



Post Office Directory Extract 1859



Ansty

ANSTY a township, village, and parish, 13½ miles west of Salisbury, and 7 north-east of Shaftesbury, in the hundred of Dunworth, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and deanery of Chalke, 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 of St. James was rebuilt about the year 1842; it is in 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 donative, 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 earliest register bears date 1654.

The National school is in Swallowcliffe. There is a Roman Catholic school, supported by Lord Arundel.

Catholic school, Miss Martha Roberts, mistress.

Carrier – John Holloway, to Salisbury, Tuesday; to Shaftesbury, Saturday, returning the same day.

Letters though Salisbury. The nearest money order offices are at Shaftesbury and Hindon.

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bowles	John		Dairyman	
Butt	James		Gunsmith	
Coombes	John		Farmer	
Cox	George		Shopkeeper	
Edwards	James		Dairyman	
Foster	Charles Read		Farmer	
Green	Henry		Farmer	
Holloway	John		Carrier	
Jeffery	Thomas		Farmer	
King	Mary	Mrs.	Beer Retailer & Farmer	
Lever	Henry		Parish Clerk	
Lever	Joseph		Beer Retailer	
Lever	Luke		Carpenter	
Lever	William		Carpenter	
Parsons	Henry		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Randall	Richard		Farmer	
Taylor	Moses		Shoemaker	
Viney	James		Bricklayer	
Wood	John		Mason	