

# Kellys Directory Extract 1903



## Alton Barnes (or Berners)



Is a parish and small village adjoining Alton Priors, near the Kennet and Avon canal, 2 miles north from Woodborough station on the Berks and Hants Extension branch of the Great Western railway, 7 east from Devizes, 7 south-west from Marlborough, and 4 north-west from Pewsey, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Swanborough petty sessional division, union and county court district of Devizes and rural deanery of Avebury (Cannings portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Mary is a small but ancient edifice of stone and plaster, consisting of chancel and nave only: there are two bells: the east window is stained, and there is a brass and several mural tablets to former rectors: there are 100 sittings. The register dates from the year 1593. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £158, including 38 acres of glebe, and residence, in the gift of the warden and fellows of New College, Oxford, and held since 1901 by the Rev. Charles Andrew Sladen, M.A. of University College, Oxford. Francis William Brereton left by will in 1864 £100 to be invested in Consols, and the interest given to the poor annually. On the side of one of the downs here a singular figure of a white horse has been cut, which, from its immense proportions, is a conspicuous object for many miles; there is a similar figure at Cherhill. The warden and fellows of New College, Oxford, are lords of the manor and chief landowners. The soil is sand and clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 607 acres; rateable value, £549: the population in 1901 was 131.

Parish Clerk, William Bailey.

Post & M.O. Office - William Pope, sub-postmaster. Letters received from Pewsey S.O. arrive at 7.15 & 4.25 p.m.; Sundays, 7.15 & 10.25 a.m.; dispatched at 9.55 & 5.50 p.m. The nearest telegraph office is at Woodborough, 2 miles distant. Wall Letter Box, Honey street, cleared at 10 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; Sundays, 10.20 a.m.

Elementary School (mixed), for Alton Priors & Alton Barnes, erected by voluntary subscriptions in 1867 & enlarged in 1893, for 80 children; average attendance, 63; William Stanley Butler, master.

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Sladen	Charles Andrew	Rev., M.A.	Rector	

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	William		Parish Clerk	
Butler	William Stanley		Schoolmaster & tax collector	
Huntley		& Sons	Builders & Wheelwrights	
Huntley	Mary C.	Mrs.	Farmer	
Pope	William		Grocer, Patent Medicine Vendor & Post Office	
Willes	John		Farm bailiff to Mr. Arthur Stratton	