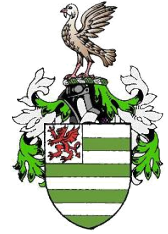




Post Office Directory Extract 1855

Avebury



Avebury - is a township and parish on the Kennet, in the Hundred of Selkley and Marlborough Union, containing the village of Avebury, with the hamlets of Beckhampton and West Kennet, 7 miles west of Marlborough, and 9 north-east from Devizes. The population, in 1851, was 768, and the area 4,544 acres. The church of St. James is a fine old 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. The living is a vicarage, united to that of Winterbourne Monkton, valued at £196 10s., in the gift of the Lord Chancellor. The vicar is the Rev. John L. Ross. Here is a National school well supported. At West Kennet, 1½ miles south-east of the village, is the brewery of the long celebrated Kennet ale. The Devil's Den is to the east.

Beckhampton is 1 mile south-west; Penning Barn, 1 mile south-west; Waden Hill, half a mile south-east. This latter seems to take its name from the god Waden, or Woden. On Windmill Hill are numerous barrows. Silbury Hill is 1 mile south. The remains of the Druidical temple at Avebury are crossed by two roads.

Post Office - Mrs. Mary Gale, receiver. Letters arrive by foot post from Marlborough at 9. a.m.; dispatched ½ past 4 p.m. The nearest money order offices are at Marlborough and Calne.

Church - Rev. John L. Ross, vicar; Lawrence Chivers, clerk

National School - Lawrence Chivers, master; Mrs. Sarah Chivers, mistress

Carrier to Marlborough - Spackman, to the "Green Dragon", High Street, Tuesday & Saturday.

Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	George	Esq.		
Butler	George	Esq.		West Kennet
Fitzgerald	Charles Penruddock	Esq.		
Hawkins	Sarah	Mrs.		
Kemm		Mrs.		Manor House
Kemm	Thomas	Esq.		West Kennet
Pyke	James	Mr.		
Ross	John Lockard		Vicar	Vicarage
Tanner	William	Esq.		West Kennet
Wentworth	Jane	Mrs.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bedford	John		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Butler	George		Maltster & Brewer of the Kennet Ale	West Kennet
Brown	George		Farmer	
Chivers	John		Thatcher	
Chivers	Lawrence		National Schoolmaster & Parish Clerk	
Dark	Isaac		Farmer	
Deacon	Jeremiah		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Dew	James		Carpenter	
Fitzgerald	Charles Penruddock		Surgeon	
Fowler	Joseph		Blacksmith	
Gale	Mary	Mrs.	Postmistress	
Kemm	Thomas		Farmer	

Marchant	Job		Tailor	
Neate	Thomas		Publican	Red Lion
Paradise	James		Blacksmith	
Piniger	Jacob		Farmer	West Kennet
Piniger	Thomas Lord		Farmer	Beckhampton
Pratt	William		Saddler	
Shipway	John		Bricklayer	
Sloper	George		Butcher, Baker & Shopkeeper	
Sloper	Simon		Publican	Waggon & Horse, Beckhampton
Smith	George		Carpenter & Shopkeeper	
Smith	Joseph		Shopkeeper & Beer Retailer	
Titcomb	Richard		Carpenter	
Treene	William		Trainer of Horses	Beckhampton
Wentworth	John		Farmer	Beckhampton
Wentworth	Samuel		Farmer	