

Kellys Directory Extract 1898 Ansty



ANSTY is a village and parish encompassed by downs on every side except the south, 2 miles south by east from Tisbury station on the Somerset and Yeovil branch of the London and South Western railway, 13½ west from Salisbury, 7 north east from Shaftesbury and 95½ from London, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Dunworth, Tisbury petty Sessional division, Shaftesbury county court district, Tisbury union, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. James is a cruciform edifice of stone in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, transepts, north porch and a small western belfry containing one bell: the church was restored in 1842, and more completely in 1878 and a vestry added, at a cost of about £500: there is a stained east window in memory of the late Rev. J H Samler: the church will seat 290 persons. The register dates from the year 1654. The living is a donative, net income £22.10s. in the gift of Lord Arundell of Wardour, and held since 1898 by the Rev. Quartus Bacon M.A. of St. John's College Oxford. Nearly adjoining the churchyard, to the north, is a pile of old buildings, supposed to have belonged to the abbey of Shaftesbury. The whole of the parish belongs to Lord Arundell of Wardour, who is lord of the manor. The soil is sandy: subsoil sandstone. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 1,379 acres; rateable value £1,161; the population in 1891 was 247 in the civil and 262 in the ecclesiastical parish.

By an order dated March 25, 1885, a detached part of this parish, known as Sangers, was amalgamated with Wardour.

Parish Clerk - William Lever

Letters through Salisbury arrive at 7.45am. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Tisbury, 2 miles distant. Wall Letter Box cleared at 6pm and 3am on Sundays.

The children attend school at Swallowcliffe & Wardour

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bacon	Quartus		Rector	
Lever	William			Ansty House
Brain	Emily	Mrs.	Farmer	Manor Farm
Butt	Edward		Gunsmith	
Dewey	Edwin		Shopkeeper & Dairyman	
Gray	Walter		Publican	Arundell Arms
Green	Ernest W.		Farmer	
Hansford	William		Builder & Wheelwright	
Parsons	Henry			Dairy
Jeffery	John		Farmer	Wardour Old Castle **
Parmiter	Joseph P.		Farmer	Harwood Farm **

** Postal address Swallowcliffe

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