



Post Office Directory Extract 1855

Chirton



CHIRTON, CHURTON, or CHERINGTON, is a township, parish, and village, situate 5½ miles south-east of Devizes, in Salisbury bishopric, Swanborough Hundred, and the division and Union of Devizes, North Wilts. There are 1,847 acres of land, and a population, according to the last census, of 407, including Connock. The trustees of four different charities hold lands in this parish - the Heytesbury charity for almshouses, the Bradford-cum-Freshford charities for the same purpose, and the Froxfield charity for lay and clerical widows. The living is a vicarage, value about £190, in the gift of the Lord Chancellor; the incumbent is the Rev. Edward Vincent, M.A., who is also the incumbent of Rowde, and resides there; the Rev. George Ellis Cleather, M.A., is the curate. The church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, was restored and reseated in 1850; it is a very ancient and beautiful structure in the transition Norman style, and consists of a nave, chancel, north and south aisles, and a square tower on the west, which has an embattled parapet, and contains 5 bells. The south entrance has a very handsome and elaborately wrought ancient transition Norman arch, adorned with zigzag mouldings, a series of animals' heads and figures running round its outer part. The interior presents the same antique style; the nave is separated from the aisles by circular arches, supported by pillars with transition Norman capitals, each in a different style. There is a piscina in the chancel, and another in the south aisle. The font is particularly fine, and evidently coeval with the church itself; around it is a representation of the Twelve Apostles. Here is a National school, erected in 1846. The lordship of the manor is vested in the Heytesbury trustees.

CONNOCK tithing, with 161 inhabitants, is half a mile south-west; Wedhampton, 1 mile west; Reehorn, 1½ miles south-west.

POST OFFICE.-Miss Jane Howell, postmistress. Letters arrive from Devizes at ½ past 10 a.m. ; dispatched ½ past 4 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Devizes.

National School, Miss Anne Lyne, mistress.

CARRIER - Martin, from Bottlesford, passes Chirton to Devizes, every Thursday, returning same day.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Carter		Misses		Connock House
Carter	William	Esq.		Connock House
Cleather	George Ellis	Rev., M.A.	Curate	
Crowe	Matilda	Miss		Connock
Pinchin	Ann	Mrs.		
Tinker	William	Esq.		Manor House
Warriner	Gifford	Esq.		Connock

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Akerman	Jonathan		Farmer	
Butcher	William		Relieving Officer & Registrar Of Births & Deaths	
Box	Richard		Farmer	
Chandler	Charles		Miller	Church Mill
Clift	William		Farmer	
Daniels	William B.		Farmer	

Hayward	John		Carpenter & Parish Clerk	Connock
Hayward	Philip		Farmer	
Hayward	William		Farmer	
Howell	Jane	Miss	Dressmaker & Postmistress	
Howell	John		Brewer, Beer Retailer & Shopkeeper	
Lye	Charles		Shopkeeper	
Lye	Jonathan		Blacksmith	
Lye	Anne	Miss	Mistress Of National School	
Miller	Henry		Farmer	
Plummer	William		Farmer	Conock
Slade	John		Shopkeeper	
Weeks	James		Farmer	
Wells	Edmund		Shopkeeper	
Wells	William		Farmer	
Whitchell	George		Blacksmith	