



Kelly's Directory Extract 1939



Imber

Imber is a parish, 7 miles east-by-north from Warminster station, 7 south-east from Westbury station, and 5 north-east from Heytesbury station, all on the Salisbury and Westbury branch of the Great Western railway, in the Westbury division of the county, Swanborough hundred, Warminster union, petty sessional division and county court district, rural deanery of Potterne (Potterne portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. Water is supplied by the War Department.

The church of St. Giles is an ancient and beautiful stone building of various dates, mainly in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, aisles, north porch, and an embattled western tower, with five pinnacles and containing 5 bells, cast by John Lot, of Warminster, 1635: the Norman church was rebuilt in 1280, but the bases and nave columns still remain; in 1380 the tower and north porch were added, and the interesting wagon roof constructed: the nave arcade has remains of 15th century decoration: there is a piscina at the east end of the south aisle, showing that an altar originally stood against the east wall: fragments of ancient glass remain in two of the aisle windows; in the porch is a mutilated stoup: two recumbent stone effigies of knights lie in the church; the earlier one, that of a Crusader, lies under a 14th century canopy; the other dates from 1412; it is a memorial tomb of a Le Roux, and the carved shield bears the family arms of three lions rampant: the font is Early Norman, with herring-bone work round the top: the chancel was rebuilt in 1849 by the Marquess of Bath, and the church was thoroughly restored in 1895: there are about 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1707. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £285, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1929 by the Rev. William Walser. There is a Baptist chapel, built in 1839, seating 180.

The principal landowners are the War Office.

The soil is flinty; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and pasture. The area is 3,052 acres; the population in 1931 was 152.

Post & T. Office. Letters through Devizes. Littleton Panel nearest M.O. office.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Walser	William	Rev.	(Vicar)	The Vicarage, Imber
Whistler	Robert	Maj. M.C.		Imber Court Farm
Williams	Arthur Cecil	Capt.		Brown's Farm, Imber

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bell Inn			(Wm. Jas. Leighfield, prop)	Imber
Carter	Jn.		Carpenter & Post Office (Imber 1)	Imber
Dean	Sydney George		Farmer	Seagrams & Parsonage Farms, Imber
Hooper	Chas. L.		Farmer	Brown's Farm, Imber
Nash	Albert		Blacksmith	Imber
Wyatt	Frank		Smallholder	Imber