

COALEY, anciently known as Cowley, is a parish and picturesque village, 2 miles south-east from Coaley junction and 2 south-west from Frocester station on the Birmingham and Bristol section of the London, Midland and Scottish railway, 2½ north-east from Dursley, 12 south from Gloucester, 7½ south-west from Stroud and 108 from London, in the Stroud division of the county, hundred of Berkeley, rural district, petty sessional division, county court district and rural deanery of Dursley and archdeaconry and diocese of Gloucester. The church of St. Bartholomew is an edifice of stone, rebuilt (with the exception of the tower) in 1857, at a cost of £2,000, under the direction of Messrs. Jacques and Son, architects, in the Early English style; it consists of chancel, nave of five bays, north aisle, north porch and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing a clock and 6 bells: the stained east window is a memorial to the Rev. W. J. Evans, vicar 1883-1907: in 1902 a stained glass window was put in the north aisle of the church to the memory of Bernard Hadley (who died in 1900 in the Boer War), by his father, Charles Hadley: in 1922 a stained window was put in the north side of the church to the memory of Graham Elton

Merrett by his mother: in 1928 an altar of English oak was presented: there are 300 sittings. The register dates from the year 1581. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £363, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Gloucester, and held since 1925 by the Rev. Alfred Clarkson Martin Maynard M.A. of Queens' College, Cambridge. A cross was erected in the churchyard in 1919 by the parishioners in memory of those who fell in the Great War, 1914-18. There is a Wesleyan chapel. There is an endowment of £38 12s. yearly for the repair of the church and the relief of the poor of the parish. This charity, under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894, was apportioned by the Charity Commissioners as follows:—half for the repair of the church and half for the relief of the poor not in receipt of parish pay. Messrs. Cory Brothers are the chief landowners. The land is chiefly pasture. The area is 2,498 acres; the population in 1921 was 636. Dead Hill was transferred to Slimbridge under the Divided Parishes Act, 1882.

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PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

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

Bullock Mrs. Cyprus house
Maynard Rev. Alfred Clarkson Martin M.A. (vicar), Vicarage
Prout Herbert William J.P. The Elms

COMMERCIAL.

Allen Reginald, farmer, Pear Orchard farm
Carter Chas. dairyman
Carter Douglas, farmer, Elmcoate frm
Curtis Harry, Swan P.H.
Curtis & Son, wheelwrights
Gardner Bros. motor engnrns
Godwin Chas. Hv. farmer, Elmcoate
Griffin Eva J. (Miss), draper
Griffiths Arthur, farmer, Lapley frm
Hadley Ernest, farmer, Ham farm
Hancock Wm. farmer, Church farm

Hawkins Geo. & Thos. Fdk. farmers
Higgins Evan, coal dr. Tickshill
Higgins Fredk. Wm. Heart of Oak inn
Hill Geo. Herbt. farmer, Betworthy farm
Hill Mervyn, farmer, Pinnells End farm
Hobbs Reginald, farmer
Hobbs Stanton, farmer, Ford farm
Hobbs Wm. farmer, Silver Street ho
Hulbert Jn. farmer, Hodge Coombe farm
Longstreth Albt. farmer, The Knapp
Lord William, gamekeeper to Earl of Berkeley J.P.
Major Thos. wheelwright
Pegler Fras. beer retr. Bristol rd
Pegler Herbt. Geo. grocer, Post office
Pegler Samuel, butcher

Pegler Thos. farmer, Potgaston farm
Prout Thomas & Gilbert, farmers, Corner farm
Prout Bernard, farmer, Westfield frm
Prout Burton, farmer, Silver st
Prout Fred, farmer, Field farm
Prout Herbt. Wm. J.P. farmer. T N Dursley 27X2
Prout Wm. A. (exors. of), farmer, Silver Street farm
Robins Cecil, farmer, Low. Knapp
Smith Jas. Lusty, farmer, Leigh frm
Smith John. blacksmith
Smith Rt. farmer, Oatridge ho
Stanley Mary A. (Mrs.), shopkpr
Stanley Percy H. Fox & Hounds
Thomas Leonard & Co. edge tool mfrs. T N Dursley 27Y4
Workman Geo. farmer, Alma ho
Workman Thos. farmer