



Kellys Directory of Wiltshire Extract 1907



Easton Royal

EASTON is a village and parish, 3 miles south-west from Savernake Junction station on the Berks and Hants extension branch of the Great Western railway, 3 west from Grafton station of the Midland and South Western Junction railway, 3 ½ east from Pewsey, and 7 south-by-east from Marlborough, in the Eastern division of the county, Kinwardstone hundred, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Pewsey union, Marlborough county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough (Pewsey portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of the Holy Trinity, erected by Sir Edward Seymour, Earl of Hertford, in the year 1591, is a building of flint and stone in a debased Gothic style, and consists of chancel, nave, north porch and tower containing 3 bells; there are six stained windows: the stained east window and a white marble tablet were erected to David Herbert Llewellyn, youngest son of a late vicar, who was surgeon of the Confederate war steamer Alabama, and after her engagement with the Federal steamer Kearsage off Cherbourg, refusing to imperil the escape of the wounded, went down with the ship on the 19th June, 1864, in the 26th year of his age: the church was restored and reseated in 1855, and repaired in 1879, and in 1884 was altered and decorated at the expense of Ernest, 4th Marquess of Ailesbury; there are 285 sittings. The register dates from the year 1580. The living is a donative, net yearly value £180, in the gift of the Marquess of Ailesbury, and held since 1895 by the Rev. Thomas Kemm. Here is a small Wesleyan chapel. Charities: William Francis, citizens and merchant of London, bequeathed in 1805 the sum of £500, and the Rev J. T. Lawes, in 1828, the sum of £100, the interest of these sums, amounting to £21 yearly, is distributed among the poor. There are also two clothing clubs, one for mothers, the other for children, to which the sum of £15 as bonus is given annually. In the reign of Henry III, about 1240, a priory of White Canons (Premontstratensians) was founded here by Stephen, Archdeacon of Salisbury, the revenues of which at the Dissolution were valued at £55 14s. 4d. and the remains and site were given to the Seymours; the foundations can still be traced. The Marquess of Ailesbury is lord of the manor and sole landowner. The soil is loam and clay; subsoil, chalky. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and turnips. The area is 2,223 acres; rateable value, £1,355; the population in 1901 was 328.

GODSBURY is a barrow 2 miles north. On Easton Hill is a large barrow, or small camp, and there are other barrows and some remarkable terraces on the downs.

Parish clerk - Alfred Brookes.

Post Office - William Bailey, sub-postmaster. Letters from Pewsey S.O. arrive at 7.35 a.m. & 3.35 p.m.; Sundays at 8.30 a.m.; dispatched at 10.45 a.m. & 5.25 p.m.; Sundays, at 10.35 a.m. Postal orders are issued and paid here. The nearest money order and telegraph office is at Milton, 2 miles distant.

Elementary School (mixed), erected in 1873 at a cost of about £500, for 90 children; average attendance, 64; John Derham, master; Miss Winifred Reynolds, infants' mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Kemm	Thomas	Rev.		Vicarage
Powell	John Thomas			

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	William		shoe maker, Post Office	
Brookes	Alfred		carpenter	
Chandler	Thomas		blacksmith	
Collins	Harry Hearne		farmer	
Crouch	Ann	Mrs.	shopkeeper	
Derham	John		rate collector	
Follett	Ellen	Miss	farmer	
Haines	James Smith		farmer	Manor farm
Howse	Arthur			Bruce Arms inn
Howse	Walter James		grocer & baker	
Marsh	Fred		farm bailiff to Eustace B. Maton esq.	
Pearce	Henry		wheelwright & carpenter	
Stagg	Harriet	Miss	dressmaker	
Trowbridge	Walter George		farmer	