



Kellys Directory Extract 1931

Alton Barnes



ALTON BARNES (or Berners) is a parish and small village adjoining Alton Priors, near the Kennet and 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 Devizes division of the county, hundred of Swanborough, petty sessional division, rural district 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 Saxon edifice of stone and plaster, consisting of chancel and nave only: there are 2 bells: the east window is stained, and there is a brass and several mural tablets to former rectors: on the north wall is a tablet bearing the names of the men of this parish and of the parish of Alton Priors who fell in the Great War, 1914-18: 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 £394, including 13 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Warden and Fellows of New College, Oxford, and held since 1925 by the Rev. Nathaniel Llewellyn Jenkins M.A. of Wadham 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 Cherhill. The Warden and Fellows of New College, Oxford, are lords of the manor and chief landowners. The soil is sand and clay; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 609 acres; the population in 1921 was 125 in the civil and 307 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Parish Clerk, Arthur Bailey

Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office (available for calls to places within a limited distance). Letters through Marlborough

Gentry/Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
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| Jenkins | Nathaniel Llewellyn | Rev.; M.A. | Rector | |

Commercial

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
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| Huntley | William H. | | Builder | Telephone Number Woodborough 12 |
| Lovegrove | C. | | Thatcher | |
| Pope | S. J. | | Grocers | Post Office; Telephone Number Woodborough 22 |
| Pope | S. C. | | Grocers | Post Office; T N Woodborough 22 Post Office; Telephone Number Woodborough 22 |
| Willes | John | | Farm Bailiff to A. G. Stratton, Esq. | |