



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Charlton (Malmesbury)



Charlton, within the parliamentary borough of Malmesbury, is a parish and picturesque village, in the Northern division of the county, Malmesbury hundred, union and county court district, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, Bristol archdeaconry, and rural deanery of Malmesbury north, situate 6 miles west-by-south from Minety station, 91 from London, and 2½ north-east from Malmesbury.

The church of St John the Baptist is in the Early English style, and consists of a chancel, separated from the nave by carved open trelliswork, nave, and tower with 5 bells. In the chancel is a table monument without inscription, on which are two recumbent figures, surmounted by a canopy. In the south chapel is the family vault of the Earl of Suffolk. The register dates from 1681. The living is a chapelry, which together that of Brokenborough, is annexed to the vicarage of Westport St Mary, joint yearly value, including glebe, £620, with residence, in the gift of the Lord Chancellor, and held by the Rev. G H H Hutchinson, M.A., of Caius College, Cambridge.

Here is a Free school supported by Lord Suffolk and family. A "convalescent home", to hold 10 children under 10 year of age, was erected here about 4 years ago, and is supported principally by Lady Victoria Howard, and by subscription.

Adjoining the village is Charlton Park, the seat of the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, who is lord of the manor and sole landowner. The mansion, an Elizabethan stone building, is situated in the centre of an extensive and well-wooded park. Each of the angles is flanked by a tower of elegant proportions, the body is surmounted by an ornamental parapet, and it contains a handsome picture gallery, which was designed by Inigo Jones.

The soil is various. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots.

The area is 5,654 acres; rateable value, £5,620; the population in 1871 was 565.

PARISH CLERK, James Wigmore.

POST OFFICE, Mrs Elizabeth Baker, receiver. Letters from Malmesbury arrive at 7 am.; dispatched at 7 pm. The nearest money order office is at Malmesbury.

FREE SCHOOL, Bradley Bartlett, master; Mrs Rebecca Bartlett, mistress.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Suffolk & Berkshire		Right Hon. Earl of		Charlton Park
Andover		Viscount		Charlton Park
Hutchinson	George Henry Hely	Rev. M.A.	Vicar	

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Clark	Jonas		Farmer	Beak's farm
Corp	James		Farmer	Woodcock farm
Gingell	William		Farmer	
Godwin	Ann	Mrs	Farmer	Bishoper
Godwin	Henry		Farmer	Great Lipe farm

Godwin	William Henry		Farmer	Street farm
Hitchings	James		Farmer	
Hughes	David		Farmer	Stonehill
Law	Henry		Butcher	Hankerton Lane
Lea	Charles		Farmer	
Lewis	Charles		Estate foreman to Lord Suffolk	
Lewis	Mark		Farmer	Turk's farm
Painter	Edmund		Farmer	Great Elm farm
Perring	Henry		Farmer	Bullock's Horns
Rainger	William		Farmer	Little Lipe farm
Rainger	William H		Farmer	Charlton Heath
Reeves	James		Farmer	Pink Lane & Old Park
Reynolds	Daniel		Farmer	Stonehill
Ritchie	James		Bailiff to Earl of Suffolk	
Rout	Charles		Farmer	
Sampson	Joseph		Farmer	Stonehill
Sampson	Thomas		Farmer	Stonehill
Sampson	William		Wheelwright &c.	
Saunders	Jane	Mrs		Horse & Groom
Sisum	Thomas		Farmer	Banbury Hill
Stott	Harriet	Mrs	Matron	Convalescent home
Telling	John		Farmer	Griffin's farm
Watts	William		Farmer	Worthy Hill farm
Willis	James		Farmer	Pond farm
Willis	William		Farmer	Pond farm