



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Berwick St. John



BERWICK ST JOHN is a parish and village, 14 miles south-west from Salisbury, 6½ south from Tisbury station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the South Western railway and 6 east from Shaftesbury, in the Southern division of the county, Chalke hundred, Tisbury and Mere petty sessional division, Tisbury union, Shaftesbury county court district and rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry for Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St John the Baptist is an Early English cruciform edifice of stone, consisting of chancel, nave and transepts, and a finely ornamented low square central tower, terminating in battlements, of the date of Henry VII and containing 6 bells and clock: there are monuments to the Grove and other families of distinction, and effigies, clad in mail, within mural arches, of Sir John Husey and Sir Robert Lucie: a stone coffin was found during the restoration of the church in 1861: the stained east window is a memorial to the family of Rev C. A. Griffith MA rector 1842-80, to whom there is also a memorial window in the chancel, besides one to the Rev Arthur Kemble MA rector 1880-99 and others to the Foot, Grove and Gilbert families: the curfew is tolled every evening, from September 10th to March 10th, a bequest for this purpose having been left by the Rev John Gane in his will bearing date July 29th, 1731: there are 270 sittings. The register dates from the year 1559. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £310, including 54 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of New College, Oxford, and held since 1899 by the Rev William Goodchild MA and late scholar of that college. There are Wesleyan and Baptist chapels. A small sum left for the benefit of the parish by a former Lord Rivers, and Foot's charity of £2 13s are distributed in money to the poor; the Grove charity of £7 10s yearly was left for the support of the clothing club. There is a small endowment for the upkeep of the churchyard, founded by the widow of Mr J Jeffery in his memory. On a lofty ridge in this parish is a strong earthwork or fortification, known as Winklebury, or Vespasian's camp (supposed, however to be of earlier date than the Roman invasion); it commands a view over Dorsetshire, the Downs and a portion of Hampshire, as far as the Needles, off the Isle of Wight: the rich forest of Cranbourne Chase occupies the foreground, and the uninterrupted view to be obtained over Wiltshire is finely and beautifully varied. Rushmore is the property and residence of Alexander Edward Lane-Fox Pitt-Rivers esq. JP who is lord of the manor. A. K. Charlesworth esq. is a large landowner here. The soil is sandy; also upon the downs chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and much land in pasture. There are 4,569 acres of arable and down land and extensive woods; rateable value £3,000; the population in 1911 was 368 in the civil and 332 in the ecclesiastical parish.

By Local Government Board Order 16,476, dated March 24, 1884, a detached portion of the parish of Donhead St Andrew was transferred to Berwick St John for civil purposes.

Parish Clerk: Rev William Goodchild MA (rector)

Post & MO Office: William Henry Chown, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 8am & 3.55pm; Sundays 7.45am; dispatched at 9.55am & 5.25pm; Sundays, 8.45am & 5.20pm. Donhead St Andrew, 2 miles distant, is the nearest telegraph office

Wall Letter Box: cleared 10am & 5.30pm; Sundays 8.45am

National School: built on glebe land, in 1835, at the expense of the then rector, for 70 children; Mrs Sarah L Filley, schoolmistress

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barnes		Miss		Dormers
Dineley		Mrs		The Priory
Goodchild	William	Reverend MA		Rectory
Lane-Fox Pitt-Rivers	Alexander Edward	JP		Rushmore (postal address, Salisbury)

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Antell	Charles W		Farmer	
Arnold	Walter		Farmer	Upton Farm
Bartlett	Tom		Grocer	
Davis	James		Head Gardener to Alexander Edward Lane-Fox Pitt-Rivers esq. JP	(letters through Tollard Royal)
Follett	William		Farmer	Easton Farm
Follett	William Thomas		Asst Overseer	
Hull	Alfred G		Farmer	Higher Bridmore (letters through Tollard Royal)
Isgar	Frederick James		Farmer	
James	Ernest		Farmer	Low, Bridmore
Manley	Herbert E		Head Gardener to Charles J Sturdy esq.	Ferne Gardens (letters through Donhead St Andrew)
Stretch	Walter		Insurance Agent	Water Street
Sweeting	Frederick		Head Gamekeeper to Alexander Edward Lane-Fox Pitt-Rivers esq. JP	(letters through Tollard Royal)
Taylor	William Joseph			Talbot Inn PH
Weeks	John		Farmer	