



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Idmiston



IDMISTON is a parish and scattered village in the Bourne valley, and extending to the Hampshire border, one mile north of Porton station on the main line of the London & South Western railway, 4.5 southeast from Amesbury, and 6 north-east from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Alderbury, Amesbury union, Salisbury county court district, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, Amesbury rural deanery (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The church of All Saints is an ancient structure of flint, with stone dressings, restored in 1867 and consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, aisles, north porch, and a western tower with spire containing 4 bells: the chancel is Early English, and the nave and aisles, clerestory and roof Perpendicular: in the nave is a monument to Mr Rowbach dated 1633, and several marble to the Bowle family: the east and west windows are stained: the chancel and each of the aisles has a piscine, and in the south aisle is part of the rood staircase. There are 150 sittings. The register dates from the year 1577. The living is a vicarage with the chapelry at Porton annexed, net yearly value, £226, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1915 by the Rev Nambhard Thwaites, who resides at Porton. Bowle's charity of £2 16s 4d yearly, derived from bequests left in 1835, by the Rev. John Bowle of Salisbury, is for the poor. The chief landowners are the Earl of Normanton, who is lord of the manor, H G W Targett esq, G F Gay esq, Capt Kennedy and Joseph Waters esq. The soil is light loam on chalk, sub-soil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats, and dairy farming is an important industry. The area is 5483 acres of land and 10 of water: rateable value £5175; the population of the civil parish in 1911 was 809 and in the ecclesiastical parish, 879.

PORTON is a parochial chapelry, village and station on the South Western railway, a mile south of Idmiston. The church of St Nicholas, rebuilt on a new site, given by I A Ingram esq, and consecrated in 1877, is an edifice of flint stone, in the Early English style from designs given by the late J L Pearson RA, FSA of London and consists of chancel, nave, south porch, and a bell cote at the west end containing 2 bells. There is a burial ground attached. The register dates from the year 1813.

GOMELDON is a tithing 0.75 miles south from Porton.

Shrippe is a tithing, about 4.5 miles east, the whole of which was transferred to the parish of Winterslow by the "Divided Parishes Act, 1882".

Ford, a tithing 4 miles east, was added to Laverstock parish by Local Government Board Order 17948 dated March 25th, 1885.

Post M O & T Office, Porton: Miss Evaline Kail, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Salisbury and delivered 6.10am & 1.25pm, dispatched at 1.55 & 7pm. Sundays, delivery 7.10am, dispatched 4.50pm.

Wall Letter Box, Idmiston: cleared at 12.30 & 6.55pm, Sundays, 4.45pm. Porton: 1.15 & 7pm, Sundays 4.50pm: Gomeldon, 8.40am & 7.15pm, Sundays, 5.5pm.

Council School, Gomeldon (mixed) built 1913 for 72 children. Miss B S Powell, mistress.

Elementary School, Idmiston (mixed) built in 1868 and enlarged in 1874 for 75 children. Mrs B K Waters, mistress.

Railway Station, Porton: Robert Frederick Nobbs, station master.

Carriers: William Selway & Harold Annetts, Tues & Sat.

Gentry/Private Residents - Idmiston

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bouwens	Bethell Godefroy			The Grange
Faulkner	E F			Parsonage House
Finch	Ronald	MB Cantab, MRCSE. LSA		Manor House

Traders - Idmiston

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Friend	John M		Farm Bailiff to C H House Esq	Manor Farm
Grant	William			Plough PH
Marsh	Charles		Farm Bailiff to E B Maton Esq	
Mowland	Frank		Blacksmith	

Gentry/Private Residents - Gomeldon

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Waters	Joseph James K			

Traders - Gomeldon

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Burton	Sidney		Grocer	
Cave	George		Cowkeeper	
Hobbs	John	& Sons	Farmers & Well Borers	
Lane	James		Scrap Iron Merchants	
Waters	Joseph James Kendall		Farmer	

Gentry/Private Residents - Porton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Miles	T E	Mrs		The Limes
Neuens	Alice	Miss		
Pile		Misses		Elmleigh
Thwaites	Nembhard	Reverend	Vicar	Vicarage

Traders - Porton

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Annetts	Harold		Carrier & Coal Dealer	
Bell	George		Saddler	
Blake	Charles		Butcher	
Butcher	Henry B		Tailor	
Crook	Rufus		Carpenter	
Gay	George Frank		Farmer	
Green	Julia	Mrs	Private School	
Hodges	Joseph			Railway Hotel
Johnson		Mrs	District Nurse	
Kail	Ernest		Grocer	
Roberts	Samuel B		Farmer	
Self	Frederick		Carpenter	
Selway	William		Carrier	
Stone	Albert		Blacksmith	
Targett	Henry George Wright		Farmer	Bird Lymes Farm
Trowbridge	Charles		Butcher	
Vallis	George		Cowkeeper	
White	Richard	& Sons	Farmers	