

# Dinton



## PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL

A group of Primitive Methodists, who were influential in Teffont Magna, Wiltshire, began holding meetings in the summer of 1864, outside of Dinton Church on Sundays & were said to be interrupting the service. The congregation at Teffont was said to have decreased around this time owing to the activities of the Methodists, at that time referred to as 'rangers'.

Newspaper Article from *Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette* – 29 November, 1894:

*“The Earl of Pembroke has given a site for the erection of a new Primitive Methodist Chapel at Dinton Wilts.”*

The Chapel building was completed in 1895 on Hindon Road at Dinton. The chapel had brick elevations under a slate roof. To the front is a stone mullioned window with stone arches over the side windows, together with a porch way of similar construction with an outside light. To each side of the porch way is a wooden door and a central stained glass window.



*Primitive Methodist Chapel showing date of Building – 1895*

Newspaper Article from *Western Gazette* – 12<sup>th</sup> June 1896:

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*PRIMITIVE METHODISM* – The anniversary of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, which was built about a year ago, was celebrated on Sunday and Wednesday. The total cost of the building was £190, of which £90 had been raised. The services at the chapel throughout the year have been well attended, and there is now a membership of about 12. A Sunday School has been formed, and there is a fairly large number of scholars. The sermons on Sunday were preached by the Rev. J. S. Buckley, of Wilton. On Wednesday afternoon a sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Hunter, of Andover, and afterwards a public tea was provided in an orchard kindly lent by Mr. Dunn, about 130 persons, including friends from Salisbury, Wilton and Barford St. Martin, sitting down. The evening meeting was presided over by Mr. M. Warner, jun., of Woodfalls and addresses were delivered by the Revs. G. Hunter, R. Evans (superintendent minister of the Salisbury Circuit), and J. S. Buckley, Mr. S. Parsons, and Mr. C. Lavington, as well as Mr. Watts, of Bournemouth, who is a native of Dinton. Mrs. Yates of Wilton, also made a few remarks. The collections and proceeds of the tea, which were in aid of the chapel fund, amounted to about £7.

The first mention of the Primitive Methodist Chapel in Directories was in Kelly's Directory for 1927 for Dinton – "Here is a Primitive Methodist chapel." The Methodist Chapel is also mentioned in the 1939 Kelly's Directory for Dinton – "Here is a Methodist Chapel".

Minutes of Meetings held at Methodist Chapel are held by Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre for the years 1937 – 1976.

Newspaper Article from *Western Gazette* – 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1946:

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GOLDEN WEDDING

METHODISTS' GIFT TO MR AND MRS W. LOVEGROVE

*The 51st. anniversary of the Methodist Church celebrated on Sunday coincided with the golden wedding of Mr and Mrs. Walter Lovegrove, who have lived in the village for nearly 40 years during which time they have been actively associated with the life of the Church in all its branches.*

*A tea party was held in the Victory Hall on Wednesday, arrangements for which were carried out by Mrs Nash and her helpers. Mrs Lovegrove was presented with a bouquet by Mrs J, Spicer on behalf of Church member, and after the wedding cake had been cut the Rev F. G. Saville congratulated Mr and Mrs Lovegrove and wished them every happiness in the future. Many congratulatory telegrams and greetings were received.*

*A largely attended meeting was afterwards held in the Church, presided over by Mr. G H, Tatner, of Salisbury (Circuit steward), Prayer was offered by Rev J. R. Lickorish and addresses given by Mrs Lovegrove and Rev. F. G. Saville, the latter presenting to Mr and Mrs Lovegrove an illuminated address, expressing the congratulations esteem and good wishes of Church members and friends.*

*Solos and duets arranged by Miss G. Musselwhite, were given by members of Dews-road Methodist Choir and Miss Jean Whatley was at the organ.*

*Mr. E. R Rashlev of Weymouth, preached on Sunday and a duet was given by the Misses Sylvia Nash and Jean Whatley.*



***Methodist Chapel (Photo courtesy Andrew Stacey - taken 1963)***

The Methodist Chapel closed in 1986 & remained derelict for several years.



***Methodist Chapel deserted (Photo above by Andrew Stacey 2006)***



***Methodist Chapel deserted (Photo by William Avery 2006)***

The Methodist Chapel was put up for sale around 2010 & was sold for £125,000.



***Methodist Chapel for Sale***



***Methodist Chapel (Photo by Andrew Stacey 2011)***

The property was renovated & converted into a residence & placed up for rent in 2013 then later for sale in August 2013 for £275,000. The property was sold on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2014 for £246,500.



***The renovated former Methodist Chapel in 2013***



*Interior of converted Chapel*

