

## Kellys Directory Extract 1915 Alvediston



**ALVEDISTON** is a parish 4 miles south east from Tisbury station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the South Western railway, 12 west from Salisbury and 8 east from Shaftesbury, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Chalk, Tisbury union, Tisbury and Mere petty sessional division, Shaftesbury county court district, Chalke rural deanery (Chalke portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury: it lies for most part in a deep bottom or hollow, on the left of the north road from Salisbury to Shaftesbury, whence a new road has been cut up the steep side of the down to Crockerton Firs, from which, at a height of 700 ft. a beautiful and commanding view of the surrounding country is obtained before making the descent across to the opposite side of the hill into Alvediston below. White Sheet Hill is a lofty down beginning here and extending nearly to the city of Salisbury, a distance of 15 miles. The church of St Mary the Virgin is an ancient structure of stone, in the Transition style, consisting of chancel with north aisle, nave, transepts, south porch, and a western embattled tower with pinnacles containing 3 bells; the stained east window was given by Lady Herbert of Lea, in memory of her husband: the font is said to be Norman: the church was restored in 1865, and will seat 160 persons. The registers date from the year 1592. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £112, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Broad Chalke, and is at present (1915) vacant. Here is a small Primitive Methodist chapel, built in 1894, with 108 sittings. The principal landowners are William Wyndham esq. BA., JP. And Capt. The Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery MVO who is lord of the manor. The soil is loam and clay; subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and beans. The area is 2,534 acres; rateable value, £1,299: population in 1911, 193.

**Post Office:** Henry Charles Coombs, sub-postmaster. Letters received from Salisbury via Broad Chalke arrive at 7.20am & 5.45pm; dispatched at 7.30am & 5.45pm; Sunday, 9am. Donhead St Andrew, 4 miles distant, is the nearest telegraph office and Ebbesbourne is the nearest money order office.

Elementary School (mixed), with residence for teacher, built in 1872, for 30 children; Miss Dora M Cooper, mistress.

## **Gentry/Private Residents**

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Parham	Bernard			Norington House

## **Traders**

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Collis	Joe		Farm Foreman to B Parham esq	
Compton	George D			Crown Inn
Heole	Frederic William		Farmer & Landowner	Tower House
Sims	Emma	Mrs	Farmer	
Sims	Tom Henry		Farmer	Church Farm