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Monks Eleigh

MONKS ELEIGH is a pleasant and well-built village, in the vale of the river Brett, nearly 6 miles N.W. of Hadleigh, and 2 miles S.W. of Bildeston. Its parish is in Cosford union, Hadleigh county court district, Ipswich bankruptcy court district, Babergh hundred, Melford petty sessional division, Lavenham rural deanery, Sudbury archdeaconry, and Ely diocese. It had 547 inhabitants in 1891, and comprises 2,099 acres of land: the rateable value is £2,773. The parish is a peculiar of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The manor was given, with Hadleigh, to the monks of Canterbury by Brithnoth, Earl of Essex, who was killed by the Danes in 991. After the Dissolution, it was given to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, who are still its lords; but the soil belongs to the Baker, Brown, Makin, and a few other families. The Church (St Peter) is a large and handsome structure, comprising nave, chancel, aisles, clerestory, and a tower and six bells. It was reseated and restored in 1867, at a cost of £300. The rectory, valued in K.B. at £13 18s.11½d., and now having 16a. of glebe, a good residence, and

a yearly rent-charge commuted at £570, awarded in 1845, is in the patronage of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and in the incumbency of the Rev. Archibald John Campbell Connell, M.A. There is a small Independent Charel, built in 1869, at an outlay of £400, and has accommodation for 400 persons. The Church Land, 1A. 2R. 32r., anciently appropriated to the repairs of the parish clock, is let for £4 a year, which is carried to the churchwardens' account. The sums of £10, given by Francis Causton, and £20 given by the Rev. William Baker, were laid out in the purchase of three cottages and 2½ acres of land, called the Butt field. The land is let for £6 a year, which is distributed in bread and clothing. The rents of the tenements are applied towards the support of the National School. The old school was taken down and sold, and the funds expended towards the erection of a new school on the site of the old workhouse, in 1872, at an outlay of £600. It is attended by 130 children.

Post Office at Mr. Alldis's. Letters arrive at 7.30 a.m., and are despatched at 6.15 p.m. week days, and 11 a.m. on Sundays, via Bildeston S.O., which is the nearest Money Order and Telegraph Office.

Alldis Henry, grocer draper, news. Govern Mrs Sugar Archibests.

Alldis Henry, grocer draper, newsagent, and postmaster
Branford Daniel, wheelwright, blacksmith, coal merchant, and

carriage proprietor Branford William, foreman Bugg Samuel, shopkeeper and baker Bull Walter, saddler; and Kersey Burch James, police constable

Connell Rev Archibald John Campbell, M.A., rector, The Rectory Cousens Daniel, boot maker, Swingleton green

Downing Daniel, fmr. Manor farm Farthing John, beerhouse and pork

Fosker Robert, thatcher and general

Gage Albert, pig and poultry dealer Gage Frederick, farmer and butcher, Bridge farm

Gage Robert, boot maker & shopkpr Garrod Albert Ed. vict. Red Lion Goodchild Samuel, beerhouse and poultry dealer

Goymer Mrs Susan, shopkeeper

contractor, painter, pl decorator and undertaker Hawkins Mr Robert

Head John, farm bailiff, Highfields Hicks Thomas Roger, farmer, High-fields; and Wenham

Hitchcock Alain, farmer and owner, Highlands; and Kettlebaston, and Thorpe Morieux

Holder Walter Whymark, bootmkr. Makin Frederick, farmer and land-owner, The Hall; and Kettle-

Mann James, farmer

Matten Jno. frm. bailiff, Boyton hall Morley George, farmer

Morley Joseph, farmer, Folly farm Nudds Horace, National schoolmstr

Parr William, wheelwright Hawkins George Reeve, builder, contractor, painter, plumber,

Richardson Henry, flour & meal dlr

Hawkins Mr Robert
Hawkins Mr Samuel
Hazell George, farmer, Swingleton
Simpkin Jas. farm bailiff, Highlands Stowe Edward, beerhouse and

poultry dealer Tayler Hy. farmer; and Shelley hall Vince George, farmer, Foysters hall and Brent Eleigh Vince Robert, farmer, Stackyard green; and Elmsett Vince Robert Sparrow, grocer,

draper, and dressmaker Ward Arthur, miller and farmer Woodgate Richard, farm bailiff

RAILWAY.—Lavenham is the nearest station

CARRIERS pass through to Lavenham Mon. Tues. Weds. and Fri., and to Long Melford Tues. and Fri.