



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Burbage

Burbage is a village and parish, in the Southern division of the county, Kinwardstone hundred, Pewsey union, Marlborough county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts and rural deanery of Marlborough, on the road from Marlborough to Salisbury, 71 miles from London, 6 south-east from Marlborough, 17 from Devizes, having within the parish the Savernake Junction station of the Berks and Hants extension railway. The direct line of rail from Swindon to Andover, about to be constructed, will pass along the Eastern boundary of the parish.

The church of All Saints is a Gothic stone building, restored in 1854, excepting the tower. It has a chancel and Seymour chapel, nave, aisles, embattled tower with clock and 6 bells, and porch, and is seated with open benches. There are several memorial windows, one in chancel being to the late Bishop of Salisbury (Dennison). The register dates from 1561. The living is a vicarage, yearly net income £363, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and now vacant.

The National and Infant schools near the church, newly built, are very spacious. At Durley is the Savernake Training school for servants, for girls whose parents live on the Ailesbury estate, supported by the Marchioness. Here is a Wesleyan chapel.

In 1805 Mr. Philip Pearce bequeathed the sum of £2,000, the interest of which is £63 18s 4d from the Charity Commissioners, of which £10 is reserved for educational purposes, and the remainder given by the trustees annually about Christmas to the "second poor". 561 persons were recipients of this charity at Christmas last. Robert Highett, esq., late of Burbage, left by will, in 1873, the sum of £500, half the interest of which to be given to the schools, the remainder in coals to the poor of the parish.

Near this village, on the side of Great Bedwyn, the Kennet and Avon canal passes under a old Roman road, by a tunnel a quarter of a mile in length. On the canal are wharves and a goods station.

Here is a Friendly Society (Easton and Burbage), of 150 members, having a capital of £3,400. Members at 65 years of age are pensioned off, and cease paying to the fund.

The Marquis of Ailesbury is lord of the manor and principal landowner.

The soil is sand; subsoil, chalk. Chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and roots.

The area is 5, 283 acres; gross estimated rental, £5,578; rateable value, £4,985; and the population in 1871 was 1,544.

PARISH CLERK, Thomas Nutley.

POST & MONEY ORDER OFFICE & Telegraph Office, Savings Bank & Annuity Office, sub-master, James Jones. Letters arrive from Marlborough at 6 am.; box closes at 7.30 pm. Wall Letter Box at Durley.

INSURANCE AGENT, London Assurance Corporation, J Noyes.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, (mixed), Charles Hanmath, master, Miss Elizabeth Parsons, mistress.

SAVERNAKE TRAINING SCHOOL, Miss Thorngate, manager.

SAVERNAKE JUNCTION RAILWAY STATION, Evan Albert Leyshon, station master.

GOODS STATION, near Burbage Wharf, William Webber, clerk.

CARRIERS to Marlborough, Mail cart daily, for parcels; William Spanswick, Saturday; David Wheeler, Saturday.

HOTELIER John J Jarvis, Savernake Forest Hotel, family & commercial hotel & posting house (close to Savernake junction station), licensed to let horses & carriages for hire.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bolan	Charles			Durley House, Durley
Fulcher	George F	M.D.		
Gale	William Henry			
Goode		Mrs		Westcott
Neale		Misses		
Reynolds		Miss		
Shere		Mrs		
Smith	Thomas W	Rev. B.A.	Curate	
Southernwood	George			Golden land
Stroud		Misses		
Stroud	William			
Thorngate		Miss		Durley

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Alford	Charles		Tailor	
Andrews	Thomas		Shopkeeper	Durley
Banning	William		Blacksmith	
Bolan	Charles		Steward to the Marquis of Ailesbury	Durley House
Bond	Charles		Shopkeeper	
Brooke	Henry		Plumber	
Brooke	Thomas Watts		Coal merchant	Burbage goods station
Chandler	Thomas		Saddler & harness maker	& at Marlborough
Cox	Francis		Maltster	New Inn
Crook	Enoch		Farmer	
Davis	David		Shopkeeper & baker	
Davis	Joseph		Timber dealer & brick maker	Lye hill
Eagle	William		Beer retailer	
Edwards	Thomas		Farmer	Harepath
Fall	John		Wharfinger, coal & timber merchant	Burbage wharf
Fulcher	George F	M.D.	Surgeon	
Gale	William Henry		Farmer	Manor farm
Glass	Jonathan		Shopkeeper & beer retailer	East end
Glasstone	Thomas		Market gardener	
Goode		Misses	Ladies' school	Westcott
Grove	Thomas		Farmer	South grove
Hawkins	Thomas		Tailor	
Highett	John		Shopkeeper & market gardener	
Hilliard	John		Farmer	
Hilliard	John jun.		Farmer	
Hilliard	Thomas		Farmer	East end
Hope	Joseph		Market gardener	Marr green
Hulbert	Francis		Draper &c.	
Jackman	Henry		Carpenter	East end
Jarvis	John J		Farmer & hotelier	See Hotelier above
Jones	James		Grocer, draper &c. & collector of assessed taxes	Post office

Jones	James	Mrs	Milliner & dressmaker	
Lewis	George		Farmer	
Lewis	John		Collector of rates & income tax	
Leyshon	Evan Albert		Station master	Savernake junction
Manns	Robert		Shoe maker	
Marsh	Daniel		Shoe maker	East end
Marsh	William		Cattle dealer	
New	Stephen		Shopkeeper	East end
Noyes	James		Grocer & ironmonger	
Parsons	Joseph		Clerk to the estate of Marquis of Ailesbury	
Piper	Mary	Mrs	Plumber, painter, glazier & paperhanger	& at Marlborough
Pocock	James		Carpenter	Durley
Price	Zebedee		Farmer	Coneygarth
Ruddle	Mary	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Shaw	Sarah	Mrs		White Hart
Skitteral	Stephen		Hurdle & wood crib maker	
Smallbones	James		Butcher	
Smallbones	William		Cooper	
Smith	Stephen		Farmer	
Spackman	James		Boot & shoe maker	
Spanswick	William		Fishmonger & carrier	
Tasker	David		Blacksmith	
Webber	William		Goods station clerk	
Wheeler	David		Carrier	
Wheeler	William		Hurdle & wood crib maker	