



Kellys Directory Extract 1867



Berwick St. John

Berwick St. John is a parish and village, in the Southern division of the county, Chalke hundred, Tisbury union, Hindon petty sessional division, Shaftesbury county court division, Salisbury diocese and archdeaconry, and Chalke rural deanery, 17½ miles south-west from Salisbury, 112½ from London and 6½ from Shaftesbury. The church of St. John the Baptist is a cruciform structure, with finely ornamented low square tower of the date of Henry VII., springing from the intersection; it contains 5 bells: in the interior of the church are monuments to the Grove family and other families of distinction; against the walls are two elliptic arches over ancient effigies, clad in mail, said to be those of Knights Templars. The register dates from 1556. The living is a rectory, value £562 in the gift of New College, Oxford, and held by the Rev. Charles Arthur Griffithh, M.A., of that college; the Rev. Walter Mills is the curate. There is a National school, built on glebe land, in 1835, at the sole expense of the rector, and principally supported by him. The Wesleyans and Baptists have each a chapel here. There is a small sum left in charities by a former Lord Rivers. A strong earthwork or fortification, known as Winklebury, or Vespasians's camp, is on a lofty ridge in this parish, and commands a view over Dorsetshire, the Downs, and a portion of Hampshire, as far as the Needles on the Isle of Wight. The rich forest of Cranbourne Chase occupies the foreground, and the uninterrupted view to be obtained over Wilshire is finely and beautifully varied. Lord Rivers is lord of the manor; and Thomas Fraser Grove, Esq., is a large landowner here. The soil is sandy and clays; subsoil chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and pasture. The population in 1861 was 409; there are 3,669 acres of arable and down land.

Parish Clerk, John Lush.

Letters are received through Ludwell, Donhead St. Mary, via Salisbury. The nearest money order office is at Shaftesbury.

National school – Miss Elizabeth Chivers, mistress.

Carrier. - William Mullins, to Salisbury, Tuesday; to Shaftesbury, Saturday.

Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Antell	Charles		Farmer	
Barnett	Thomas		Farmer	Easton farm
Blandford	Henry		Shoemaker	
Blandford	James		Shoemaker	
Burt	John		Smith	
Chivers	Elizabeth		Schoolmistress	
Ford	George		Farmer	
Griffiths	Charles Arthur	Rev., M.A..		
Hare	Mark			Grove Arms
Henstridge	Robert		Mason	
Jenkins	James		Shoemaker	
Lush	John		Parish Clerk	
Mills	Walter	Rev..	Curtate	
Mullins	William		Carrier	
Parnham	James	Esq.		Priory
Rebbeck	John	Esq.		
Rivers		Lord		Rushmore Lodge
Shere	James		Farmer	
Shere	Thomas		Farmer	
Sims	Benjamin		Farmer	
Talbot	James		Bailiff to T. Fraser Grove, Esq.	
Trowbridge	Henry		Shopkeeper	