



Post Office Directory Extract 1855

Swallowcliffe



SWALLOWCLIFF is a township, village, and parish, 12 miles south-by-west of Salisbury and 8 north-east of Shaftesbury, in Tisbury Union, Dunworth Hundred, Hindon division, South Wilts. The CASTLE DITCHES, or earthworks, thrown up by the Parliamentary army when they laid siege to and took the old castle of Wardour, are in the parish of Tisbury, adjoining Swallowcliff. There are 1,310 acres of land, and 273 inhabitants. The Earl of Pembroke is lord of the manor. The church is a very handsome edifice, nearly new, and built in the Norman style; it has a square tower, containing 3 bells. The living is a perpetual curacy, value £80, in the diocese of Sarum; the Earl of Pembroke is the patron; the incumbent is the Rev. John Harman Samler, M.A., of Pembroke College, Oxford. A few years since the common lands of this parish were enclosed, when a certain portion thereof was set apart for the benefit of the poor of this parish for ever, called the Poor Land, and yields the annual sum of £20, which is once in the year divided amongst those who are the proper objects of the charity. Here is a National school for the children of this and the adjoining parish of Ansty.

POST OFFICE. - Mrs. Alice Ann Gerrard, receiver. Letters received from Salisbury at 7 a.m.; dispatched at 20 min. past 7 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Shaftesbury.

National School - Reuben Lane, Master; Mrs. Jane Lane, Mistress

CARRIERS:

John Holloway, from Ansty to Salisbury, Tuesday & Friday; to Shaftesbury, Saturday, passes through Swallowcliff, returning same days.

Henry Foyle Parsons, from Ansty to Salisbury, on Tuesday, returning same day.

COACHES from Shaftesbury to Salisbury at ¼ past 8 morning & ¼ past 12 noon (mail); returning ½ past 3 & ½ past 4 afternoon (mail).

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Lane	Stafford	Esq.		Middle Dean house
Samler	John Harmon	Rev., M. A.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Alford	James		Farmer	
Alford	Joseph		Farmer	
Arnold	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Shoemaker	
Burt	Maria	Misses	Shopkeepers	
Burt	Mary	Miss	Shopkeepers	
Burt	Thomas		Farmer	
Gerrard	Alice Ann	Mrs.	Publican & Postmistress	London Elm
Holloway	John		Carrier	Ansty
Lane	Jane	Mrs.	Mistress of National school	
Lane	Reuben		Master of National school	
Parsons	Henry Foyle		Carrier	Ansty
Rabbitts	John		Smith	
Roberts	John		Smith	
Spencer	Edward		Parish Clerk	
Spencer	Thomas		Shopkeeper, Shoemaker & Draper	

Wright	Henry		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Wright	John		Farmer	