



Post Office Directory Extract 1855



Biddestone

Biddestone is a township, parish, and village, divided into two parts, viz. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, distant 4 miles west from Chippenham, 18 from Bristol and 98 from London, in the Hundred and Union of Chippenham, North Wilts., and bishopric of Gloucester and Bristol, situated on a brook called the Wavering. The church, St. Peter's, has been taken down. The living is a rectory, value £300, in the gift of the College of Winchester; the Rev. Andrew Quicke, M.A., is the incumbent; the Rev. Arthur Gauntlett Atherley, M.A., is the curate. The church, dedicated to St. Nicholas, is an ancient and plain structure, repaired about 1850; it has one bell. Here is a Baptist chapel, and a National school for boys and girls. The parish contains about 2,000 acres, and the population, in 1851, was 422 in St. Nicholas, and 25 in St. Peter's. Lord Methuen is lord of the manor. There are charities of £17 annual value, left by Lady James, to be distributed in clothes and coals at Christmas; also £6 per annum to the deserving poor at Christmas, left by W. Little.

HONEYBROOK is a farm.

Letters e received through the Chippenham office. Arrive at ½ past 8 a.m.; dispatched at 7 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Chippenham.

GENTRY

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Blake	Abraham		Farmer & Baker	
Blake	Joseph		Farmer & Baker	
Blake	Joseph		Maltster	
Chapple	John		Wheelwright	
Coates	Alfred		Shopkeeper	
Elliott	John		Farmer	
Gillett	George		Maltster & Farmer	
Little	John Blake		Grocer & Carpenter	
Little	Mary Porter	Miss	Linen & Woollen Draper	
Little	Thomas		Farmer	
Newman	Daniel		Shopkeeper	
Parker	William		Parish Clerk, Baker & Basket Maker	
Selman	Alfred		Shopkeeper	
Powney	William		Publican & Shoemaker	White Horse
Stubbings	Charles		Farmer	Honeybrook Farm
Walter	Charles		Publican, Wheelwright & Blacksmith	White Hart
Whitbread	Thomas		Harness Maker	

TRADERS

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Atherley	Arthur Gauntlett	Rev., M.A.		
Butler	Elizabeth	Mrs.		
Cotton	Matthew	Mr.		
Lettle	Ann	Mrs.		
Little	Thomas	Esq.		
Methuen	St. John	Hon.		
Walter	Sarah	Mrs.		