



Post Office Directory Extract 1855



Ansty

ANSTY, a township, village, and parish, 13 ½ miles west of Salisbury, and 7 north-east of Shaftesbury, in the Hundred of Dunworth, Hindon division, Tisbury Union, South Wilts. The village is encompassed with downs on every side, excepting towards the north. It contains 1,342 acres, and, in 1851, 367 inhabitants. The whole of the parish belongs to Lord Arundel, of Wardour, who is likewise lord of the manor. The church was rebuilt about twelve years since; it has the form of a cross, of small dimensions, but very neat; it has no tower, but a small belfry containing 1 bell. Nearly adjoining the churchyard, to the north, is a pile of old buildings, now occupied as a farm-house and barns, supposed to have belonged to the abbey of Shaftesbury. The living is a perpetual curacy, in the diocese of Sarum, valued at £22 10s., in the gift of Lord Arundel; the incumbent is the Rev. John Harman Samler, M.A., of Pembroke College, Oxford, who resides in the adjoining parish of Swallowcliff, of which he is also the incumbent. The National school is in Swallowcliff. There is a Roman Catholic school, supported by Lord Arundel.

Letters through Salisbury. The nearest money order office is at Shaftesbury.

CARRIERS:-

John Holloway, to Salisbury, Tuesday & Friday; to Shaftesbury, Saturday, returning same day.
Henry Foyle Parsons, to Salisbury, Tuesday, returning same day.

Catholic School, Miss Martha Roberts; mistress.

Residents & Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bowles	John		Dairyman	
Coombes	John		Farmer	
Foster	Charles Read		Farmer	
Green	Henry		Farmer	
Holloway	John		Carrier	
Jeffery	Thomas		Farmer	
King	Samuel		Beer Retailer & Farmer	
Lever	Eliza	Mrs	Beer Retailer	
Lever	Henry		Parish Clerk	
Lever	William		Carpenter	
Parsons	Henry		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Parsons	Henry Foyle		Carrier	
Roberts	Martha	Miss	Mistress of National School	
Taylor	Moses		Shoemaker	
Viney	James		Gunsmith	
White	William		Smith	
Wood	John		Mason	