



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875

## Heytesbury and Tytherington



**Heytesbury** is a station on the Great western railway, and parish, formerly a market town, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of its own name, Warminster union and county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Wylve, distant 118 miles from London, 18 north-west from Salisbury, and 4 south-east from Warminster. It is a small pleasant town, situated on the banks of the Wylve and borders of Salisbury Plain, consisting principally of one street. It was a prescriptive borough, governed by a bailiff and burgesses, and enjoyed a double representation till disfranchised by the Reform Act. The market is discontinued, but an annual fair is still held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

The church of St Peter and St Paul is collegiate, and possesses four prebends, but will cease to be so on the vacation of the three remaining prebendaries. It is a spacious cruciform edifice, chiefly Early English, and consists of chancel and chancel aisles, nave and aisles, north and south transepts, south entrance porch and low square tower. The pillars of the nave, which had fallen much out of the perpendicular, have been rebuilt, and also a part of the tower, which contains a fine peal of 6 bells and to which a new way of access has been made.

Some handsome Early English arches and columns, long hidden behind the plaster of the walls in the chancel, have been opened and repaired, the aisles, which formerly existed, rebuilt, and the high pitch of the original roof restored. The whole church has been re-seated with open seats. The cost of these works considerably exceeded £5,000. There are several stained windows; one at the eastern end (the gift of Lady Heytesbury) is a representation of the Birth, Death and Resurrection, and the memorial window in the north transept is the gift of the Hon. Mrs Robert Daly. The register dates from 1653. The living is a vicarage, with that of Knooke annexed, joint yearly value £350, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. John Knight, M.A., of Queen's College, Cambridge, prebendary of the prebend of Tytherington, in Heytesbury.

Here is a National school; also a place of worship for Independents. Here is a hospital or almshouse, the gift of Lady Hungerford, of very ancient foundation, for twelve poor men, one woman, and a custos, who must be in holy orders, and act as chaplain.

On Cotle Hill, north-west of the town, is a tumulus, surrounded by an entrenchment, 480 feet in diameter. On the summit of another hill, at no great distance, is Scratchbury Camp, above a mile in circumference. About 2 miles north-east is Knooke Castle, an earthwork similarly situated. On Knooke Down, the sites of two British villages are indicated by signs of early habitation, and connected by Old Ditch, probably a British road, running from Westbury Leigh to Durnford, on the Avon. About a quarter of a mile from Knooke Castle is Bowls Barrow, and on the north bank of the Wylve, Golden Barrow.

Near the town is Heytesbury House, the seat of Lord Heytesbury. The house was partly rebuilt about 1784, and the grounds are extensive. Lord Heytesbury is lord of the manor and sole owner of the parish.

The soil is light, partly clay; subsoil, chalk and stone. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley.

The area is 5,030 acres; gross estimated rental, £7,087; rateable value, £6,140; the population in 1871 was 1,094.

**Tytherington**, about 1 mile south from Heytesbury, is a hamlet, and prebend in the Collegiate Church of Heytesbury. The church of St James is an old stone building, about 19 feet wide and 50 feet long, with stone covered lean-to roof and bell cot containing 1 bell. The interior is fitted with open benches on either side, and will seat about 70 people. The Rev. John Knight, M.A., of Queen's College, Cambridge, is the prebendary. The population and area are included with Heytesbury.

PARISH CLERK                      James Trowbridge

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POST OFFICE, MONEY ORDER & TELEGRAPH OFFICE, Savings Bank & Government Annuity & Insurance Office  
 Miss Emily Humby Postmistress  
 Letters arrive by mail cart from Bath. A messenger is dispatched to Imber, Chitterne St Mary &  
 All Saints. Letters dispatched 1.30 pm. & 7.35 pm. & 6.45 pm. on Sundays. Arrive at 2.15 & 5.34 pm.

INSURANCE AGENTS      Liverpool & London & Globe      D Davies  
    Reliance      J Muspratt jun.  
    Royal Farmer's      Henry James Adlam

NATIONAL SCHOOL      Griffith Ellis      Master      Mrs Sarah Ellis      Mistress

RAILWAY STA TION      Charles Liddiard      Station Clerk

CARRIER      to Warminster      Henry Dyer      Daily

#### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Davis	William George			
Elliss	John	Rev., M.A.	Curate	
Evans	Francis			
Heytesbury		Rt. Hon. Lord		Heytesbury House
Holmes	William Leonard á Court	J.P.		Ivy House
Knight	John	Rev., M.A.	Prebendary of Tytherington, Vicar of Heytesbury & Custos of hospital	
Pierson	John			
Plowman	John Herbert	Rev., M.A.	Curate	
Swayne	Henry			
Swayne	William			
Wilce	Thomas			

#### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Adlam	Henry James		Grocer & rate collector	
Ashman	Michael		Plumber & glazier	
Austin	George		Coal merchant	Angel Inn
Bartlett	Thomas		Grocer & baker	
Blackmore	Jeremiah		Butcher	
Britten	Charles & Henry		Farmers	
Burnett	John		Shopkeeper	
Carpenter	Anne Marie	Mrs	Farmer	Lion Inn
Coombs	James Edwin		Farm bailiff to Lord Heytesbury	
Cross	Thomas		Draper, outfitter & stationer	
Davis	William		Surgeon	
Dyer	Charles		Blacksmith	
Dyer	Henry		Carrier	
Fleming	James William		Saddler	& at Wilton
Haynes	Stephen		Shoe maker	
Holmes	Thomas		Carpenter	
Lampard	James		Farmer & miller	
Merchant	Eli		Shoe maker	
Merchant	Jane	Mrs	Dressmaker	
Morrice	Joseph		Farmer	Tytherington
Muspratt	John		Boot & shoe maker	
Muspratt	Josiah		Tailor	
Sainsbury	William		Boot & shoe maker	
Sargent	Francis		Farmer	
Searchfield	Thomas		Builder, contractor & cabinet maker	

Sidford	Stephen James		Farmer	Tytherington
Sims	William		Smith & farrier	
Snelgrove	William		Maltster	
Thorne & Davis			Grocers & beer retailers	
Wilce	Thomas	Jun.	Farmer	