

Kelly's Directory 1940

Woodford (Thrapston) is a village and parish on the Nene, 1 mile south-east from Twywell station on the Kettering and Cambridge branch line of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, 3 miles south west from Thrapston, 7 east from Kettering, 7 north from Higham Ferrers and 72 from London: it is in the Peterborough division of the County, hundred of Huxloe, petty sessional division of Thrapston, county court district and rural district of Oundle and 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, containing six bells; in 1913 the old bells were re-hung and the sixth added; the east window and those on the south side of the chancel are stained; there is also a stained window erected in 1896 to Mrs Plevins of Woodford House, and one erected in 1913 to 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 Treylii, 1290 and Alianora, his wife AD 1316; there is also a brass, with effigy and inscription to Simon Malory the elder Esq. ob 1580. In 1926 painted wooden panels were inserted in the east window of the north aisle, to the memory of Mary, Lady DeCapell-Br4ooke and her daughters, Katherine Grace and Caroline Sophia: the church, including chancel, was restored in 1867; during the restoration a box containing the remains of a human heart wrapped in a cloth was found enclosed 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 1680. The living is a Rectory, net yearly value £850, with residence, in the gift of Lord St. John of Bletso, and held since 1933 by Rev Basil Eversley Owen BA of Keble College Oxford. A church hall was erected in 1939. There are Baptist and Methodist Chapels,. The Temperance Hall, built in 1883, at a cost of £500 is used for lectures and entertainments, and will hold 200 person. Shoe making is largely carried on 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 nine rents, produces £108 yearly for church repairs, and there are smaller charities of about £2 for distribution. Woodford house, the property and residence 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. Maj. Nigel V Stopford-Sackville JP who is lord of the manor and Wilfred Maurice Plevins Esq. JP are the principle land owners. Electricity is available. Water is supplied by the Raunds Urban District Council. The soil is clay; subsoil, clay and ironstone. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and beans and there is some meadow land. The area is 2,245 acres of land and 20 of water; the population in 1931 was 1342.

Post, M.O & Telegraph Office. Letters through Kettering

Police Station

Carrier – Arthur Manning to Thrapston, Tuesday & Saturday; to Kettering, Friday

Conveyance – United Counties Omnibus service to Thrapston and Kettering

Private Residents

Beauchamp, Mrs	The Rosary
Brooke, Miss de Capell	Hill House
Charlton, George Victor Bellasis	Woodford Lodge
Neall, Mrs Kate	River View
Owen, Rev Basil E (rector)	The Rectory
Plevins, Wilfred Maurice	Woodford House

Commercial

Ashworth, Mrs Agnes	District Nurse	Thrapston 72
Bakers Arms PH	Ernest Goodman	
Ball, Mrs Florence Daisy	Shopkeeper	
Barnes, Edward J	Hairdresser	
Bream, George	Farmer, Bottom Mill	Thrapston 51
Bunning, Joseph	Builder	
Burnham, Frank	Farmer, Manor House	
Charlton, George V B	Land agent for WM Plevins Woodford Lodge	Cranford 202
Coach and Horses PH	Charles Buckby	
Cox, Harry	Butcher	
Dukes Arms PH	Samuel Pendered	
Engine PH	Lewis Coe	
Essam A & son	Cycle dealers	
Freeman, Arthur	Ladies Hairdressers	
Goodman, William	Shopkeeper	
Green Charles	Butcher	Thrapston 19
Hawes, J E	Coal and Coke merchant Laburnum Cottage	
Hawes, Reginald James	Baker	
Horner, Frederick Thomas	Baker	
Horrell, Alec Edward	farmer Glebe Farm	Thrapston 149
Ideal Clothiers Ltd	Clothing factory	Thrapston 89
Jackson, Edward	Painter	
Kettering Industrial Co-op Society Ltd	Thrapston 136	
Knighton, Fred	Grocer	Thrapston 145
Lovell Joseph,	Gamekeeper to WM Plevins	Ivy Cottage
Manning, Arthur	Carrier	
Neall, Joseph	Draper and Sub Post master	Thrapston 115
Perrett, Frederick Kenneth,	Shopkeeper	
Pitts, Arthur Bateman	Shopkeeper	
Prince of Wales PH	Reginald F Knighton	
Rivett, John	Threshing Machine Proprietor	
Smart, George Edward	Shopkeeper	
Southam, William Frank	Farmer Manor Farm	Thrapston 65
Temperance Hall	William Goodman sec	
Templeman, Thomas Edward	Hairdresser	
Thrapston Urban District Water Works		
Wallis and Linnell Limited clothing factory	Thrapston 138	
Ward	Farmer	Thrapston 178
White Horse Inn	Cardinal William Waterman	

Wilson, Cyril
Wilson, Thomas
Woodford Working Men's Club
and Institute
Woodward, Cecil
Woodward, Joseph

Boot maker
Market gardener
Frederick Crouch sec
Carpenter
Heelmaker

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