



Kellys Directory Extract 1907



Alton Priors

Alton Priors, is a small village and parish near the Kennet and Avon canal, 2 and a half 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 Menx 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 Alexander Taylor esq. 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, of Hartland Abbey, Bideford, Devonshire, who is the 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 1,907 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 7:15am & 4:30pm; Sundays, 7:15am. Alton Barnes is the nearest money order & telegraph office, half a mile distant.

Wall Letter Box cleared at 7:30am & 6:10pm; Sundays, 10:35am.

Wall Letter Box, West Stowell, cleared at 7:15am & 6:25pm; Sundays, 11:15am.

The children of this place attend Alton Barnes school.

Carrier – Edwin Simon Tasker, Devizes, Thursday

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Stratton	Arthur			Manor House

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	William		Thatcher	
Stratton	Arthur		Farmer & Steam Plough & Threshing Machine Owner	
Tasker	Edwin Simon		Baker, Boot Dealer & Carrier	

WEST STOWELL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Cave	Francis		Farmer & Landowner	
Lang	Charles Edward	Colonel. J.P.		West Stowell House