



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Alton Barnes



ALTON BARNES (or Barners) is a parish and small village, adjoining Alton Priors, near the Kennet & Avon canal, 2 miles north from Woodborough station, on the Berks & 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, 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, with the chapelry of Alton Priors annexed; joint net yearly value £200, 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 MA 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 Chervil.

The warden and fellows of New College, Oxford are lords of the manor and chief landowners; the soil is sand and clay, sub-soil chalk; the chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 609 acres, rateable value £526, and the population in 1911 was 151.

Parish Clerk, Arthur Bailey

Post, M O & T Office: Mrs Ann Marie Pope, sub-postmistress. Letters received from Pewsey arrive at 6.55am & 3.55pm, Sundays, 7.55am, dispatched at 10.40am & 5.40pm, Sundays, 10.20am
Wall Letter Box:- Honey St, cleared at 10.35am & 5.45pm, Sundays, 10.15am

Elementary School (mixed) for Alton Priors and Alton Barnes, erected by voluntary subscriptions in 1867 and enlarged in 1893, for 81 children; William Stanley Butler, master

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

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Butler	William Stanley		School Master & Tax Collector	
Huntley	& sons		Builders	
Pope	William		Grocer & Patent Medicine Vendor	Post Office
Willis	John		Farm Bailiff to Arthur Stratton Esq	