



Swindon & District Directory Extract 1928



Biddestone

This ancient and picturesque village formerly consisted of two parishes St. Peter and St. Nicholas – but they were amalgamated in 1884. The village is 2½ miles from Corsham and 4 from Chippenham, and is in the Petty Sessional Division, County Court District and Rural Deanery of Chippenham. The Church of St. Nicholas is an ancient structure of stone, with Norman and Transitional work, consisting of chancel and nave, and there is a curious old belfry over the chancel arch. The chancel and nave were repaired in 1900 by the Trustees of Winchester College. The register dates from 1688. The living is held by the Rev. Harry E. Ketchley, M.A., and is of the net annual value of £300. St. Peter's Church has long since disappeared. There are Primitive Methodist and Baptist Chapels in the village. On the green is a Cross erected to the memory of the men of the parish who fell in the Great War. Col. Nicholson, of Hartham Park, and Capt. F. W. Morley are the principal landowners. Letters arrive from Chippenham via Ford, where there is a Money Order and Postal and Telegraph Office. The area of the parish is 1.951 acres; population, 417.

RECTOR – Rev. H. E. Ketchley, M.A.

SCHOOL MASTER – J. Wiles

SUB-POSTMISTRESS – Maud Smith

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Alexander	W.			Hartham Lane
Allsop	W.			
Baker	A. J. H.			Yatton Road
Baker	E.			Shally Lane
Baker	G.			The Butts
Baker	W. J.			The Butts
Ball	E.			Cuttle Lane
Barnfield	G.			
Bartlett	A. E.			The Butts
Bartlett	H. G.			The Green
Bean		Mrs.		
Beard	F.			Cuttle Lane
Beard	W.			The Butts
Beazer	A.			Hart Lane
Beazer	G.			Turnpike
Beazer	Harry			The Butts
Beazer	Henry			The Butts
Beazer	W. T.			Church Row
Bence	I.			The Butts
Bird	M.			The Butts
Brain	A.			Church Street
Briggs	C. J.	Admiral Sir, K.C.B.		Willow House
Brooks				The Green
Bushel	G.			The Butts
Carpenter				The Barracks
Chamberlain	T.			Cuttle Lane
Coates	A.			Church Street
Cole	W.			Hart Lane
Coleman	E. A.			Hartham Lane
Coleman	W.			

Coles	A. W.			
Coles	H. L.			
Coles	V.			
Cove	S.			
Croker	J.			The Butts
Croker	W. J.			Biddestone Fields
Cullimore	J.			Church Street
Cullimore	J., Jnr.			The Green
Davis	J.			Cuttle Lane
Dolman	A.			Red Houses
Down	A. L.			Mountjoy Farm
Edwards	H.		Policeman	Hartham Lane
Elliott	F. M.			Elm House Farm
Elliott	M. A.	Mrs.		The Hollies
Fishlock	H.			Red Houses
Gorton	A.			Biddestone
Gorton	E.			
Gorton	T.			
Gullis	D.			Church Row
Haddrell	H.			
Hall	J.			
Hamlyn	T. M.			The Green
Hancock	I.			Cuttle Lane
Hand	F.			Yatton Road
Hand	J.			Cuttle Lane
Hand	W. S.			
Hart	J.			
Hart	W. E.			Home Farm
Hayward	F. J.			Red House
Hazel	A.			Hartham Lane
Hemings	A.			
Hemmings	J.			Cuttle Lane
Hemmings	S.			Middle Hill
Hoddinott	H. F.			Sheldon Farm
Holder	R.			
Honey	H. E.			
Howell	J.			Cuttle Lane
Hulbert		Mrs.		
Ince	F.			Corsham Road
Irish	F. T.			
Jacques	T. B.			Cuttle Lane
Jones	D. O.			Poole Farm
Jones	J.			Cuttle Lane
Karslake		Mrs.		The Elms
Ketchley	H. E.	Rev.		The Rectory
Long	Mary			
Matthews	A. D.			Cuttle Lane
Matthews	D. A.			Church Street
Miles	J.			Red Houses
Moore	J.			The Green
Morley	F. W.			The Manor
Morse	W. J.			
Neale	A.			
Neale	E.			
Newman	Harry			The Butts
Newman	Henry			
Parson	D.			Sunnyside
Ponting	R. H.			Honeybrook Farm
Preston		Miss		Weaverne Farm
Pullin	E. J.			
Scammell	B.			
Scuse	F.			Cuttle Lane
Smallman	E. R.			
Smith	A.			The Barracks
Smith	G. T.			The Butts

Smith	H.		
Smith	Maud.		Post Office
Smith	R.		The Butts
Smith	S.		
Smith	W.		Post Office
Sprules	E. W.		Corsham Road
Summers	H. R.		Field Farm
Swindon	G., Jnr.		The Butts
Swindon	G., Snr.		The Butts
Taylor	W.		
Tuck	H. J.		The Rocks
Valentine	J.		
Waite	A.		
Wakefield	H. C.		The Butts
Ware	Eber		
Ware	Edward		
Ware	J. J.		
Whitbread	A.		
White	F.		
Wicks		Miss	The Green
Wightman	H.		
Woodman	G.		
Wright	J.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Orchard & Co.		Steam Saw Mills
Croft	S.		Publican	White Horse
Deadman	A.		Publican	White Hart
Maxay	W.		Publican	New Inn
Orchard	B. W.		Timber Merchant	
Tuck	A.		Publican	New Inn