



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Beechingstoke



Beechingstoke is a parish and village, in the Northern division of the county, Swanborough hundred, diocese of Sarum, archdeaconry of Wilts, rural deanery of Avebury second portion, and the petty sessional division, union and county court district of Devizes, situated 7 miles east from that town, and 1 mile from Woodborough railway station.

The church of St. Stephen is a small structure, in the Second Pointed style, having a chancel and nave, with small eastern gable pierced for 2 bells; it was restored in 1861, and contains five stained memorial windows. The register dates from 1596. The living is a rectory, yearly value £285, with 33 acres of glebe land and residence, in the gift of G H W Heneage, Esq., and held by the Rev. Richard Nicholson, M.A., of Oriel College, Oxford, and rural dean of Avebury second portion.

Here is a parochial school, with a house for the master.

There is a charity, called the Mayo charity, bequeathed by a former rector, of the annual value of £3, to provide clothing for the old, and bibles and prayer books for the young, who shall be regular attendants at church, and another charity of about 30s yearly value for general charitable purposes.

Here are the remains of an ancient entrenchment, enclosing about 30 acres.

The Earl of Normanton, who is lord of the manor, and Mrs. Bruges, who holds under Corpus Christi College, are principal landowners.

The soil and subsoil are green sand with a little clay. The chief crops are wheat and barley.

The area is 880 acres; gross estimated rental, £1,912; rateable value, £1,699; and the population in 1871 was 178.

PARISH CLERK< David Wootton.

LETTERS through Devizes, box cleared at 4.15 week-days; 10 a.m. Sundays. The nearest money order offices are at Pewsey & Devizes.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Miss Tryphena Payne, mistress.

CARRIER to Devizes, Mortimer, Thursday, returning same day.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Hayward	John			
Nicholson	Richard	Rev. M.A.	Rector	
Pavis	Charles		Farmer	Broad St. farm
Plummer	Edward Henry Dean		Farmer	
Rudge	Edward		Butcher & shopkeeper	
Wells	George		Farmer	