



Kellys Directory Extract 1931

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 & Hants Extension branch of the Great Western railway, 7 east from Devizes and 4 north-west from Pewsey, in the Devizes division of the county, hundred of Elstub and Everleigh, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Pewsey rural district, 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 edifice 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, annexed to the rectory of Alton Barnes, joint net yearly value £394, in the gift of New College, Oxford, and held since 1925 by the Rev. Nathaniel Llewellyn Jenkins M.A. of Wadham College, Oxford, who resides at Alton Barnes. On a tablet in the church at Alton Barnes are recorded the names of the men of Alton Priors who fell in the Great War, 1914-18. 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; the population in 1921 was 182.

West Stowell is a tithing, 2 miles east. West Stowell House is the property and residence of Sir Eric Clare Edmund Phipps K.C.M.G., C.V.O. On the downs, to the north, are barrows.

Letters through Marlborough, Wilts. Alton Barnes is the nearest M. O. & T. office

Carrier.- Charles Pope, Devizes, thurs

Gentry/Private Residents – Alton Priors

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

Commercial – Alton Priors

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Stratton	Arthur Guy		Farmer (150 acres or over)	

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Phipps	Eric Clare Edmund	Sir; K.C.M.G., C.V.O		West Stowell House

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Langdon	Coryndon Rupert		Farmer	
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