



Kellys Directory Extract 1907



Alvediston

Alvediston, is a parish 4 miles south-east from Tisbury station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the South Western Railway, 12 west from Salisbury and 8 east from Shaftesbury, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Chalk, Tisbury union, Tisbury and Mere petty sessional division, Shaftesbury county court district, Chalke rural deanery (Chalke portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury: it lies for the most part in a deep bottom or hollow, on the left of the north road from Salisbury to Shaftesbury, whence a new road has been cut up the steep side of the down to Crockerton Firs, from which, at a height of 700 ft. a beautiful and commanding view of the surrounding country is obtained before making the descent across to the opposite side of the hill into Alvediston below. White Sheet Hill is a lofty down beginning here and extending nearly to the city of Salisbury, a distance of 15 miles. The church of St. Mary the Virgin is an ancient structure of stone, in the Transition style, consisting of chancel with north aisle, nave, transepts, south porch, and a western embattled tower with pinnacles containing 3 bells; the stained east window was given by Lady Herbert of Lea, in memory of her husband: the font is said to be Norman: the church was restored in 1866, and will seat 160 persons. The registers date from the year 1592. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £93, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Broad Chalke, and held since 1903 by the Rev. George Wynne M.A. of Brasenose College, Oxford. Here is a small Primitive Methodist chapel, built in 1894, with 108 sittings. The principal landowners are William Wyndham esq. of Dinton House, the Earl of Pembroke & Montgomery P.C., G.C.V.O. who is lord of the manor, and Frederick John Benjafield esq. of Tower House.

The soil is loam and clay; subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and beans. The area is 2,517 acres: rateable value, £1,190; the population in 1901 was 165.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Benjafield	Frederick John			Tower House
Parham	Bernard			Norington House
Wynne	George	M.A.	Vicar	Vicarage

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Benjafield	Frederick John		Farmer & Landowner	
Besent	Edward		Farm Bailiff to B. Parham, Esq.	
Compton	George D.		Publican & Shopkeeper	Crown Inn
Sims	Josiah		Farmer	
Sims	Tom Henry		Farmer	Church Farm