



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915

## Alton Priors



**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 representing a nun, dated 1528, to Agnes Button: there are 120 sittings. The register dates from the year 1664. The living is a chapelry, annexed to the rectory of Alton Barnes, joint net yearly value £200, in the gift of New College, Oxford, and held since 1914 by the Rev Charles Andrew Sladen MA of University College, Oxford, who resides at Alton Barnes. The warden and fellows of New College, Oxford, who are lords of the manor, and Mr Francis Cave are chief landowners. The soil is clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and beans. The area is 1,909 acres; rateable value £1,013; the population in 1911 was 175.

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

**Letters** arrive from Pewsey, Wilts, at 7.15am & 4.30pm; Sundays 7.15am. Alton Barnes is the nearest money order & telegraph office, half a mile distant

**Wall Letter Boxes:** Alton Priors, clears at 10.50am & 6.10pm; Sundays 10.35am & West Stowell cleared 11.05am & 6.30pm: Sundays 11.15am

The children of this place attend Alton Barnes school

**Carrier:** Thomas Tasker, Devizes, Thursday

### Gentry/Private Residents – Alton Priors

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

### Traders – Alton Priors

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

### Gentry/Private Residents – West Stowell

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Lang	Charles Edward	Colonel, J.P.		West Stowell House

### Traders – West Stowell

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Cave	Francis		Farmer & Landowner	