

## Kelly's Directory 1898

SEDGEHILL, or Sedghill, is a parish on the Dorsetshire border, 1¼ miles north west from Semley station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the London and South Western railway, and 3 north from Shaftesbury, hundred of Dunworth, Mere union, Tisbury petty sessional division, Chalke rural deanery (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St. Catherine is an edifice of stone in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel (added in 1844), nave, south porch and a tower with pinnacles at the west end, rebuilt in 1844, and containing 5 bells, 2 of which were added in 1892, the gift of the Rector and Mr. William Lush; there are 150 sittings. In the churchyard is a saxon cross.

The register dates from the year 1760.

The living is a chapelry, incorporated with the rectory of Berwick St. Leonard, net yearly income £187, including 110 acres of glebe in the gift of Mr. Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, bart., and held since 1872 by the Rev George Biscoe Oldfield M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford, and canon and prebendary of Salisbury.

Sir M.R. Shaw-Stewart bart of Fonghill Abbey, who is lord of the manor, and Sir Walter John Grove, bart J.P. of Sedgehill Manor, are the principal landowners.

The soil is light clay; subsoil, sand and marl. The chief crops are beans and wheat in the west, and in the south, pasturage. The area is 1,171 acres, rateable value £1,668; the population in 1891 was 176.

Parish Clerk - John Harding

Post Office - Edwin Marchant, sub Post Master

Delivery daily at 8.25am and 5pm. Box cleared at 4.30pm; Sundays 10am

Letters through Shaftesbury.

The nearest money order office & telegraph office is Semley station, 2 miles distant.

National School (mixed) built in 1872 for 45 children; average attendance 41, Miss B.S. Powell, Mistress

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Cavendish, Hon	Caroline	Berry Brooke House
Gifford	George	Berry Brooke House
Grove, Sir	Walter John, JP bart	Sedghehill House
Hambro, Mrs	Percival	Sedghehill House
Oldfield, Rev	George Biscoe, MA	Rectory
Harding	John	Parish Clerk
Hiscock	Walter	Farmer, Berry Brooke Farm
Lush	John	Farmer, Pitts Farm
Maidment	Henry	Farmer, Sweetwell Farm
Marchant	Edwin	Sub Postmaster
Pike	Walter S	Farmer, Blackhouse & Sweetwell Farms
Powell, Miss	B S	Schoolmistress
Snook	Alfred	Farmer, Wreath Farm
Snook	Joseph	Farmer, Lower House Farm
Walton	John & Co	General Warehousemen
Woodford	Jeremiah	Farmer, Sedghehill Farm