

Extract from Kelly's Directory -1890  
Woodford

Woodford (near Thrapston) is a village and parish on the Nene, 1 mile south-east from Twywell station on the Kettering and Cambridge branch of the midland railway 3 miles South-west from Thrapston 7 east from Kettering 7 north from Higham Ferrers and 72 from London in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Huxloe, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Thrapston, rural deanery of Higham Ferrers (second portion), archdeaconry of Oakham and diocese of Peterborough. The church of

St. Mary the Virgin is a large building of stone, in the early English and later styles, consisting of chancel, nave with clerestory, aisles, north and south porches and a western tower with four pinnacles and spire, and containing 5 bells; the east window and those on the south side or the chancel are stained: at the east end of the north aisle are two very curious recumbent wooden effigies conjectured to represent Sir Walter de Trayly, or Treylli, 1290, and Alianora, his wife AD 1316; there is also a brass with effigy and inscription, to Simon Malory the elder esq. ob 1580 the church was restored in the year 1867 at a cost of £2340 under the direction of Mr. William Slater, architect, of Northampton and in the same year the chancel was restored, at a cost of £1009 under the direction of Mr. Fowler architect; during the restoration of the church a box containing the remains or a human heart wrapped in cloth was found inclosed within one of the columns of the north arcade of the nave, but there was nothing to show to whom it had belonged. The register dates from the year 1680. The living is a rectory gross yearly value from 360 acres of glebe £380, with residence, in the gift of Lord St. John, and held since 1884 by the Rev. John Theed Watson M.A of St. John's College, Cambridge.

There are Baptist and Wesleyan Methodist chapels.

The charity estate of about 39 acres produces £100 yearly, which is expended in fuel for the poor. The church land of about 15 acres, together with mine rents, produces £108 yearly for church repairs: there are small charities of about £2 for distribution. Shoemaking is carried on largely by the villagers for the manufacturers of the neighbouring towns, and there are extensive mines of iron ore in full work.

A Temperance hall was built in 1883, at a cost of £500 for lectures and entertainments and will hold 400 persons. Woodford House, the property of Charles Henry Plevins esq. is a pleasant mansion surrounded by well-wooded pleasure grounds, and situated about 2 miles west of the village. Mrs Stopford-Sackville of Drayton House, Lowick who is lady of the manor, and C H Plevins esq. are the principal landowners. The soil is clay; subsoil, clay and ironstone. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and beans. The area is 2126 acres; rateable value £4845 the population in 1881 was 1,500.

Sexton - John Wilson

Post and M.O.O., S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office - John Fletcher postmaster. Letters arrive through Thrapston at 7.20 am; dispatched at 5.05 pm. The nearest telegraph office is at Thrapston.

SCHOOLS National (mixed), erected, with master's residence, in 1858 and enlarged in 1872, for 170 children: average attendance, 150; and supported in part by a bequest from the Rev Charles Beynon; William Petzold Ellson master.

Infants', built in 1883, for 200 children; average attendance, 120; and supported in part by the above bequest; Mrs Ellen Mary Hughes, mistress.

CARRIER Emanuel Manning to Thrapston, Tuesday.

Surname	Forename	Trade
Barnes	Thomas Wilson	
Blathwayt	Calvert	
Faulkner	John T	
Gunn	George	
Hill	Joseph	
Lightfoot	Miss	
Plevins	Charles Henry	
Smith	John T	
Tiney	John Eaton	
Tyrrell	Rev John	
Watson		
MA	Rev John Theed	
Abbott	Thomas Wilson	Carpenter
Allen	Samuel	Miller (water) & Farmer
Arnsby	William	Shoemaker
Bailey	George	Shoemaker
Bales	Joseph	Blacksmith
Barnes	Andrew	Butcher
Barwell	John William	Farmer
Beeby	George	Beer Retailer
Blott	Sarah	Laundress
Bonser	John Thomas	Farmer
Chew	James	Farmer
Childs	Samuel	Shopkeeper
Ellson	Thomas Wilson	Victualler
Fitzhugh	Clarke	Butcher
Fletcher	John	Shopkeeper
		Grocer, Draper & Clothing
Fowler	George	Manufacturer
Francis	John	Victualler
French	William	Shoemaker
Green	Thomas Wilson	Butcher and Grazier
Gunn	Zachariah	Beer Retailer
Harlock	George	Beer Retailer
Hawes	Ann	Coal Dealer
Hewitt	David	Shopkeeper
Hobbs	Frederick	Tailor
		Manager Newbridge Iron Ore
Hughes	Frederick	Company
Jones	George Hyn.	Shoemaker

Kirton	Benjamin	Wheelright and carpenter
Mabbuutt	Elisha	Shopkeeper
Manning	Emmanuel	Shopkeeper and Carrier
Milward	John	Shopkeeper
Minney	Jacob	Shopkeeper
Neale	Charles	Grocer and Baker etc
Neall	William	Assistant Overseer
Neall	William jun.	Tailor and Draper
Smith	William	Farmer
Tarrant	George	Carpenter
Temperance	Hall	George Essam (Sec)
Tiney	Edward	Beer Retailer
Wadsworth	John	Farmer
Wadsworth	Thomas Wilson	Baker
Wells	John	Shopkeeper
Wallis and Linnells	Clothiers	

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