



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Bowerchalke

Bower Chalke is a parish and village, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Chalke, Wilton union, Salisbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Chalke, 10 miles south-west from Salisbury, and 94 from London.

The church of the Holy Trinity is a small cruciform building, with a square tower and 3 bells. The register dates from about 1750. The living is a vicarage, annexed to the vicarage of Broad Chalke, yearly value £100, in the gift of King's College, Cambridge, and held by the Rev. William Henry Whitting, M.A., of that college; the Rev. Cornelius Copner Wambey, M.A., is curate in charge.

There is a National school, supported by the Earl of Pembroke, and a voluntary rate.

Bower Chalke appears to have been the site of a Roman camp, and on the downs are barrows.

The Earl of Pembroke is lord of the manor and sole landowner.

The soil is chalk and a little green sand; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats.

The area is 2,956 acres; gross estimated rental, £3,830; rateable value, £3,071; the population in 1871 was 464.

PARISH CLERK, William Wilkins.

LETTERS from Salisbury through London-Elm. The nearest money order office is at Broad Chalke.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Mrs. Ellen Coleman, mistress.

CARRIERS to Salisbury, James Witt & Josiah Williams, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Wambey	Cornelius Copner	Rev. M.A.	Curate in charge	

Commercial

Bennfield	John		Farmer	
Bond	Sarah	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Bright	Malachi		Shopkeeper	
Burrough	John		Farmer	
Butler	Henry		Farmer	
Coombes	William		Farmer	
Elliott	Jasper		Farmer	
Habgood	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Beer retailer	
Hardiman	Edward		Smith	
Harding	Richard		Farmer	Quidham street farm
Harding	William		Farmer	
Humby	Thomas		Carpenter	

Lilly	John		Shoe maker	
Roberts	Henry Joseph		Farmer	Bingham's farm
Soffe		Misses	Shopkeepers	
Tarrett	Elisabeth		Farmer	
Williams	Josiah		Carrier	