



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Durnford



DURNFORD is a parish and village, pleasantly situated in the vale of Avon, on the east side of the river, 4 miles east by north from Porton station on the main line of the London & South Western railway, 2.5 miles south from Amesbury, 6 miles north from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, hundred, union of Amesbury, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, Salisbury county court district, rural deanery of Amesbury (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum, and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Andrew is an ancient edifice of flint and stone, in the Norman and Early English styles, consisting of chancel, nave, north and south porches, and an embattled western tower, containing 5 bells, rehung in 1904; the chancel arch, porch and doorways and font are Norman: at the east end are two aumbries, and in the chancel, attached by a chain to an ancient reading desk, is a copy of "A defense of the Apologie of the Church of England, by John Jewel, Bishop of Sarisburie, printed in Fleete streete 15th September, 1571"; the pulpit, of carved oak, is dated 1619: there are some remains of ancient stained glass in the nave, and a memorial window the late Walter Flower esq, for 16 years, master of the Netton harriers: in the chancel is a brass to Edward and Mary Young ob1607, and their six sons and eight daughters: in 1883, the church was renovated, and the Open seats and pulpit restored at the sole expense of the late Mr Thomas Staples of Alderbury, and in 1903, was completely restored at a cost of about £1200: there are sittings for about 150 persons. The register dates from 1574. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £260, including 30 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1897 by the Rev Leicester Selby.

In 1906 the vicarage house was thoroughly restored, and additions made at a cost of nearly £1000, granted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. Durnford was a Roman settlement. Ogbury camp is close by, and there are many barrows. Durnford Manor House is the property and residence of Capt George Clement Tryon MP. Little Durnford House, the property and residence of Henry Noel Devenish esq dates from the reign of Edward II, and is surrounded by a park of about 600 acres. Thomas Propenell, a remarkable Wiltshire character, resided here in the 15th century. Capt George Clement Tryon MP is lord of the manor of Great Durnford and Henry Noel Devenish esq is lord of the manor of Little Durnford. John Montague Swayne esq JP, Henry Noel Devenish esq, and Joseph Carpenter esq are the chief landowners. The soil is light and chalky, sub-soil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 3076 acres of land, and 26 of water, rateable value £2179: in 1911, the population was 420 in the civil and 454 in the ecclesiastical parish.

NETTON is a hamlet 1 mile south, where there is a Wesleyan chapel; Salterton hamlet, (or Salteston), 2 south, Newton hamlet, 2.5 miles south.

By Local Government Board Order 17947 dated March 25th 1885, Normanton was transferred from Durnford to Wilford

Sexton & Parish Clerk: Samuel Beckley

Post & T Office: Mrs Sarah Newman, sub-postmistress. Letters through Salisbury, arrive at 7.10am & 1.15pm, Sundays, 7.10am, dispatched at 11.45am & 7.25pm, Sundays, 4.50pm. Middle Woodford, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order office.

Pillar Letter Box, Little Durnford, cleared at 1.25 & 8.25pm, Sundays, 5.50pm

Elementary Schools: Netton, (mixed), built in 1870, with residence, for 68 children: Mrs M A Chapman, mistress

Carrier: George Abbott of Netton, to Salisbury, Tues & Sat

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bothams	Alfred Champney			Roundabout (postal address, Stratford-sub-Castle)
Bramall		Miss		Netton
Devenish	Henry Noel	MA		Little Durnford House
Hinxman		Misses		The Hermitage, Little Durnford
Selby	Leicester	Reverend		Vicarage
Tryon	George Clement	Captain		Durnford Manor House, & 19 Eaton Sq

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Abbott	George		Publican	Crown Hotel PH, Netton
Bray	William Fred		Head Gardener to H N Devenish esq	Hill Lodge, Little Durnford
Chapman	James A		Farm Bailiff to H N Devenish esq	
Dunford	Maurice		Blacksmith	
Green	Thomas		Cowkeeper	Netton
Langdon	Cecil		Farmer	Church Farm
Pile	Richard		Farmer	Netton
Powell	Alfred John		Farmer	
Rogers	John J		Publican	Black Horse PH
Thornton	Robert		Baker	Netton
Wiltshire	Thomas Frank		Farm Bailiff to J Carpenter esq	
Wood	David Herbert		Farmer	Salterton (postal address, Middle Woodford)