

# Extracted from Kelly's Directory

## of Shropshire

1929

**CHURCH PULVERBATCH** is a large parish, including the hamlets of Castle Pulverbatch, Cothercott, Wrentnall and Wilderley: Church Pulverbatch is near the old road from Shrewsbury to Bishop's Castle, 4 miles west from Dorrington station on the Shrewsbury and Hereford joint London, Midland and Scottish and Great Western railway, 4 miles south-south-east from Plealey Road station on the Shrewsbury and Minsterley joint branch line of the same railway and 8 south-south-west from Shrewsbury, in the Shrewsbury division of the county, Conover division of Conover hundred, Aitcham union, Shrewsbury county court district, petty sessional division of Conover, rural deanery of Pontesbury, archdeaconry of Ludlow and diocese of Hereford. The church of St. Edith is a modern building of stone chiefly in the Early English style, built on the site of an old Saxon church; it consists of chancel, nave of three bays, north aisle, south porch and a western tower containing a clock and 6 bells; the church was re-opened after repair June 1, 1853, and has sittings for 241 persons. The register dates from the year 1542. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £340, including 44½ acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Gordon L. Trevor Kenyon esq. B.A. and held since 1921 by the Rev. Cecil Donald Cullen M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge. A village hall was erected in 1921 opposite the church schools. Miss M. Perkins, by will dated 1856, left £400, now producing £10 yearly, and Miss Mary Ann Corrie, by will dated 1924, left £100, producing about £4 10s. yearly, which sums are distributed to the poor at the discretion of the rector

and Parish Council. J. B. Walker esq. is the principal landowner. The soil is sand and loam; subsoil, rock with part clay. Barytes (or Spa) mines are worked in the parish. Coal mines are in the neighbourhood. The crops are wheat, turnips and barley. The area of the entire parish is 4,233 acres; the population in 1921 was 389.

**PULVERBATCH** (Church Town, or "Churton" as it is more familiarly called, to distinguish it from Castle Pulverbatch) has much romantic scenery in the neighbourhood, and is in close proximity to Cothercott hill, with the majestic Wrekin in the distance.

Post, M. O., T. & Tel. Call Office, Pulverbatch. Letters through Shrewsbury

**CASTLE PULVERBATCH** is a small village, about half a mile south, on the high road from Shrewsbury to Bishop's Castle.

**COTHERCOTT** is a small village, 1½ miles south, prettily situated amongst the hills, from which pleasing views of the surrounding country may be obtained.

**WILDERLEY** hamlet is about 1 mile south.

**WRENTNALL** is a hamlet about 1 mile north-west; the scenery around is of a pleasing character. Wrentnall House is the property and residence of Reginald Culceth Holcroft esq. There is a Primitive Methodist chapel here.

Carrier to Shrewsbury.—George Mansell, wed. & sat Conveyance.—Motor omnibus to Shrewsbury, daily

### CHURCH PULVERBATCH.

#### PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

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

Cullen Rev. Cecil Donald M.A. (rector)

Morgan Hugh Penrith, Churton lodge  
Scott Adam, Holly Grove house

#### COMMERCIAL.

Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.  
Dudley Jn. cottage farmer, Beeches Hole Charles, shopkeeper  
James Wm. E. Pugh, cottage farmer  
° Jones Rd. Edwd. farmer, Huglith Malehurst Barytes Co. Ltd. mine owners (letters through Minsterley, Shrewsbury). T N Minsterley 9  
Mansell George, carrier  
Morris Jn. farmer

Morris William Albert, farmer  
° Needham Noel Bernard, farmer  
° Pinches Alfd. farmer  
Powell Reginald, farmer, Black Lion  
Pritchard Richard Hy. assurance agt  
° Pugh Thomas, farmer, Near Bank  
Scott Adam, farmer & landowner  
Wood William, carpenter

### CASTLE PULVERBATCH.

Hockenhill John

#### COMMERCIAL.

Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.  
Cocks Mary Amelia (Mrs.), White Horse P.H.  
Davies Richard, Woodcock inn  
Griffiths Fredk. blacksmith  
° Hockenhill Geo. Colin, farmer  
Jones John, farmer  
Lewis Edwd. Jn. farmer

° Lewis Richd. farmer, Shepton fields  
Mansell Samuel, blacksmith  
Powell Charles, shopkeeper  
° Preece Sydney, farmer, Lawns  
Ruff Frank, motor omnibus propr  
Ruff Matthew, carrier  
Small Benjamin, carpenter

### COTHERCOTT.

(Letters should be addressed Cothercott, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury.)

#### COMMERCIAL.

Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.  
Cothercott Mining Co. (letters to be addressed Pontesbury, Salop)  
Evason Alfd. farmer  
Morris Thomas J. smallholder  
° Morris William Thomas, farmer

### WILDERLEY.

(Letters to be addressed, Wilderley, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury.)

Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.  
° Greaves Horace Chas. farmer  
° Hewitt Ruth (Mrs.), farmer  
Hill Samuel, farmer, Lea  
Morris John, cowkeeper

### WRENTNALL.

(Names marked thus \* letters to be addressed, Wrentnall, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury.)  
Holcroft Regnld. Culceth, Wrentnall ho

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Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.  
\* Bebbington Joseph, farmer  
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Beckett Albt. Edwd. clerk to Parish Council & sec. National Farmers' Union (Pulverbatch branch), Whalleybourne  
° Beckett Alfred, farmer  
\* Beckett John Reginald, farmer

\* Bembow Edwd. Geo. farmer

° Hobson Stanley, farmer, Castle place (letters addressed Longden Common, Shrewsbury)  
° Hockenhill Edgar, farmer, New ho. (letters addressed, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury)  
Jackson Edwd. Bruce, poultry frmr. Longden Common rd  
Perkins Maurice, farmer (letters addressed, Brook farm, Longden rd. Shrewsbury)