



Kellys Directory Extract 1911



Alton Priors

Alton Priors is a small village and parish near the Kennet and Avon canal, 2½miles 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 Eastern division of the county, hundred of Elstub and Everleigh, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Pewsey unio, 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 Alexander Taylor, esq. and held since 1899 by the Rev. Henry Tootell, M.A. of University College, Oxford, who resides at West Overton. Marmaduke H. Best, esq., of Dorrington, Newbury, 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 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.

Post Office - Letters arrive from Pewsey, Wilts, at 7.15 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.; Sundays, 7.15 a.m. Alton Barnes is the nearest money order & telegraph office, half a mile distant.

Wall letter boxes - Alton Priors, cleared at 6.10 p.m.; Sundays, 10.35 a.m. & West Stowell, cleared 6.25 p.m.; Sundays 11.15 a.m.

The children of this place attend Alton Barnes School.

Carrier - Thomas Tasker, Devizes, Thursday.

Residents

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

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	William		Thatcher	
Tasker	Thomas		Baker & Carrier	

West Stowell

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