



Kelly's Directory Extract 1898

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 ¼ 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: the church was thoroughly restored in 1882, and affords 200 sittings: in the churchyard are monuments to the families of Maton and Mompesson. The register dates from the year 1700. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £217, 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.

The War Office are now lords of the manor and sole landowners, having acquired the land for military purposes under the "Military Lands Act, 1892". The soil is light; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 3,081 acres; rateable value, £1,095; 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, M.O.O., S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office – Edwin Eyles, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive by mail from Marlborough at 7.10 a.m. ; dispatched at 6.30 p.m. The nearest telegraph office is at Ludgershall, 3 miles distant.

The children of this parish attend the school at South Tidworth, Hants.

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
Breadmore	Wm. Thos.		Baker & Shopkeeper	North Tidworth
Eyles	Edwin		Grocer, Draper & Carrier, Post Office	North Tidworth
Humby	Thos. Dugdale		Farmer	Manor Farm, North Tidworth
Lansley	Harriet	Mrs	Blacksmith	North Tidworth
Moore	George		<i>Ram Hotel</i> & posting inn, & Brewer	North Tidworth
Rawlings	Wm.		Farmer	Zouch Farm, North Tidworth
Wallis	Richard		Farmer	Down Farm, North Tidworth