

Kelly's 1900

Monks Eleigh

MONKS ELEIGH is a village and parish 8 miles north-east from Sudbury, 6 north-west from Hadleigh and 4 ½ south-east from Lavenham station, situated on a tributary of the river Brett, in the Southern division of the county, Babergh hundred, Melford petty sessional division, Cosford union, Hadleigh county court district, rural deanery of Lavenham, archdeaconry of Sudbury and diocese of Ely. The church of St. Peter is a building of flint and stone to the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays with clerestory aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower with pinnacles containing a clock and 6 bells: the chancel was rebuilt and the vestry added about 1845; there are remains of a piscina in the north aisle and a hagioscope above the

capital of the chancel arch; the entrance to the rood loft still remains; the stained east window is a memorial to the Rev. James Connell M.A. rector, ob. 1879, besides other windows to this family. The organ was also presented by Mrs. Connell: the interior was restored in 1867 at a cost of £300, and affords 375 sittings, 259 being free. The register dates from the year 1557- The living is a rectory, net yearly value £350, with 20 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Archbishop of 'Canterbury, and held since 1878 by the Rev. Archibald John- Campbell Connell M.A, of Exeter College, Oxford. In the village is a Congregational chapel with a small burial ground attached. The yearly value of the Butfield charities is £3, derived from, about 2 ½ acres of land in Lavenham, The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury are lords of the manor. The Landowners are Col the Hon. Henry William, Lowry-Corry, of Edwardstone Hall, Walter Thomas Brown esq. of Tostock Place, Alain Hitchcock esq, of The Highlands Monks Eleigh, Major-Gen. Frederick Edward Sotheby of Ecton Hall, Northants .and MT. Frederick Gage with some smaller owners. The soil is a rich loam; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans, clover, turnips and mangolds. The area is 2,099 acres; rateable value, £1,991; the population in 1891 was 547.

Parish Clerk, James Rowe.

Post, M.O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—'Robert Sparrowe Vince, sub-postmaster. Letters from Bildeston S.O. arrive at 7.10 a.m. & 5.40 p.m.; dispatched at 6.45 p.m.; Sundays, 9.55 a.m. The nearest telegraph office is at Bildeston.

National School (mixed), erected an 1872, for about 150 children; average attendance, 125; Thomas Price, master; Mrs. T. Price, mistress.

Connell Rev. Archibald John Campbell

M.A. Rectory

Hawkins; Robert

Hitchcock Alain, The Highlands

COMMERCIAL

Alldis Henry (exors. of), grcrs. & drprs

Branford Daniel. blacksmith, coal merchant

& jobmaster

Brett George, farmer

Bugg Eliza (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Cousens Daniel, shoe maker
Farthing Jn. beer ret. & pork btchr
Fosker Robert, thatcher
Gage Frank Edwd.fmr.Foyster's hall
Gage Frederick, farmer, butcher &
landowner, Bridge farm
Gage Phillip, farmer, Boyton hall
Gage Robt. shoe maker & beer retr
Goodchild Samuel, poulterer
Hawkins William, carpenter
Hitchcock Alain, farmer & landowner,
The Highlands farm
Hollox Richard, pig dealer
Morley Geo. (Mrs.),,farmr.Slough fm
Morley Joseph, farmer, Folly farm
Morley Thomas, fmr. Spring farm
Paine Edward, colporteur & Baptist
missionary, Chapel house
Partridge Abraham, carpenter
Petch Henry E. Red Lion P.H
Petley John, shoe maker
Phillips George, veterinary surgeon &
inspector under the Contagious
Diseases (Animals) Act
Phillips Thomas, assistant overseer
Raynham Walter, farm bailiff to Rbt.
Balls esq. of Castle Hedingham,
Essex
Russell William, farmer, The Fen
Stowe Edward, beer retailer, farmer
& poulterer
Vince Geo. farmer, Hackings farm
Vince Robert Sparrowe, grocer, draper,
carpenter & Post office
Ward Arth. miller (water) & farmer
Watts Albert, poulterer