



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Cherhill

Cherhill (or Cherill) is a parish and village, on the high road from Calne to Marlborough, in the Northern division of the county, Calne hundred, union and county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and rural deanery of Avebury, 3 miles east from Calne, and 8 north from Devizes.

The church of St James is very ancient, with square embattled tower, 3 bells, and 4 pinnacles. It is in good condition, and contains 280 sittings. It was restored and enlarged, under the direction of the late Mr S Gabriel, architect, in the year 1853. The register dates from the year 1690. The living is a rectory, yearly value £260, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. William Charles Plenderleath, M.A., of Wadham College, Oxford.

Here is a school, which will accommodate 50 children.

On the side of a chalk hill in this parish is the figure of a horse, 157 feet long, cut out of the turf. It was executed under the direction, and at the expense of Christopher Allsop, esq., an eminent surgeon of Calne, and being the highest land between London and Bath, it is visible at the distance of between 20 and 30 miles in almost every direction. There is a similar figure at Alton Barnes. On the hill is a monument, 125 feet high, erected by the Marquis of Lansdowne, to commemorate the birth of the Prince of Wales.

G H Walker Heneage, esq., who is lord of the manor, and the Marquis of Lansdowne are the principal landowners.

The soil is chalk; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat and oats.

The area is 1,817 acres; rateable value, £2,525; the population in 1871 was 334.

Oldborough, 1 mile south, was a Roman encampment. **Labour-in-Vain Hill** is half a mile west. **Marsh Lane** is half a mile north-west.

PARISH CLERK, Stephen Clifford.

POST OFFICE, Charles Wild, receiver. Letters through Calne, arrive at 7.15 am. ; dispatched at 7 pm. The nearest money order office is at Calne.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Miss Mary Ann James, mistress.

Private Resident

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Plenderleath	William Charles	Rev. M.A.	Rector	Rectory

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barten	John		Boot & shoe maker	
Batt	George		Farmer	
Clark	John		Shopkeeper	
Coward	James Edward		Farmer	Black Horse Inn
Duck	Isaac Strong		Farmer	Bell Inn
Eatwell	James		Farmer	Manor farm
Green	James		Wheelwright	& at Compton Bassett

Hewlett	George		Shoe maker	
Oliver	James		Farmer	
Pontin	Abel		Carpenter	
Pottow	George		Farmer	
Rawlings	John		Farmer	
Reynolds	Richard		Miller	
Rollings	William		Farmer	
Rumming	Edward		Farmer	
Scott	Daniel		Blacksmith	
Seckston	John		Shopkeeper	
Snook	George James		Farmer	
Wild	Charles		Shopkeeper & postmaster	