

Kellys Directory of Wiltshire Extract 1889 Easton Royal



EASTON is a village and parish, situated on the river Avon, 3 miles east from Pewsey, 7 south-by-east from Marlborough, 2 south-west from Savernake Junction station on the Berks and Hants extension branch of the Great Western railway, in the Eastern division of the county, Kinwardstone hundred, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Pewsey union, Marlborough county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough (Pewsey portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of the Holy Trinity is a debased Gothic flint and stone building, of about the year 1591, and consists of chancel, nave, north porch and a tower containing 3 bells: the windows are stained; the east window was erected to the memory of David Herbert Llewellyn, youngest son of a late vicar, who was surgeon of the Confederate war steamer Alabama, and after her engagement with the Federal steamer Kearsage off Cherbourg, refusing to imperil the escape of the wounded, went down with the ship on the 19th June 1864, in the 26th year of his age: the church was restored and reseated in 1855, and repaired in 1879, at the expense of the late Marquess of Ailesbury, who, with the Marchioness of Ailesbury, in 1884 had a new chancel erected, paved with tessellated tiles, and a new organ and four new stained windows placed in the church; there are 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1580. The living is a donative, net yearly value £200 with residence, in the gift of the Marquess of Ailesbury, and held since 1877 by the Rev. Thomas Wade Smith M.A. of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Here is a small Wesleyan chapel. The charities are about £25 13s. for annual distribution among the poor, viz., : Mr. William Francis, merchant, bequeathed the sum of £500; the Rev. J. T. Lawes bequeathed, in 1828, £100. There are also two clothing clubs, one for mothers, the other for children, to which the sum of £15 as bonus is given annually. The Marquess of Ailesbury is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is loam and clay; subsoil, chalky. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and turnips. The area is 2,140 acres; rateable value, £1,475; the population in 1881 was 323.

GODSBURY is a barrow, 2 miles north. On Easton Hill is a large barrow, or small camp, and there are other barrows and some remarkable terraces on the downs.

Parish clerk - Alfred Brookes.

WALL LETTER BOX, cleared at 5.40 p.m.; Sunday, at 10.40 a.m. Letters are delivered by hand from Pewsey (Suboffice) at 8 a.m. The nearest money order and telegraph office is at Burbage.

National School (mixed), erected in 1873, at a cost of about £500, for 90 children; average attendance, 50; Alfred Goddard, master; Mrs. Susan Goddard, mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Smith	Thomas Wade	Rev., M.A.		Vicarage

Traders

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Bailey	William		shoe maker	
Chandler	Thomas		blacksmith	
Collins	Harry Hearne		farmer	
Cox	John		dairyman	

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Follett	Ellen	Miss	farmer	
Goddard	Alfred		assistant overseer	
Goddard	Noah		farmer	
Hailstone	Jesse		market gardener	
Haines	James Smith		farmer	
Howse	Walter		shopkeeper	
Mills	Henry		farm bailiff to John Thomas Powell, esq.	
Marsh	James		gardener	
Nutlands	James		dairyman	
Pearce	Henry		wheelwright & carpenter	
Pearce	William Windsor			Bruce's Arms P.H.
Powell	John Thomas		farmer	
Price	Zebedee		farmer	
Smith	Mary	Mrs.	shopkeeper	