



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Berwick Bassett



BERWICK BASSETT (or Barwick Bassett) is a township and parish, 9 miles north-west from Marlborough and 8 south-by-east from Wootton Bassett station, in the Eastern division of the county, Calne hundred, Marlborough union and county court district, Marlborough and Hungerford petty sessional division, rural deanery of Avebury (Avebury portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Nicholas is an edifice of stone, in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch, and a turret with cupola containing 3 bells: in the chancel is a brass, with effigy and a Latin inscription to William Bailey, priest, 1427: the east window has some stained glass and there is an ancient font and carved oak rood screen: the church was repaired and re-seated in 1857, and affords 75 sittings. The register dates from the year 1674. The living is a vicarage, with Winterbourne Monkton annexed, joint net yearly value £250, including 37 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1911 by the Rev Robert Stephenson Weallens BA of Oxford University. Frederick George Smyth esq. who is lord of the manor, and James Horton esq. JP are the principal landowners. The soil is loam; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats and beans. The area is 1,391 acres; rateable value, £767; the population in 1911 was 74.

Parish Clerk: George Davis

Letters are delivered from Swindon at 7.30am & 2.30pm & dispatched at 7.35pm; Sundays, delivery 7.15am; dispatch 7.35pm. Nearest money order & telegraph office is at Broad Hinton, 2½ miles distant

Elementary School (mixed), with house for mistress, built in 1847, for 50 children; Mrs Florence Teague, mistress

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Doble	Fred			Berwick House
Smyth	Frederick George			Manor House
Weallens	Robert Stephenson	Reverend BA	Vicar	Vicarage

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Doble	Fred		Farmer	Berwick House
Rickard	Herbert James		Beer Retailer	
Smyth	Frederick George		Farmer	Manor House