

Avebury is a parish on the Kennet, in the Northern district of the county, hundred of Selkley, Marlborough division and county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of North Wilts, and rural deanery of Avebury, containing the village of Avebury, with the hamlets of Beckhampton and West Kennet, 7 miles west from Marlborough, and 9 northeast from Devizes. The church of St. James is a fine old stone building, with a well built tower containing 5 bells and a clock: within is a Norman font, the bowl of which is carved with the figure of a bishop holding the gospels to his breast, and piercing, with his crozier, a serpent which lies coiled around: at the south entrance is a rich Norman doorway, and over the chancel arch a rood screen, beautifully painted, and in perfect preservation. The register dates from 1689. The living is a vicarage, valued at about £300, with residence, in the gift of Mr. Duncan, and held by the Rev. Bryan King, M.A., of Brasenose College, Oxford. Here is a National school, well supported. The Devil's Den is to the west. Richard Jones, Esq., is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is of loam and clay: subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oars and roots. The area is 4,544 acres, and the population in 1861 was 725.

Beckhampton is one-mile south-west.

West Kennet is a hamlet one mile south-east.

On Windmill Hill, as well as on the surrounding downs are numerous barrows. Silbury Hill is one mile south. The remains of the Druidical temple at Avebury are crossed by two roads.

Parish clerk, Lawrence Chivers.

Post Office. - Letter Box. Letters arrive from Calne for Avebury, and from Marlborough for West Kennet. The nearest money order offices are at Marlborough & Calne.

Parochial School, Lawrence Chivers, master; Miss Sarah Chivers, mistress.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish		
Brown	George	Esq.				
Burke	Edmund	Captain		The Lodge		
Butler	George	Esq.				
Cornwall	James	Mr.				
Kemm	Thomas	Esq.		Manor House		
Kemm		Mrs.		West Kennet		
King	Bryan	Rev., M.A.	Vicar	Vicarage		

Private Residents

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bedford	John		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Brewer	George		Shopkeeper	Beckhampton
Brown	George		Farmer	
Butler	George		Maltster & Brewer	West Kennet Brewery
Chivers	John		Thatcher	
Chivers	Lawrence		Parish Clerk & Schoolmaster	
Chivers	Sarah	Miss	Schoolmistress	
Cornwall	Jane	Mrs.		Ladies School

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Deacon	Jeremiah		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Dunsby	Gidding Barratt		Plumber & Glazier	
Fowler	Joseph		Blacksmith	
Fowler	Samuel		Carpenter	
Kemm	Thomas		Farmer	Manor House
Marchant	Job		Tailor	
Neate	Jane	Mrs.	Publican	Red Lion
Paradise	James		Blacksmith	
Pinniger	Jacob Frederick		Farmer	West Kennett
Pinniger	Thomas L.		Farmer	Beckhampton
Pratt	Harriet	Mrs.	Sadler	
Salter	Isaac		Farmer	Westbrook Farm
Shipway	John		Bricklayer	
Sloper	George		Shopkeeper	
Sloper	Simon		Publican	Wagon & Horses, Beckhampton
Smith	Robert		Farmer	
Tilly	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
Titcomb	Richard		Carpenter	
Turner	Albert		Shoemaker	
Wentworth	John		Farmer	Beckhampton
Wentworth	Thomas		Farmer	

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