



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Easton Royal

EASTON is a village and parish, in the Southern division of the county, Kinwardstone hundred, Pewsey union, Marlborough county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and rural deanery of Marlborough, on the river Avon, 3 miles east from Pewsey and 7 south-by-east from Marlborough. The church of the Holy Trinity is a flint stone building, of about the year 1591; it was completely restored and re-seated with open benches in 1853, and consists of nave and tower with 3 bells and porch; the east and west windows are stained. The register dates from 1580. The living is a donative in the gift of the Marquis of Ailesbury, and now vacant. The charities are about £25 for annual distribution amongst the poor, viz.: Mr. William Francis, merchant, bequeathed the sum of £500 in Government securities, the interest of which to be divided yearly at Christmas among the industrious poor forever; The Rev. J. T. Lawes bequeathed, in 1828, £100 for the poor of the parish. There are also two clothing clubs, one for mothers, the other for children, to which the sum of £40 as bonus is given annually. A National mixed school has been recently erected at a cost of about £500. Here is a chapel for Wesleyans. The Marquis of Ailesbury is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is loam and clay; subsoil, chalky. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and turnips. The area is 2,080 acres; gross estimated rental, £3,035; rateable value, £2,756; and the population in 1871 was 381.

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

Parish - John Pierce.

PILLAR LETTER BOX - Letters are delivered by hand from Pewsey at 8 a.m.. Box cleared at 5.40 p.m.; Sunday, at 10.40 a.m. The nearest money order office is at Burbage; post town is Pewsey.

National School (mixed), James W. Pearce, master.

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	William		shoe maker	
Butcher	Henry Frederick		farmer	
Collins	Lydia	Mrs.	farmer	
Edwards	Thomas		farm bailiff to John Thomas Powell, esq.	
Follett	John		farmer	
Goddard	William		farmer	
Hawkins	S.		farmer	
Jordan	Thomas		blacksmith	
Pearce	James		collector of rates & taxes	
Pearce	William Windsor			Bruce's Arms
Pierce	Edward John		shopkeeper	
Pierce	John		wheelwright & carpenter	
Powell	John Thomas		farmer	
Price	Zebedee		farmer	
Smith	Thomas		baker & shopkeeper	