



Kelly's Directory Extract 1889

Baverstock



BAVERSTOCK (with the hamlet of HURDCOTT) is a parish and village, bounded on the south by the river Nadder, 8 miles west from Salisbury, 5 west from Wilton, and about 1 ½ miles north-west from Dinton station on the South Western Railway, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Cawden, Wilton union, Salisbury county court district, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, rural deanery of Chalke and archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St. Edith, which was repaired about 1845, and again thoroughly restored in 1883 by Mr Butterfield, architect, at a cost of £1,100, is a stone edifice in the Decorated style and consists of nave, chancel, north transept (which is the private property of Alexander A. T. Powell esq.), south porch, and a low, square, flat-roofed tower at the west end, with 3 bells; there are sittings for 90 persons.

The register dates from the year 1559. The living is a rectory, net yearly tithes rent-charge £320, with 57 acres of glebe and residence, gross yearly value £369, net £306, in the gift of C. E. N. Charrington esq. and held since 1875 by the Rev. William Keating M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford.

Charles Penruddocke, Esq. D.L., J.P. of Compton Park, is lord of the manor of Baverstock; the Hon. Mrs Powell is lady of that of Hurdcott; they are also the principal landowners. The soil is clay, green sand and chalk; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and turnips.

Acreage, including Hurcott, 1,193; rateable value, £1,161; the population in 1881 was 122.

HURCOTT (or Hurdcott) is 1 mile south-east, where is Hurdcott House (or Hurdecote, meaning strong place near the side of the river), the residence of William Henry Gramshaw esq. ; it is a large Elizabethan mansion, built about the year 1631; it is said to have originally belonged to the Abbey of Wilton, and in 1708 was transferred to the Pitts family; it was restored and very much enlarged in 1809; from the terrace is a considerable view of the river Nadder, which flows through the extensive and well-wooded park.

Letters through Salisbury, arrive at 6 a.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Dinton.

The children attend the schools at Dinton.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Gramshaw	Wm. Hy.			Hurdcott House
Keating	William	Rev. M.A.	Rector	
Macey	James Harry		Farmer	