



Kelly's Directory Extract 1903

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, with a station on a new line of railway, opened July 1, 1902, from Ludgershall to North Tidworth; it is 2 ½ miles in length, and is owned by the Government and leased to the Midland and South Western Railway Co.; Ludgershall station on the same line is 2 ¼ miles north; the village is 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 Parliamentary visitors in 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 £234, 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". Tin Town, in Brimstone Bottom, consists of a number of elaborate huts, built for the occupation of the workmen employed in the erection of the barracks here, and their families. The colony also comprises a hospital, mission hall, recreation and reading rooms, baths &c. The soil is light; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 3,081 acres; rateable value, £1,837; the population in 1901 was 259.

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.

Station Master, Frederick Lashbrook

Post, M.O. & T.O., T.M. O., E.D., P.P., S.B. & A. & I.O. – Edwin Eyles, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive by mail car from Andover at 6.45 a.m. & by rail at 11.45 a.m. ; dispatched at 6.30 p.m.

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 |
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| Kingston | William | | | Manor House, North Tidworth |
| Vaughan-Williams | Edward Fraser | Rev. M.A. | | Rectory, North Tidworth |
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| Eyles | Edwin | | Grocer, Draper & Carrier, Post Office | North Tidworth |
| Lansley | Harriet | Mrs | Blacksmith | North Tidworth |
| Rawlings | Wm. | | Farmer | Zouch Farm, North Tidworth |
| Soul Brothers | | | Bakers & Grocers | North Tidworth |
| Thomas | Arth. | | <i>Ram Hotel</i> & Posting house | North Tidworth |
| Tuffin | Alfred | | Farm Bailiff to C. H. Howse esq. | Down Farm, North Tidworth |