



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Donhead St Mary



Donhead St Mary is a parish, adjoining the parish of Donhead St Andrew, being half a mile east, in the Southern division of the county, Dunworth hundred, Hindon petty sessional division, Tisbury union, Shaftesbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury and rural deanery of Chalke.

The church of St Mary the Virgin stands on an eminence, called St Mary's Hill. It is an ancient Gothic building and has a chancel and nave, with a tower at the western extremity, ornamented with pinnacles, and containing 6 bells. The register dates from 1678. The living is a rectory, with the chapelry of Charlton annexed, in the gift of New College, Oxford, and held by the Rev. Richard White Blackmore, B.A., of Merton College, Oxford, surrogate.

There is a Wesleyan Methodist chapel, and at Bird Bush an Independent chapel, with a school on the British system attached thereto, and a chapel for Primitive Methodists at Ludwell.

Grove's charity of £27 yearly, derived from £900 Consols, was founded by will in 1840, and is to be equally divided between the parishes of Donhead St Mary, Donhead St Andrew and Berwick St John, and is applied in clothing. Mrs Jones Bateman's charity of £15 yearly is also for clothing.

A school board was formed here in 1874. Schools will shortly be erected and the National schools transferred.

This parish is very fertile, and is celebrated for its corn and down land. The higher parts are of a diversified character, rising into bold and lofty eminences, partly covered with woods, and here and there crossed by deep ravines, or combes. In one of which, called Chilver Combe Bottom, in the hamlet of Ashgrove, is a burial ground for the Society of Friends. According to the register, which is preserved in the parish church of Donhead St Mary, the first interment took place in 1678, and the last in 1746. Although now for many years not used, yet the claim to the land is kept up by periodical visitations.

The river Don rises in this parish. The remains of a Roman encampment, called Castle Rings, are on Ticklepath Hill, whence there is an extensive and almost panoramic view of the surrounding country. Donhead Hall, the seat of John Du Boulay, esq., D.L., J.P. was built by the celebrated painter Sir Godfrey Kneller, who formerly resided here. Wincombe Park, the seat of Charles William Gordon, esq., and Charlton House, the residence of Albert R Graves, esq., J.P. are in this parish.

Lord Arundell of Wardour is lord of the manor. The principal resident landowners are John Du Boulay, esq., Charles William Gordon, esq., Albert R Graves, esq., and Charles Knight, esq. Non-resident proprietors are the Marchioness of Westminster, Lord Arundell of Wardour, Sir Thomas Fraser Grove, bart., and Sir R G Glyn, bart.

The soil is sandy; subsoil, stony. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and pasture.

The parish contains 5,247 acres of land; gross estimated rental, £8,798; rateable value, £7,901; the population in 1871 was 1,375. Some portions of the parish are detached and locally situate in Donhead St Andrew parish.

Ludwell hamlet is 2 miles south-west.

In **Charlton** tithing and manor is a chapel of ease, erected about 1842, for the accommodation of parishioners resident in the district. There is also a National school in the village.

Higher, Middle and Lower Coombe are hamlets, 2 miles, a mile and a half and one mile south.

PARISH CLERK for Donhead St Mary Thomas Tanner

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PARISH CLERK for Charlton

Thomas Mullins

POST OFFICE, Ludwell

Miss Anna Eliza Downe

Sub-postmistress

Letters received through Salisbury at 6.30 am.; dispatched at 6.40 pm. The nearest money order office is at Whitesand Cross (Donhead St Andrew)

WALL LETTER BOX cleared at 5.30 pm.; Sundays, 8 am.

INSURANCE AGENTS

Railway Passengers'
Sun Fire

W H Beak
N Tatchell, Ludwell

SCHOOLS

National
National, Ludwell

Miss Ellen Jane Miles
Miss Emily Velden

Mistress
Mistress

CARRIER

George Ingram

to Salisbury Tuesday & Thursday
to Shaftesbury Wednesday & Saturday

Returning same days

Donhead St Mary Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Blackmore	Richard White	Rev., B.A.	Rector	Rectory
Du Boulay	John	J.P., D.L.		Donhead Hall
Dunston		Mrs		St Mary's Cottage
Gordon	Charles William			Wincombe Park
Knight	Charles			Combe Priory

Donhead St Mary Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barrett	Isaac White		Farmer	
Bridle	Jubal		Beer retailer	
Brockway	Sarah	Mrs	Farmer	
Brothers	Thomas		Farmer	Combe farm
Burden	Moses		Wheelwright	
Candy	John		Farmer	Lower Bury Court farm
Dean	Aaron		Farmer	Combe farm
Gamble	Frederick Edward			<i>Royal Oak</i>
Hallett	Elizabeth	Mrs	Painter & glazier	
Hayter	Charles		Wheelwright	
Horder	William		Farmer	Wincombe farm
Jeffery	James Loader		Cattle dealer & farmer	
Kiddle	John		Wheelwright	
King	James		Farmer & miller	
Lawes	Aaron		Tea dealer	
Lush		Brothers	Maltsters & brewers	
Masters	Eli		Farmer	Lower Combe
Morgan	Charles		Farmer	Combe
Mullens	Charles		Carpenter & rake maker	
Pond	James		Farmer	
Rees	George			<i>Rising Sun</i>
Russell	William		Blacksmith	
Sharp	Henry Samuel		Farmer	
Tanner	Thomas		Baker & shopkeeper	
Taylor	Emma	Mrs	Farmer	
Trowbridge	John		Farmer	
Wyatt	William		Baker & shopkeeper	

Charlton Private Resident

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Graves	Albert Reginald	J.P.		Charlton House

Charlton Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Blanchard	John		Farmer	
Foot	Samuel		Farmer	
Humby	Joseph		Farmer	

Ludwell Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Foot	Stephen			
Knell	Samuel	Rev.	Congregational	

Ludwell Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barter	Ebenezer		Butcher	
Barter	Edmund		Brewer	<i>Black Dog</i>
Belbin	Charles		Shopkeeper	
Downe	Anna Eliza & Jane Sophia	Misses	Drapers, grocers & post office	
Flower	Edwin		Farmer	
Foot	Stephen		Surgeon	
Gatehouse	William		Tailor	
Green	Edward		Shoe maker	
Kittle	John		Builder	
Scammell	Albert		Baker	
Sharp	Jane	Mrs	Farmer	
Sharpe	Henry Samuel		Farmer	
Stretch	William			<i>Lamb Inn</i>
Tatchell	Edward		Harness maker	
Tatchell	Nehemiah		Harness maker	
Trowbridge	Albert		Miller	Ludwell Mill
Trowbridge	Alfred		Farmer	
Trowbridge	Caroline	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Wilkins	Stephen		Shoe maker	