



Kellys Directory Extract 1889



Porton

IDMISTON is a parish and scattered village, in the Bourne valley, and extending to the Hampshire border, 4½ miles south-east from Amesbury, 6 north-east from Salisbury, and 1 mile north from Porton station on the South Western railway, 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, archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury. The church of All Saints is an ancient structure of flint with stone dressings, restored in 1867, consisting of chancel and nave of three bays and aisles, north porch, with a western square tower and spire containing 4 bells, supposed to have been considerably altered in the reign of Henry VII. : the chancel is Early English; the nave and aisles are Tudor ; clerestory and roof are Perpendicular : in the nave is a monument of the family of Rowbach, dated 1633 and several marble tablets of the Bowle family: the east and west windows are stained : the chancel and each of the aisles has a piscina : in the south aisle is a part of the rood staircase: there are 150 sittings. The register dates from the year 1577. The living is a vicarage, with the chapelry of Porton annexed, gross yearly value £304, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1862 by the Rev. William Dowding M.A. of Merton College, Oxford. Bowle's charity of £3 7s. 10d. yearly, derived from bequests left in 1835 by Rev. John Bowle, of Salisbury, is for the poor. The chief landowners are the Earl of Normanton J.P., D.L. who is lord of the manor, Alfred Morrison esq. of Fonthill House, I. A. Ingram esq., Capt. Thomas Joseph Waters and Mr. Lawrence. The soil is a light loam on chalk; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 5,606 acres of land and 10 of water; rateable value, . £4,104; the population of the entire parish in 1881 was 583, of which 170 are in Idmiston tithing.

PORTON is a parochial chapelry, village and station on the South Western railway, a mile south of Idmiston. The church of St. Nicholas was rebuilt of flint stone on a new site and consecrated in 1877; the site was given by I. A. Ingram esq. and the church built from a design given by Mr. J. L. Pearson, of London, and consists of chancel and nave with south porch and bellcote at the west end containing 2 bells: there is also a burial ground attached. The register dates from the year 1813. The population in 1811 was 235.

GOMELDON is a tithing, three-quarters of a mile south from Porton. The population in 1881 was 112.

SHRIPPLE is a tithing, about 4½ miles east, the whole of which now belongs to the parish of Winterslow.

FORD, a tithing, 4 miles east, has now been added to Laverstock parish. The population in 1881 was 12. Parish Clerk, William Moxham.

Letters through Salisbury, arrive at 8 a. m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Winterborne Gunner. WALL LETTER Box, Idmiston, cleared at 6.15 p.m. & at Porton 11 a.m. & 6.15 p.m

National School, Idmiston (mixed), built in 1868 & enlarged in 1874, for 50 children; average attendance, 53; Miss Bertha Miller, mistress.

Railway Station, Porton, Frederick E. Compton, station master.

Idmiston

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Dowding	William	Rev., M.A.	Vicar	
Gay	Thomas. Benjamin Hayter		Farmer	Manor Farm
King	Frances Sophia	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
King	Thomas		Bricklayer	
Maffey	Nicholas		Farmer & Publican	Plough Public House
Mitchell	George		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Mowland	Frank		Blacksmith	

Targett	William		Farmer	Hale & West Farms
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Cush		Mrs.		
Holloway		Mrs.		
Edney	Ann	Mrs.	Beer Retailer & Shopkeeper	
Edwards	Thomas		Dairyman	
Fowle	Alice	Mrs.	Baker	
Targett	Henry Wright		Farmer	
White	Herbert		Blacksmith	
White	Richard		Farmer, Baker & Mealman	
Withey	James John		Grocer & Draper	

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Olding	Edmund		Farm Bailiff To H. Young, Esq.	
Pocock	Edwin		Farmer	
Waters	Joseph		Farmer & Landowner	