



Kellys Directory Extract 1903



Alton Priors

Is a small village and parish near the Kennet and Avon canal, 2½ miles north from the Woodborough station on the Berks. and Hants. Extension branch of the Great Western railway, 7 east from Devizes and 4 north-west from Pewsey, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Elstub and Everleigh, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Pewsey union, Marlborough county court district, rural deanery of Avebury (Cannings portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of All Saints is an ancient building of stone in the Norman style, consisting of chancel and nave, and an embattled western tower containing 3 bells: the east window is stained: in the chancel is a marble tomb, with brass dated 1590, to William Button, an ancestor of Sir Henry Bruce Meux, bart and in the floor of the nave is a brass representing a nun, dated 1528, to Agnes Button: there are 120 sittings. The register dates from the year 1664. The living is a chapelry, joint net yearly value £408, annexed to the vicarage of Overton with Fyfield, in the gift of Lady Meux, and held since 1899 by the Rev. Henry Tootell, M.A. of University College, Oxford, who resides at West Overton. Lieut.-Col. William Lewis Stucley Stucley, of Hartland Abbey, Bideford, Devonshire, who is lord of the manor. Mr. Francis Cave and Col. Charles Edward Lang, J.P. are chief landowners. The soil is clay; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and beans. The area is 1907 acres; rateable value, £1,013; the population in 1901 was 217.

West Stowell is a tithing 2 miles east. On the downs, to the north, are barrows.

Letters arrive from Pewsey S.O. at 7.15 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.; Sundays 7.15 a.m. Woodborough is the nearest money order & telegraph office, 2½ miles distant. Wall Letter Box, West Stowell, cleared 7.15 a.m. & 6.25 p.m.; Sundays, 11.15 a.m.

The children of this place attend Alton Barnes school.

Carrier - Edwin Simon Tasker, Devizes, Thursday

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Lang	Charles Edward	Col.	J.P.	West Stowell house
Stratton	Arthur			Manor House

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	William		Teacher	
Cave	Francis		Farmer & Landowner	West Stowell
Stratton	Arthur		Farmer, & Steam Plough and Threshing Machine Owner	
Tasker	Edwin Simon		Grocer, Baker, Boot Dealer & Carrier	