



Kelly's Directory Extract 1895

West Overton



West Overton is a township and village in the parish of Overton, on the river Kennet, 4 miles west from Marlborough terminal station on a branch of the Great Western railway and also Marlborough station on the Midland and South Western Junction railway, in the Eastern division of the county, petty sessional division of Marlborough and Ramsbury, Marlborough union and county court district, Selkley hundred, rural deanery of Avebury (Cannings portion), archdeaconry of Wilts, and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Michael, which was rebuilt in 1878 in the Early Decorated style.(the ancient feature being retained), stands on a slight acclivity, and consists of chancel, nave of three bays, north aisle, porch and a square embattled western tower surmounted by four pinnacles, containing 6 bells: the east window is stained: the south chancel window is also stained, and is a memorial of the late vicar: there are 350 sittings. The register dates from 1695. The living is a vicarage, with that of Fyfield and the chapelry of Alton Priors annexed, joint gross yearly value £470, net £350, with residence and 6 acres of glebe, in gift of Sir Henry Bruce Meux bart. and held since 1875 by the Rev. Frederick William Welburn, of Jesus College Cambridge. The principal landowners are the Earl of Pembroke and Sir Henry Bruce Meux bart. who are lords of the manor. The soil is clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and turnips. The area is 3.924 acres; rateable value, £2.568; the population of West Overton in 1891 was 606.

Lockeridge is a hamlet of tithing, 3 miles west from Marlborough. Lockeridge House, an ancient brick mansion, occupied by Henry Raycroft Giffard esq. J.P. And Lockeridge Cottage is the residence of Charles E. Ponting esq. F.S.A.

East Overton is in West Overton township.

Overton Heath, formerly extra-parochial, is now a parish. Here are many large boulders and barrows. The rateable value is £38; the population in 1891 was 34..

Sexton: William Waite.

Post, M.O. & T.O., S.B. Express Delivery & Annuity & Insurance – Alfred Edward Smith, sub-postmaster . Letters received through Marlborough at 8 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.; sundays, 8.30 a.m.; dispatched at 10.20 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; sundays 10.40 a.m.

Church of England Schools for Overton & Fyfield were erected in 1874 at a cost of £1,200, raised by voluntary subscriptions, with house for master, for 150 children, viz. 90 boys & girls (mixed) & 60 infants; average attendance, 105; William Charles Webb, master; Miss Clara Annie Woodburn, infants' mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Giffard	Henry Raycroft		J.P.	Lockeridge House
Ponting	Cas. E.		F.S.A.	Lockeridge Cottage
Welburn	Frederick Wm.	Rev.	Vicar	
Wilson	Arthur Needham		A.R.I.B.A.	The Dene, Lockeridge

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arkwright	Ferdinand George		Sub-agt to Sir Henry Bruce Meux bart.	
Coward	Jas. Hy.		Carpenter & Wheelwright	

Fidler	Albert Alexander		Bell P.H. & Blacksmith	
Gale	Arthur		Baker & shopkeeper	Lockeridge
Gale	Frederick		Bricklayer	Lockeridge
Gale	John		Bricklayer	Lockeridge
Gale	Sidney		Beer retailer	Lockeridge
Glass	John		Farmer	
Huntley	John		Carpenter	
Kimmer	Wm.		Boot maker	Lockeridge
Parsons	Edmund		Farmer	North farm
Pearce	Geo.		Boot & Shoe ma. & beer ret	
Ponting	Charles E.	F.S.A.	Architect & diocean surveyor	Lockeridge
Rawlings	William		Dairyman	
Rebbeck	Edmund		Shopkeeper, farmer & beer retailer	Lockeridge
Smith	Alfred Edward		Baker & grocer, Post office	
Spackman	William		Farmer	Shaw farm