



Post Office Directory of Hampshire, Wiltshire & Dorset 1875



Sherston Magna

SHERSTON MAGNA (or GREAT SHERSTON) is a village and parish, situated on the river Avon, in the Northern division of the county, Chippenham hundred, union and county court district of Malmesbury, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Malmesbury north, 5½ miles west-by-south from Malmesbury, and about 5½ south-west from Tetbury. The church of the Holy Trinity is a fine old structure, having chancel, nave, arid aisles, and a porch, with square tower in the centre with 5 bells and a clock, and contains a few memorials. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a vicarage, with Sherston Parva, or Pinkney, annexed, joint yearly value £300, with glebe land £32 additional, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester, and held by the Rev. Charles Whitcombe, M.A., of Oriel College, Oxford. There is a school on the National, and one on the British system; and charities of about £13 annual value for the benefit of the poor. There are places of worship, viz., one Independent, two Baptists, and one Primitive Methodist. There is a silk ribbon manufactory here. W. H. Cresswell, esq., the lord of the manor, and R. S. Holford, esq., are the principal landowners. The soil is brashy; subsoil, gravel. The chief crops are wheat, barley, and roots. The area of the parish is 4,280 acres; rateable value, £7,043; and the population in 1871 was 1,588, including the hamlet of WILLESLEY, 2 miles north.

Parish Clerk, John Stock Purnell.

POST OFFICE.—George Neale, receiver. Letters arrive by foot post from Malmesbury at 8.30 a.m.; dispatched at 6 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Malmesbury

INSURANCE AGENT.—*Whittington Life*, T. Neale

SCHOOLS:—

British, — Williams, master

National, Chas. Tyler, master; Mrs. Jane Tyler, mistress

CARRIER.—James Smith, to Bath, on sat. returns same day; to Chippenham, mon. & fri. returns same day

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Byam	Samuel			Willesley
Gaze	Isaac			
Holborow		Mrs		
Rich	Edmund			Willesley
Stubblings	Samuel	Rev.		Baptist
Taylor	T. H.	Rev.		Independent
Tollerton	W. R.			
Whitcombe	Charles	Rev. M.A.	vicar	

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Amos	Thomas & William		farmers	
Ball	Emma	Miss	shopkeepr.	Willesley
Beak	George		farmer	Lordswood
Bennett	William		farmer	Wick
Berry	Nathaniel		shopkeeper	
Brain	Saml. & Edwin		farmers	Widlays
Bridgeman	Cornelius		farmer	
Camm	Francis		boot maker	
Camm	William		boot maker	
Elford	Jos.		iron, zinc & tin plate workr	
Elsip	Chas.		farmer	Ladies' wood farm
Elsip	James		plumber & glazier	
Elsip	Thomas		baker	
Evans	Ann	Mrs.	shopkeeper	
Evans	Edwin		machinist	
Evans	Thomas		machinist	
Evans	Thomas		miller	
Ford	Andrew		tailor	
Frankham	Francis		farmer	Manor frm
Fruen	Henry		shopkeeper& beer retailr	
Goulding	Chas. W.		bkr. & corn & flour mer	
Goulding	Thomas		farmer	
Goulding	Walter		baker	
Hanks	Henry		tailor	
Harry	Ann	Mrs.	farmer	
Harry	John		farmer	
Hetherall	Abraham		farmer	Knockdown
Hill	Henry		baker	
Hillier	Douglas		farmer	
Hillier		Mrs.	farmer	
Holborow	Daniel		farmer	Knockdown
Holborow	Henry		farmer & agricultural valuer	Willesley
Iles	Moses		shoe maker	
Jobbins	Samuel		farmer	
Jones	John		farmer	Whitehouse farm
Jones	Thomas		shopkeeper	
Legg	Thomas		boot maker	
Matthews	John			New inn, Knockdown
Matthews	Richard		butcher	
Merchant	Edmnd.		blacksmith & beer rtlr	
Miles	John		shopkeeper	
Mills	Thos.		farmer	Easton Town farm

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Neal	John			<i>Rattlebones inn</i>
Neal	Reuben		shopkeeper	
Neale	Thomas & Sons		painters & druggists; & at Corsham	
Neale	George		plumber & farmer	
Neale	Henry		butcher	
Neale	Henry Osborne		& cattle dealer	<i>Swan commercial & posting house</i>
Neale	John		baker & plasterer	
Neale	John, jun.		plasterer	
Neale	William		plasterer	
Neems	John		farmer	Wick
Newth	Alfred		farmer	
Palmer	John			<i>Old Royal Ship</i>
Palser	Clement Ernest		grocer & draper	
Parsons	Edward		draper & grocer & agent to Great Britain Life	
Pinnell	John		blacksmith	
Powell	Matthew		beer retailer	
Power	John		farmer	
Pritchard	Richard		miller	
Pugh	Henry		plumber	
Purnell	William		shopkeeper	Willesley
Rice	Henry, jun.		carpenter	
Rice	Thomas		carpenter	
Rich	Edmund		farmer & steward to H. S. Holford, esq.	Willesley
Sainsbury	Robert		stone mason	
Sattely	Zachariah		watch maker	
Sherborne	William		carpenter	
Sherwood	James		shopkeeper	
Smart	Thomas		beer retailer & farmer	
Smith	James		carrier	
Thompson	Thomas		farmer	
Tollerton	W. R.		surgeon	
Watts	William			<i>Angel</i>
Weeks	Thomas		shopkeeper	