



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## Britford

**Britford** (or Burford) is a parish and village, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Cawden and Cadworth, Alderbury union, Wilton parliamentary borough, Salisbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Chalke, situate on the river Avon, 2 miles south-east from Salisbury.

The church of St. Peter is a cruciform structure in the Decorated style, having nave, aisles, and transepts, with a very large but low square embattled tower, springing from the intersection. It contains a mausoleum of the Bouverie family, and a monument to the Duke of Buckingham, beheaded, *temp*, Richard III. The church was restored and reseated in 1873. The new oak choir stalls in the chancel are copies of the remains of the fourteenth century work. In the nave are three very curious semi-circular arches. The east window is filled with stained glass, representing, in three lights, The Way to the Cross, The Crucifixion and The Taking Down from the Cross, with corresponding types below. The register dates from 1573. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £281, in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury Cathedral, and held by the Rev. Arthur Philip Morris, M.A. of Wadham College, Oxford.

A National school for children of both sexes was established in 1853. The Alderbury union workhouse is in this parish. A large sheep and cattle fair is held in this parish on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Britford was a Roman settlement.

The principal landowners are the Earl of Radnor and F J E Jervoise, esq. The latter is lord of the manor.

The soil is light loam; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, hay and turnips.

The area is 3,122 acres; gross estimated rental, £7,333; rateable value, £6,584; the population in 1871 was 873.

PARISH CLERK, James Oates.

**Longford** is a hamlet, 2½ miles north. Longford Castle, the seat of the Earl of Radnor, was erected in 1591 by Sir Thomas Gorges. It is a large handsome structure of stone, having circular turrets at each angle. It has been greatly improved and extended by the present Earl.

**East Harnham** is a part of the civil parish of Britford, but has been formed into a separate ecclesiastical parish, forming a suburb of the city of Salisbury. Particulars and the names of residents in this district will be found under the head of Salisbury.

POST OFFICE, William Musselwhite, receiver. Letters through Salisbury are delivered at 7 am.; dispatched at 9 pm. Salisbury is the nearest money order office.

ALDERBURY UNION, George Matcham, esq., chairman;  
George Morrison, esq. and James Hussey, esq., vice-chairmen;  
Mr. Thomas Jesse, esq., clerk;  
Mr. Joseph Morley, governor;  
Mrs. Eliza Morley, matron.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Mrs. Louisa Cookman, mistress.

**Britford Private Residents**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Given Names</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Industry/Occupation</b>	<b>Place/Parish</b>
Jervoise	Francis Michael Ellis	Esq.		The Moat
Morris	Arthur Philip	Rev. M.A.	Vicar	Vicarage
Stratton	John			Bridge cottage

**Britford Commercial**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Given Names</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Industry/Occupation</b>	<b>Place/Parish</b>
Attwater	John Gay		Farmer & dairyman	Bridge farm
Burgess	Maria	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Gilbert	Wilberforce		Baker	
Gray	George		Farmers	Upend farm
Gray	Oliver		Farmers	Upend farm
Newton	William		Farmer	Dogdean farm
Pile	James		Dairyman	
Tucker	John		Farm bailiff to John Taunton	Britford farm
Witt	Luke		Blacksmith	

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Radnor		Countess of		Longford Castle
Radnor		Earl of		Longford Castle

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Hulbert	Charles		Resident agent to the Earl of Radnor	Longford Park
Stone	Thomas			Longford farm