



Post Office Directory Extract 1855



Chilmark

CHILMARK, is a township, village and parish, situated a short distance to the left of the turnpike road leading from Salisbury to Hindon, in the Tisbury Union, the Hindon division, and the Dunworth Hundred, 12 miles west of Salisbury, 4 east of Hindon. Here are great quarries of freestone, which have been worked for many centuries past, and with which the churches and other buildings in the southern parts of Wilts., as also in the parts of Dorsetshire bordering on this locality, are built. The walls, buttresses, and other substantial parts of Salisbury Cathedral, are constructed of Chilmark stone. Most of this parish is the property of the Earl of Pembroke, who is lord of the manor. The acreage is 3,154; the population 619, including Ridge. On the south side of and at a short distance from the church, is an ancient building, now converted into a barn, probably the remnant of some monastic erection once attached to the Abbey of Wilton. The living is a rectory, in the diocese of Sarum, and valued at £426, in the gift of the Earl of Pembroke. The incumbent is the Rev. Charles Tower, M.A. The church of St. Margaret is a cruciform structure; has a nave and chancel, and a well-built tower (containing 4 bells), crowned with a handsome spire. On the north side of the church is an ancient doorway, now closed up, formed by a Norman arch. The interior is exceedingly clean, of light appearance, and the nave has several sharply-pointed arches; the roof of the belfry beneath the tower is deeply groined, and there are two narrow lancet windows very much beveled from the interior so as to be only a few inches in width on the exterior. Beneath a pointed arch, in the south wall of the chancel, is a piscina, in a good state of preservation, discovered during the progress of some repairs lately effected. In the chancel there is a beautifully-painted window divided into three compartments: to the right is St. Peter, on the left St. John, in the centre the Saviour. There is a National school, supported by the rector and the Earl of Pembroke.

RIDGE is a tithing, 1½ miles south-west, with 178 inhabitants; Portash is a quarter of a mile south; Chicks Grove, 1¼ miles South; Picket Furlong, half a mile south. Here are stone quarries.

POST OFFICE - Mrs. Jane Bowles, receiver. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 7 a.m.; dispatched at 7 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Hindon

National School - Miss Naverina Kellow, mistress

Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
King	Frederick	Esq.		New House
Tower	Charles	Rev., M.A.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arnold	Charles		Farmer	
Baker	John		Smith	
Bennett	William		Farmer	
Bowles	Jane	Mrs.	Post Mistress	
Burridge	Richard		Parish Clerk	
Dew	John		Farmer	Rudge
Dowty	Richard		Shopkeeper	
Flower	William		Farmer	
Fricker	John		Publican	Black Dog
Harvey	George		Beer Retailer	Rudge
Harvey	John		Brickmaker & Beer Retailer	Rudge
Hitchcock	James		Miller	

Kellow	Naverina	Miss	National School Mistress	
Lane	George		Farmer & Quarry Master	
Plowman	William		Farmer	Rudge
Shergold	John		Farmer	
Talbot	John		Shopkeeper	
Warne	Thomas		Farmer	