



# Ansty Directory Extract 1939



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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 Southern railway, 13½ west from Salisbury, 7 north east from Shaftesbury and 95½ from London, in the Salisbury division of the county, hundred of Dunworth, rural district of Mere and Tisbury, petty sessional division of Tisbury and Mere, Shaftesbury county court district, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. Electricity is available. The church of St James, a church of the Crusaders, completed in 1230, 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, more completely in 1878 when a vestry was added, and again in 1916: there is a stained east window in memory of the Rev. J.H. Samler: the church will seat 120 persons. The register dates from the year 1654. The living is a vicarage, annexed to that of Swallowcliffe, joint net yearly value £327, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury and held since 1936 by the Rev. William Fowler M.A. Of Hatfield Hall, Durham, who resides at Swallowcliffe. 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 and oats. The area is 1,382 acres; the population in 1931 was 213. By an Order dated March 25 1885, a detached part of this parish known as Sangers was amalgamated with Wardour for civil purposes.

Letters through Salisbury      The nearest M.O. office is at Tisbury      Nearest T. office Swallowcliffe

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Best	Geoffrey George		Publican	Arundell Arms
Brain	Ernest Silas		Farmer	Harwood Farm * Telephone No. Donhead 10
Brain	Stewart Edward		Farmer	South Farm *
Davey	Fred		Confectioner	
Fowler	William		Rector	
Green	Leslie Arthur		Farmer	Hillside *
Hansford	George		Builder, Painter, Decorator, Wheelwright & Blacksmith	
Lever	Bert		Secretary, Ansty Recreation Hut	
Lever	Charles Edgar		Haulier	
Parsons	Ernest		Dairy Farmer	
Rees	Charles William		Farmer	Manor Farm Telephone No. Tisbury 268

Marked \* Farm 150 acres or over