



Kelly's Directory Extract 1895

North Tidworth



NORTH TIDWORTH (or Tidworth Zouch), commonly called Tidworth, is a parish and village, on the road from Salisbury to Marlborough and on the Hampshire border, and is on the declivity of a lofty range of downs, 2 miles south from Ludgershall station on the Midland and South Western Junction railway, and 9 west-by-north from Andover, in the Eastern Division of the county, Amesbury hundred, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Pewsey union, Andover county court district, rural deanery of Amesbury (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of the Holy Trinity is a building of flint and stone, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and embattled western tower containing 5 bells: the fabric as it now stands dates from about 1490; the tower, however, shows some earlier work, of the date of about 1360; the font is old, apparently Norman, but the general character of the church is Late Third-Pointed; there is a brass to the Rev. Thomas Pierce, who was ejected from his Fellowship at Magdalen College by the Committee for the Reformation of the University of Oxford, 1648, and afterwards became Dean of Salisbury: in 1882 the church was thoroughly restored, and the old high pews made into open seats: there are 200 sittings: in the churchyard are monuments to the families of Maton and Mompesson. The register dates from 1660. The living is a rectory, average tithe rent-charge £233, gross yearly value £253, net £170, with residence and 15 acres of glebe, in the gift of the Lord Chancellor and held since 1869 by the Rev. Edward Fraser Vaughan-Williams M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge. There are almshouses for four persons (male or female), who receive 2s. each weekly.

Sir John William Kelk bart. of Tidworth, Hants, is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is light; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 3,081 acres; rateable value, £1,086; the population in 1891 was 241.

Clearington (or Clary-down) Hill is half a mile west; Sidbury, an ancient British earthwork, afterwards occupied by the Romans, is 2 miles north-west. There is a group of seven barrows on the south-western side of Clearington Hill.

Parish Clerk, William Habberfield.

POST OFFICE – Edwin Eyles, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive by mail from Marlborough at 7.15 a.m. ; dispatched at 6.30 p.m. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid. The nearest money order office is at Ludgershall & telegraph office at Ludgershall railway station.

National School (mixed), erected in 1856, with residence, & endowed by the late T. A. Smith esq. of Tedworth house, for the parishes of North & South Tidworth, the latter of which is in Hants: it will hold 93 children; average attendance, 76; John Beale, master.

CARRIER – Edwin Eyles to Salisbury, on Tuesday; to Andover, Wednesday & Friday.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Vaughan-Williams	Edward Fraser	Rev. M.A.		Rectory, North Tidworth
Ashford	Edward Jas.		Farmer	Zouch Farm, North Tidworth
Breadmore	Wm. Thos.		Baker & Shopkeeper	North Tidworth
Eyles	Edwin		Grocer, Draper & Carrier, Post Office	North Tidworth
Moore	George		<i>Ram Hotel</i> & posting inn, & Brewer	North Tidworth
Lansley	Harriet	Mrs	Blacksmith	North Tidworth
Humby	Thos. Dugdale		Farmer	Manor Farm, North Tidworth
Wallis	Richard		Farmer	Down Farm, North Tidworth