



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Berwick St. John

Berwick St. John is a parish and village, in the Southern division of the county, Chalke hundred, Tisbury union, Hindon petty sessional division, Shaftesbury county court district, Salisbury diocese and archdeaconry, and Chalke rural deanery, 17½ miles south-west from Salisbury, 112½ from London, and 6½ east from Shaftesbury.

The church of St. John the Baptist is a cruciform structure, with a finely-ornamented low square tower of the date of Henry VII, springing from the intersection, and containing 5 bells; it contains monuments to the Grove family and other families of distinction; against the walls are two elliptic arches over ancient effigies, clad in mail, said to be those of Knights Templars. The register dates from 1556. The living is a rectory, yearly value £562, in the gift of New College, Oxford, and held by the Rev. Charles Arthur Griffith, M.A., of that college.

There is a National school, built on glebe land, in 1835, at the expense of the rector, and principally supported by him.

The Wesleyans and Baptists have each a chapel here.

There is a small sum left in charities by a former Lord Rivers, and Foot's charity of £3 3s 10d, and Grove's of £9 yearly, are distributed in money to the poor.

A strong earthwork or fortification known as Winklebury, or Vespasian's camp, is on a lofty ridge in this parish, and commands a view over Dorsetshire, the Downs, and a portion of Hampshire, as far as the Needles in the Isle of Wight. The rich forest of Cranborne Chase occupies the foreground, and the un-interrupted view to be obtained over Wiltshire is finely and beautifully varied.

Lord Rivers is lord of the manor. Sir Thomas Fraser Grove, bart., is a large landowner here.

The soil is sandy and clay; subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and pasture.

There are 3,000 acres of arable and down land; gross estimated rental, £3,752; rateable value, £3,419; the population in 1871 was 444.

PARISH CLERK, John Lush.

POST OFFICE, John Burt, receiver. Letters arrive through Ludwell, Donhead St. Mary, via Salisbury, at 8.30 a.m.; dispatched at 5.40 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Donhead St. Andrew.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, William Moss, master.

CARRIERS, William Mullins, to Salisbury, Tuesday; to Shaftesbury, Saturday, returning same days; John Kelly, to Salisbury, Tuesday, returning same day.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Griffith	Charles Arthur	Rev. M.A.	Rector	Rectory
Hill	Walter Blackford	Rev.	Curate	
Rivers		Lord		Rushmore Lodge

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Antell	Charles		Farmer	
Barnett	Thomas		Farmer	Easton farm
Blandford	Henry		Shoe maker	
Burt	Harry		Blacksmith	
Cooper	Thomas		Farmer	Upton farm
Hare	Mark		Publican	Grove Arms
Henstridge	Robert		Mason	
Jenkins	James		Shoemaker	
Mullins	William		Farmer & carrier	
Sims	Henry		Farmer	
Thomas	Edwin		Farmer	Manor farm
Thomas	John Clark		Farmer	Easton farm
Trowbridge	Henry		Shopkeeper	
Young	Samuel		Bailiff to Sir Thomas Fraser Grove, bart.	