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# Poor Law Commission Election

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## DEVIZES UNION

### NOTICE of the ANNUAL ELECTION of GUARDIANS of the POOR

The Churchwardens and Overseers of the several parishes comprized in the above named Union and hereinafter named, will, in pursuance of the order of the Poor Law Commissioners for England and wales, proceed, on the *thirtieth day of March now instant*, to the election of the number of the Guardians of the Poor set opposite the names of such parishes, for the year ending the first Thursday after the 25th day of March 1838:

Parishes	No. of Guardians	Parishes	No. of Guardians
St, John, Devizes	2	Little Chiverell	1
St. Mary, Devizes	3	Marden	1
Allcannings	1	Market Lavington	1
Allington	1	Marston	1
Alton Barnes	1	Patney	1
Beechingstoke	1	Poulshot	1
Bishops Cannings	2	Potterne	1
Bromham	2	Rowde	1
Chirton	1	Stanton St. Bernard	1
Chittoe	1	Stert	1
Easterton	1	St. James	2
Earlstoke	1	Urchfont	2
Etchilhampton	1	West Lavington	2
Great Chiverell	1	Worton	1

Any person entitled to vote in any of the said parishes, may propose as the Guardian or Guardians thereof. Any number (not exceeding the number to be there elected) of persons who are severally rated to the poor rate of any parish in the Union, in respect of property of the annual value or rental of £25. The proposal must be written and must state the names, residences, and callings of the persons

proposed, and the name of the proposer, and must be delivered to one of the Churchwardens and Overseers of such parish on or before the *twenty fourth day of March now instant*.

Owners of rateable property in such parish, as well as ratepayers, are entitled to vote, provided their names are on the register of owners, or if they send in to the Churchwardens and Overseers, before the day of election, their claims to vote, with a statement of their names and addresses, and a description of their property.

Owners may also vote by proxy; but proxies must make the statements above mentioned for their principals, and transmit to the Churchwardens and Overseers the originals or attested copies of their appointments.

In case of a contest for the office of Guardian in any of the said parishes, the votes will be given in papers to be left by the Churchwardens and Overseers two days, at least, before the day fixed for the election, at the houses of those residents in the parish who are then entitled to vote. All residents out of the Parish, and all persons who become entitled after that date, must apply to one of the Churchwardens and Overseers for voting papers on the day of election.

The forms of nomination papers, statements of owners, and appointment of proxy, may be seen and copied by voters in the Board room in the Devizes Workshop.

W. E. TUGWELL

Clerk to the Board of Guardians

Devizes, March 7th, 1837

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