

Post Office Directory 1875

Chute is a village and parish, in the Southern division of the county, Kinwardstone hundred, Andover union and county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and rural deanery of Marlborough, 13 miles from Marlborough, and 3 north-east from Ludgershall, delightfully situated on the side of a hill bordering on Hampshire.

The church of St Nicholas was entirely rebuilt by private subscription in 1871, and re-opened by the Bishop of the Diocese 15th October 1872. It is principally of stone, and consists of chancel, nave, and small transept, with handsome tower and spire, and has a clock and 2 bells. There is a piscina within the altar rails. The edifice is sheltered on the south-west by a row of yew trees. The register dates from 1580.

The living is a vicarage, yearly value £250, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. Samuel Cosway, M.A., of Queen's College, Cambridge. In the churchyard are a water tank and pump, placed there, and given to the poor of the parish for their use forever, by the present vicar.

Thomas Everett Fowle, esq., of Chute Lodge, in Chute Forest, is the lay impropriator.

There is a National school, a very handsome flint building, built by public subscription, aided by a grant from Government.

The Wesleyans have a small chapel here.

There are several bequests for the benefit of the poor, amounting to £12 yearly, for fuel and clothing.

Conholt Park, the beautiful mansion of Lady Charles Wellesley, is in the parish. The house, which is about 100 years old, was chiefly built by Sir Sydney Meadows, knight marshal of England and Meadows, esq., lord of the manor and principal landowner.

The soil is clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley. The area is 3,181 acres; gross estimated rental, £3,282; rateable value, £2,809; and the population in 1871 was 519.

Hippenscombe, formerly extra-parochial, is now a parish, with an area of 980 acres, and a population of 57. Standen is half a mile east; Haydon Hill and Fosbury, where there is a large camp, 2½ miles north-east.

Parish Clerk, Adam Smith

Post & Money Order Office & Savings Bank, James Smith, receiver
Letters arrive from Andover by mail cart at 9.45 am, dispatched at 5.15 pm

National School, Mrs Phoebe Howard, Mistress
Carrier, Mrs Mary Ann Smith, to & from Andover, Friday

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

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| Cosway, Rev | Samuel | Vicarage |
| Wellesley, Lady | Charles | Conholt Park |
| Wellesley, Captain, M.P. | Henry | Conholt Park |
| Bailey | Joseph | Farmer, Lower Chute |
| Batchelor | Alfred | Farmer, Upper Chute |
| Batchelor, Miss | Ann | Shopkeeper, Upper Chute |
| Grey | Charles | Saddler & Harness Maker, Upper Chute |
| Hopwood | Richard | Carpenter & Wheelwright, Lower Chute |
| Horn | William | Carpenter & Wheelwright, Upper Chute |
| Howard, Mrs | Phoebe | National Schoolmistress |
| Moore | James & Edward | Farmers, Dean Farm |
| Pragnell | Hugh | Blue Bell, Scott's Poor |
| Small | John | Beer Retailer, Lower Chute |
| Smith | James | Blacksmith & Postmaster |
| Smith, Mrs | Mary Ann | Cross Keys, Upper Chute |
| Smith | Adam | Parish Clerk |
| Taplin | Frederick | Farmer, Lower Chute |
| Taplin | Thomas | Farmer, Upper Chute |
| Vivash | Tenman | Grocer & Draper, Lower Chute |
| Webb | John | Beer Retailer, Lower Chute |
| Wild | Uriah | Farmer, Lower Chute |
| Miles | Charles | Farmer, Hippenscombe Farm, Hippenscombe |