



# Kellys Directory Extract 1907

## Durnford



**DURNFORD** is a parish and village, pleasantly situated in the vale of Avon, on the east side of the river, 4 miles east-by-north from Porton station on the main line of the London & South Western railway, 2½ miles south from Amesbury, 6 miles north from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, hundred and union of Amesbury, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, Salisbury county court district, rural deanery of Amesbury (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum, and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Andrew is an ancient edifice of flint and stone, in the Norman and Early English styles, consisting of chancel, nave, north and south porches, and an embattled western tower, containing 5 bells, rehung in 1904; the chancel arch, porch and doorways and font are Norman: at the east end are two aumbries, and in the chancel, attached by a chain to an ancient reading desk, is a copy of "A defense of the Apologie of the Church of England, by John Jewel, Bishop of Sarisburie, printed in Fleete streete 15th September, 1571"; the pulpit, of carved oak, is dated 1619: there are some remains of ancient stained glass in the nave, and a memorial window the late Walter Flower esq, for 16 years, master of the Netton harriers: in the chancel is a brass to Edward and Mary Young ob.1607, and their six sons and eight daughters: in 1883, the church was renovated, and the open seats and pulpit restored at the sole expense of the late Mr Thomas Staples of Alderbury, and in 1903, was completely restored at a cost of about £1200: there are sittings for 150 persons. The register dates from 1574. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £260, including 30 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1897 by the Rev. Leicester Selby. In 1906 the vicarage house was thoroughly restored, and additions made at a cost of nearly £1000, granted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. Durnford was a Roman settlement. Ogbury camp is close by, and there are many barrows. Durnford Manor House is the property and residence of Capt. Tryon. The Earl of Malmesbury is lord of the manor of Great Durnford. John Montague Swayne esq. of Wilton, Matthew H.W. Devenish esq. J.P. and Joseph Carpenter esq. of Stratford-sub-Castle, are the chief landowners. The soil is light and chalky; sub-soil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 3,076 acres of land, and 26 of water, rateable value £2,058: in 1901, the population was 388 in the civil and 425 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Little Durnford House, the residence of Matthew H. W. Devenish esq. J.P. is a handsome mansion of flint and stone, picturesquely situated on the east bank of the river Avon, 3 miles north from Salisbury. M. H. W. Devenish Esq. J.P. is lord of the manor of Little Durnford and principal landowner.

NETTON is a hamlet 1 mile south, where there is a Wesleyan chapel; Salterton hamlet, (or Salteston), 2 south, Newton hamlet, 2½ miles south.

By Local Government Board Order 1,7947, dated March 25th 1885, Normanton was transferred from Durnford to Wilford.

**Sexton & Parish Clerk:** Samuel Beckley

**Post & T. Office:** – John Newman, sub-postmaster. Letters through Salisbury, arrive at 6.55 a.m. & 1.25 p.m.; Sundays, 6.55 a.m.; dispatched at 11.35 a.m. & 7.15 p.m.; Sundays, 4.45 p.m. Middle Woodford, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

**Elementary School:** Netton (mixed), built in 1870, with residence, for 68 children; average attendance, 50. Mrs. M.A. Chapman, mistress.

**Carriers:** – Miss Louisa Newman & George Abbott, of Netton, to Salisbury, Tues. & Sat.

## Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bramall		Miss		Netton
Devenish	Henry Noel	M.A.		Little Durnford House
Devenish	Matthew Henry Whitty	J.P.		Little Durnford House
Hinxman		Misses		The Hermitage, Little Durnford
Selby	Leicester	Rev.		Vicarage
Tryon		Capt.		Durnford Manor House

## Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Abbott	George		Carrier	
Chapman	James A.		Farm Bailiff To M.H.W. Devenish Esq. J.P.	
Cheater	Frederick		Publican	"Crown" P.H. Netton
Dunford	Maurice		Blacksmith	
Maton	Arthur		Dairyman	
Newman	John		Sub-Postmaster	Post Office
Newman	Louisa	Miss	Carrier	Netton
Pile	Arthur		Farmer	Netton
Pile	Richard		Farmer	Netton
Riley	William		Dairyman	
Rogers	John J.		Publican	"Black Horse" P.H.
Thorn	William Frederick		Farmer	Church Farm
Thornton	Robert		Baker & Grocer	Netton
Tinham	Arthur		Carpenter	Salterton
Wiltshire	Thomas Frank		Farm Bailiff To J. Carpenter Esq.	
Wood	David H.		Farmer	Salterton