



Robson's Directory Extract 1839



Hindon

Hindon is a borough and market-town possessing little to recommend it to notice. It chiefly consists of one long street, situated on a gentle declivity, 98 miles south-west from London, and 16 west from Salisbury, on the high road to Taunton, for travelling on which is a source of profit.

The greater part of the town was destroyed by fire in 1754. The silk and twist manufactures, formerly existing here, have given place to those of linen, dowlas, and bed-ticking.

There is a school, supported by Lord Calthorpe. It is a polling-place for the county, and a borough by prescription, governed by a bailiff and burgesses, and enjoyed a double representation in Parliament till disfranchised for notorious corruption by the Reform Act.

The market, nearly disused, is on Thursday, and there are fairs on the 27th of May and 29th of October. The inhabitants are 921, and assessed property £745.

The church of St. John Baptist is a donative curacy of £75 a-year, in the gift of the Crown, but subordinate to the Rectory of East Knoyle, 3 miles to the south; which parish gave birth to Sir Christopher Wren.

Scattered about this neighbourhood are various remnants of antiquity, supposed to be indications of British habitation. Fonthill Abbey, 2 miles south-east, while in possession of the eccentric Mr Beckford, was one of the principal attractions for the county, for the extensive prospect from its elegant and lofty tower, and the exquisite taste displayed, both in interior decoration and disposition of the grounds. But the celebrated tower could boast more beauty than solidity; scarcely had it passed into new hands when it fell into ruins. The estate is now dismembered, a wing only remains of the edifice, and on the banks of the magnificent lake a cloth manufactory is established. At Tisbury, 4 miles south-east are some excellent stone-quarries. The interior architecture of Tisbury church resembles, on a small scale, that of Westminster Hall. Wardour Castle, the seat of Lord Arundel, is in this parish; a splendid edifice, amidst undulated and well-wooded grounds, the most interesting object of which is the ivied ruin of the old castle, surrendered to the Parliament army by Blanch Lady Arundel after a severe siege; and subsequently destroyed, through the springing of a mine, by the noble proprietor himself, in order to dislodge the new tenants.

Post-Office

Harrison Thomas - Postmaster

Letters arrive from London and all parts arrive at 4 a.m.; despatched 9 p.m. Box closes at ¼ to _____. Letters after that time pay 1d.

Posting House

Lamb Inn - Green Maria, Proprietor

Life Assurance Agents

Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Office – Richardson James, Solicitor, Agent

Crown Life Assurance Office, Harding F., Agent

National School

Towers John – Master

Smith Mrs - Matron

Coaches to

Barnstaple and London, North Devon Coach, calls at the Swan (to London) 10 p.m.; to Barnstaple, 3 a.m. daily

London, Vivid, Exeter Coach, calls at the Swan, 3 p.m.; from London, 12 night

Carriers to

London, Whitmarsh & Co's Vans, call at the Swan, Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays

Name, Residence & Profession

(See Classification of TRADES below)

Surname	Given Names	Industry/Occupation
Bayly	Henry S.	<i>Grosvenor Arms</i>
Beckett	J.	Boot and Shoemaker
Beckett	John	Plumber, Painter & Glazier
Beckett	John	Sieve and Basket Maker & Parish Clerk
Beckett	Richard	Beer Retailer
Burleigh	John	Grocer and Baker
Burleigh	Samuel	Boot and Shoemaker
Bracher	Edward	Stone Mason
Carpenter	Stephen	Tailor
Carter	Richard	Saddler & Harness Maker
Cheverall	William	Baker
Crickmay	Charles	Carpenter
Crozier	George	Surgeon and Medical Referee for the Crown Life Office
Dukes	James	Shopkeeper, Ironmonger & Stonemason
Farratt	William	Blacksmith and Farrier
Green	George	Stonemason
Green	Maria	<i>Lamb Inn & Posting House</i>
Hacker	William	<i>Crown Inn</i>
Harding	Francis	Draper and Grocer, Agent to the Crown Life Assurance Company
Harris	Elizabeth	<i>Swan Inn</i>
Harrison	Thomas	Postmaster and Registrar of Births & Deaths
Hecker	Joseph	Builder and Wheelwright
Lunatic Asylum		Spencer Joseph, Proprietor
Miles	Elizabeth	Boarding and Day School

Millett	Charles	Solicitor
National School		Towers J, Master, Smith Mrs., Matron
Norton	Joseph	Tailor
Pitman	Ann Maria	Draper and Grocer
Richardson	J.	Solicitor, Agent to the Clerical, Medical & General Life Assurance, Auditor of Tisbury Union, Solicitor to the Hindon Association for Prosecution of Felons
Ruddock	Luke	Cooper
Snook	Charles	Plumber, Painter & Glazier
Taylor	Edward	<i>Queen's Head & Butcher</i>
White	Thomas	Nursery & Seedsman

Classification of Trades

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	Surname	Given Names
<i>Bakers</i>	Burleigh	John
	Cheverall	William
<i>Basket and Sieve Maker</i>	Beckett	John
<i>Beer Retailer</i>	Beckett	Richard
<i>Blacksmith</i>	Farratt	William
<i>Boot and Shoemakers</i>	Beckett	J.
	Burleigh	Samuel
	Pitman	William
<i>Builder</i>	Hecker	Joseph
<i>Butcher</i>	Taylor	Edward
<i>Carpenter</i>	Crickmay	Charles
<i>Cooper</i>	Ruddock	Luke
<i>Drapers</i>	Harding	Francis
	Pitman	Ann Maria
<i>Farrier</i>	Farratt	William
<i>Grocers</i>	Burleigh	John
	Harding	Francis
	Pitman	Ann Maria
<i>Inns, Hotels, & Public Houses</i>	Hacker	W.
	Bayly	Henry Shore
	Green	Maria
	Taylor	Edward
	Harris	Elizabeth
<i>Ironmonger</i>	Dukes	James
<i>Lunatic Asylum</i>	Spicer	Joseph, Proprietor
<i>Nursery & Seedsman</i>	White	Thomas
<i>Plumbers, Painters, &c.</i>	Beckett	John
	Snook	Charles
<i>Saddler & Harness Maker</i>	Carter	Richard
<i>School, Ladies' Boarding and Day</i>	Miles	E.
<i>Shopkeeper</i>	Dukes	James
<i>Solicitors</i>	Millett	Charles
	Richardson	James
<i>Stone Masons</i>	Bracher	Edward
	Dukes	James
	Green	George
<i>Surgeon</i>	Crozier	George
<i>Tailors</i>	Carpenter	Stephen
	Norton	Joseph
<i>Wheelwright</i>	Hecker	Joseph