardener to Mrs. Mansel

+ = not readable on my copy.

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### **1931 Kelly's**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame, and 4 north-west from Tetsworth, in the Henley division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, rural district and county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Mary is a small building of flint, chiefly in the Decorated style, and lined inside with chalk, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cote containing one bell: the chancel, which is Decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period, retains two sedilia and a blocked low-side window: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson, 1649, with a demi-effigy and eight English verses: on the north wall is an oak tablet erected in memory of two men from this parish who lost their lives in the Great War 1914-18: the church was rebuilt in 1878, at a cost of £1,300, and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £320, with

9 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Herbert Wenman Wykeham-Musgrave esq. J.P. and held since 1919 by the Rev. George Victor Collier B.A. of the Royal University of Ireland. The principal landowner is Henry Joseph Hill esq. Mrs. Clerke Brown M.B.E. is lady of the manor. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats. The area is 996 acres, some portion of which is woodland; the population in 1921 was 92.

Parish Clerk, Robert Charles Surman  
Letters through Oxford. Kingston Blount, nearest M.O. & T. office.

#### PRIVATE RESIDENTS

(For T N's see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)

Collier Rev. George Victor B.A. (rector), The Rectory

Mansel Mrs. Wood close

Mansel Phillip, Home close

#### COMMERCIAL

Marked thus \* farm 150 acres or over.

Church Joshua, Catherine Wheel P.H.

\*Hill Jsph. farmer Ellwood ho. TN Kingston Blount 4

Surman Robert Charles, motor engineer; cars for hire & motor charabanc proprietor. TN Kingston Blount 21

Webb Saml. Geo. farmer, Towne farm

Wixon Jas. gardener to Mrs. Mansel

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#### **1935 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princess Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame and 4 north west from Tetsworth, in the Henley division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, rural district of Bullingdon, county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St Mary is a small building of flint, chiefly in the Decorated style, and lined inside with chalk, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cote containing one bell: the chancel, which is decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period, retains

two sedilia and a blocked low-side window: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson, 1649, with a demi-effigy and eight English verses: on the north wall is an oak tablet erected in memory of two men from this parish who lost their lives in the Great War, 1914-18: the church was rebuilt in 1878, at a cost of £1,300, and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £320, with 9 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Herbert Wenman Wykeham-Musgrave esq. J.P. and held since 1935 by the Rev. [blank]

The principal landowner is Henry Joseph Hill esp. Mrs Clerke Brown M.B.E. is Lady of the manor. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seed and oats. The area is 996 acres. Some portion of which is woodland; the population in 1931 was 78.

Letters through Oxford. Kingston Blount nearest M.O. & T. office.

Private Resident.

Mansel Mrs. Wood Close

Commercial

Marked thus \* farm 150 acres or over.

Church Joshua, Catherine Wheel P.H.

\*Hill Jsph. Farmer, Elwood ho. TN Kingston Blount 4

Surman Robert Charles, motor engineer. Kingston Blount 21

Webb Saml. Geo. Farmer Towne farm

Wixon Jas. Gardener to Mrs. Mansel

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### **1939 Kelly's:-**

CROWELL is a parish at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, and 1 mile south-west from Chinnor station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, about 5 ½ south from Thame, and 4 north-west from Tetsworth, in the Henley division of the county, hundred of Lewknor, petty sessional division of Watlington, rural district of Bullingdon, county court district of Thame, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford.

Electricity is available. The church of St. Mary is a small building of flint, chiefly in the Decorated style, and lined inside with chalk, and



consists of chancel, nave, south porch and a modern stone bell-cote containing one bell: the chancel, which is Decorated and appears to have been shortened at an early period, retains two sedilia and a blocked low-side window: the doorways are Norman and the font Transitional: there is a brass to Sir John Payne, parson, 1469, with demi-effigy and eight English verses: on the north wall is an oak tablet erected in memory of two men from this parish who lost their lives in the Great War, 1914-18: the church was rebuilt in 1878, and affords 102 sittings. The register dates from the year 1594. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £320, with 9 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Herbert Wenman Wykeham-Musgrave esq. J.P. and held since 1935 by the Rev. Arthur Vernon Venables. The principal landowner is Henry Joseph Hill esq. Mrs. Clerke Brown M.B.E. is lady of the manor. The soil is chalk and loam; subsoil chiefly soft stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, peas, seeds and oats. The area is 996 acres, some portion of which is woodland; the population in 1931 was 78.

Letters through Oxford. Kingston Blount nearest M.O & T. office

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

(For TN's see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)

Mansel Mrs. Wood close

Venables Rev. Arthur Vernon (rector), The Rectory

COMMERCIAL

Marked thus \* farm 150 acres or over.

Catherine Wheel P.H. (Joshua Church)

\*Hill Jsph. farmer, Ellwood ho. Kingston Blount 270

Webb Saml. Geo. farmer Towne farm

Wixon Jas. gardener to Mrs Mansel

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**1958 – 9 Oxfordshire** [a Blair directory dated 1967 has an identical list of names]

CROWELL

Atkins, J., 2 Hill Cottages

Barnes, Albert, Holly Cottages

Barrett, Stanley A., 2 The Moors

Bennett, Arthur G., The Cottage

Browne, Graham R., Meadow Cottage, Crowell Hill

Drake James W., The Catherine Wheel  
Edwards Stanley J., Manor Farm  
Fehling, Christian E. A., Little Rushes, Crowell Hill  
Fergie-Woods, Ian, Yewcote, Chinnor Hill  
Green Albert H., Crowell  
Hester, William George, Crowell  
Hill, Joseph, Elwood House  
Howlett, Derek R. J., 2 Crowell Hill Cottages  
Humphreys, Arthur J., 1 Crowell Hill Cottages  
Hunt, George, Oakley Cottage  
Jennings, Richard R., Rushes, Crowell Hill  
Lambourne, Peter L., 1 the Moors  
Larter, Elsie M., Thatched Cottage  
Needham, Ronald, El Toledo, Crowell Hill  
North, Alfred, Thatched Cottage  
Perring, Stanley, W., Flintstones  
Platt, Jeffrey, Summer Place, Crowell Hill  
Rayney, Frederick R. C., Home Close, Crowell Hill  
Street, Derek G., Holly Cottage, Crowell Hill  
Strickland, Paul, Wood Edge Cottage, Bennett End.  
Surman, Bertram, Roman Way  
Turvey, Evelyn, Summer Place, Crowell Hill  
Walker, David F., 1 Hill Cottages  
Whittle, Alan, The Rectory  
Wilks, John, Twin Firs, Crowell Hill  
Wise, Barnett E., Crowell Hill Farm  
Wixon, Frank C., The Hollow, Crowell Hill  
Worth, Joyce, Cedar Roman Way

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**From the Domesday survey of 1066:-**

23 Land of William Peverel

1 William Peverel holds 10 hides in CROWELL from the King. Land for 5 ploughs. Now in lordship 2 ploughs; 4 slaves. 15 villagers with 5 smallerholders have 7 ploughs. Meadow, 12 acres; woodland 2 furlongs.

The value was £6; now £7

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### **Parochial Collections (First Part) [1920?]**

Made by Anthony Wood M.A. and Richard Rawlinson D.C.L, F.R.S

Transcribed and prepared for the press by the Rev. F. N. Davis B.A, B.Litt.

The following pages have been transcribed from several volumes preserved in the Bodleian Library and in the British Museum, which contain notes on most of the Oxfordshire Parishes. The earlier collections are the work of Anthony à Wood (1632 – 1695) the well known antiquary and historian of the University who also made preparations for a history of the county. Richard Rawlinson (1690 – 1755), the Non-juring bishop *continues....*

#### **Crowell**

[*Rawl. B 400 f. fo. 15*]

Lords of the Manner, Lds Abingdon and Wenman, the former Patron of the living which is a Rectory, the present Incumbent is Mr. Benjamin Wainright M.A. of University College in Oxford. A Feast held here on the Sunday before Holyrood. Not above 10 Houses, nor above 10 persons who do not receive Alms.

[fo. 83]

Mr. Wainright Crowell readily gave us what small assistance he could (but is almost superannuated), as did likewise Mr. Langford of Stoke.

[*Rawl. B. 400 C. fo. 44.*]

On a black marble gravestone under the altar: Here lyeth John Stopes / which came to be parson / of this church of Crowell / in ye yeare of our Lord / 1621 being the 8<sup>th</sup> day of / May and he was 84 yeares / of age July ye 7<sup>th</sup>. Last past / in ye yeare of our Lord / 1666. / Ex uxore Judetha filia Adami Squire S. Theol. Doctoris, / ex uxore Judetha filia Joh. Ailmer Epis. Londin. / 3 suscepit filios et 4 filias, ex quibus omnibus mini / mum natua Jacobum reliquit superstitem / Octb. 1 A.D. 1688.

In the chancel on a brass plate under the half figure of a Priest in a devotional posture:-

Under this stone of marble clere, lyeth Sir John Payne late Parson here

Which from this world departed away, on the monyth of June the forth day.

The yere of our Lord God almighty, a thowsande CCCC and LXIXty.

For whoos soul seyeth of your charyte, a paternoster and ave.

On the north wall of the church: Zachary White, Church – warden 1695.

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