



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Avebury

Avebury is a parish on the Kennet, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Selkley, Marlborough union 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 Kennett**, 7 miles west from Marlborough, and 9 north-east from Devizes. The church of St. James is a fine old stone building, with a tower containing 3 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. Dunaton, and held by the Rev. Bryan King, M.A., of Brasnose College, Oxford. There is a Free Church of England, with school in connection, and a National school, well supported; also a Baptist chapel in the village. Hawkins' charity of £5 17s 6d, yearly is for clothing. The Devil's Den cromlech between Avebury and Marlborough, is to the east. The trustees of Sir Henry Meux, bart., are lords of the manor and principal landowners. The soil is loam and clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats, and roots. The area is 4,544 acres; gross estimated rental, £5,942; rateable value, £3,510, and the population in 1871 was 769.

Beckhampton is 1 mile south-west; West Kennett 1 mile south-east.

On Windmill Hill, as well as on the surrounding downs, are numerous barrows. Silbury Hill is 1 mile south. The remains of the Druidical temple at Avebury are crossed by two roads.

POST OFFICE - Letter box, Avebury, cleared 5.30 p.m. week days only. West Kennett, 5.30 p.m. weekdays; 10 a.m. Mondays. Letters arrive from Calne for Avebury & from Marlborough for West Kennett. The nearest money order offices are at Marlborough & Calne.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL - Miss Marian Lodder, mistress.

Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	George			
Butler	George			West Kennett
Kemm	Thomas			Manor House
Kemm		Mrs.		West Kennett
King	Bryan	Rev. M.A.	Vicar	Vicarage
Miley	John	Rev.	Free Church of England	
Pinniger	Thomas L.			Beckhampton
Ryder	Francis			
Smith	Robert			The Lodge

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baver	Henry W.		Plumber, Painter &c.	
Bedford	John		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Bronsdon	Daniel		Farmer	
Brown	George		Farmer	
Butler	George		Maltster & Brewer	West Kennett Brewery
Casswell	James		Shopkeeper	
Chivers	John		Thatcher	
Coleman	John H.		Shopkeeper	West Kennett
Cornwall	Jane	Mrs.	Ladies' School	
Deacon	Jeremiah		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Fowler	John		Blacksmith	

Fowler	Samuel		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Goddard	George		Shopkeeper	Beckhampton
Kemm	Thomas		Farmer	Manor House
Kemm	William		Farmer	
Marchant	Job		Tailor	
Mason	Thomas		Farmer	Westbrook Cottage
Noate	Peter		Publican	Red Lion
Paradise	Richard		Blacksmith	
Pinniger	Walter A.		Farmer	West Kennett
Pratt	Harriet	Mrs.	Saddler	
Ryder	Francis		Surgeon	
Sayer	John		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Shipway	John		Bricklayer	
Sloper	Jane	Miss	Publican	Waggon & Horses
Sloper	Sarah	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Smith	Robert		Farmer	Hitchcock's Farm
Spackman	Roger		Farmer	West Kennett
Tilly	Thomas		Grocer, Baker & Butcher	
Titcomb	Richard		Carpenter	
Turner	Albert		Shoe Maker	
Wentworth	John		Farmer	Beckhampton
Wentworth	Norman King		Farmer	