

Extract from Kelly's Directory -1914  
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. Water Works were completed in 1902 by the Urban District Council of Thrapston, the cost being defrayed from the rates.

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 6 bells; in 1913 the old bells were rehung and the sixth added: the east window and those on the south side of the chancel are stained: there is also a window erected in 1913, in memory of the Rev J T Watson MA Rector 1884 - 1911. 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; since then nearly £1000 has been spent on repairs, and in 1896 a stained window was erected in memory of Mrs Plevins, of Woodford House; 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 net yearly value from 360 acres of glebe £300, with residence, in the gift of Lord St. John, and held since 1911 by the Rev. Gerard Markby Davidson MA of Clare College Cambridge.

There are Baptist and Wesleyan Methodist chapels. A Temperance hall was built in 1883, at a cost of £500 for lectures and entertainments and will hold 200 persons. Shoemaking is carried on largely by the villagers for the manufacturers of the neighbouring towns. The charity estate of about 39 acres produces £100 yearly, which is principally 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.

Woodford House, the property of Wilfred Maurice Plevins esq. JP is a pleasant mansion surrounded by well-wooded pleasure grounds, and is about 2 miles west of the village. George Stopford-Sackville esq. DL JP of Drayton House, Lowick who is lord of the manor, and W M Plevins esq. are the principal landowners. The soil is clay; subsoil, clay and ironstone. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and beans and meadow land.

The area is 2133 acres; rateable value £4613 the population in 1911 was 1,505.

Sexton - Alfred Jeffs

Post, and MO and T Office - Joseph Neall Sub postmaster. Letters arrive through Thrapston at 7.00 am and 1.45pm; dispatched at 9.15 and 11.35am and 6.05 pm. No Sunday delivery.

Public elementary Schools. Mixed, erected with master's residence, in 1858 and enlarged in 1872, for 130 children; Fred Reed, master. Infants built in 1883, for 165 children; Mrs Fox, mistress. Both schools are supported by a bequest from Rev Charles Beynon.

County Police - Henry Harris, constable

CARRIER Arthur Manning to Thrapston, Tuesday; to Wellingborough, Wednesday; Kettering, Friday; and James Thomas Hawes, to Kettering, Monday & Friday; Thrapston Tuesday; Wellingborough, Wednesday.

Brooke	Mary Lady de Capell	
	Rev Gerard	
Davidson	Markby	
Fisher	Mrs	
Hill	John Mitchell	
Plevins JP	Wilfred Maurice	
Abbott	Charles William	Carpenter and Joiner
Allen	George	shopkeeper
Allen	Samuel	Water miller
Bailey & Loakes		Dressmakers
Bailey	George	Carter
Barnes	Andrew	Butcher
Barnes	Edward	Hairdresser
Blott	Eliza	Laundress
Bonser	John Thomas	Farmer
Bunning	John	Builder
Charlton	George Victor	Land Agent
Chew	James	Farmer
Cook	James	Beer Retailer
Cordery	Harry	Game Dealer
Creed	George	Baker
Crofts	Thomas	Insurance Agent
Daniels	William	Gardener
Dodson	William	Miller
Dunford	Samuel	Beer Retailer
Essam	George	Assistant Overseer
Fitzhugh	Clarke	Butcher
		Thrashing Machine
Frost	John	Proprietor
Gunn	Zachariah	Beer Retailer
Hawes	James Thomas	Carrier and Coal deliverer
Hawkins	Samuel	Farmer

Houghton	Edward	Beer Retailer
Hudson	James Thomas	Carrier an Coal Deliverer
Ideal Clothiers		Clothing factory
Kemp	Thomas	Insurance Agent
Kettering Industrial Co-op		
Knighton	Fred	Photographer
Litchfield	Ernest	shopkeeper
Loakes	Margaret	Dressmakers
Manning	Arthur	Carrier
Mastin	Wright	Wheelright
Neal	William	Farmer
Neale	John	Grocer
Neill	Joseph	Draper and Sub Postmaster
Pendred	Walter	Beer Retailer
Roughton	Walter	Hairdresser
Sanders	George	shopkeeper
Taylor & Downs		Drapers
Temperance		
Hall	George Essam	Secretary
Thrapston Urban District		Water
works		
Wadsworth	George (Mrs)	Apartments
Wallis and Linnell Ltd		
Ward	Thomas	Butcher
Ward	Thomas	Beer Retailer
Wilson	Edith (Mrs)	shopkeeper
Wilson	Thomas	Market Gardener
Wilson	William Henry	shopkeeper
Woodham	Pauline (Mrs)	Dressmakers
Woodhams	Arthur	Bricklayer
Woodward	Joseph	heel maker
Woodward	Arthur James	gamekeeper