



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875

## Fonthill Bishop



**Fonthill Bishop** (or Bishop's Fonthill) is a village and parish in the Southern division of the county, Downton hundred, Tisbury union, Shaftesbury county court district, Hindon petty sessional division, Salisbury diocese and archdeaconry, and Chalke rural deanery, 14 miles west from Salisbury, 2 east from Hindon and 3 from the Tisbury Railway station.

The church of All Saints is a cruciform structure, about 600 years old. Its tower, which is very low, rises from the centre of the building and contains 1 bell. The church is in a very dilapidated state; the chancel has been rebuilt. The register dates from 1754. The living is a rectory, yearly value £250, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Winchester, and held by the Rev. Robert William Sheldon, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge.

The Free school, for 16 poor children, was endowed with £10 annually, left by Abijah Clark. The cost of erecting the school-house was defrayed by voluntary contributions. There is a small charity, dispensed by the rector and churchwardens.

The Bishop of Winchester is lord of the manor. The chief landowners are Alfred Morrison and Frederick King, esqrs.

The soil is chalky loam; subsoil, chalk and stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and pasturage.

There are 1,735 acres of land; gross estimated rental, £1,835; rateable value, £1,675; the population in 1871 was 173.

PARISH CLERK                      William Ingram

WALL LETTER BOX      cleared at 6.30 pm.

LETTERS                      from Salisbury by mail cart. The nearest money order office is Hindon.

NATIONAL SCHOOL              Mrs Sophia Tart              Mistress

CARRIER                      to Salisbury                      George Snook    Tuesday & Thursday      Returning same days  
   to Shaftesbury                      George Snook    Saturday                      Returning same day

### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Adney	Henry			
Sheldon	Robert William	Rev., M.A.		Rectory

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Coombs	Thomas		Farmer	
Gattrell	Richard		Farmer	<i>New Inn, Chicklade Bottom</i>
Gray	George			<i>King's Arms</i>
Ingram	Frederick		Farmer	
Perrett	Richard		Shopkeeper & baker	
Snook	George		Carrier	