

Kelly's Directory Extract 1880



Imber is a parish in the Southern division of the county, Swanborough hundred, Warminster union and county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts and rural deanery of Potterne first portion, 6 miles east-by-north from Warminster, 7 south-east from Westbury and 4 north-east-by-east from Heytesbury station.

The church of St. Giles is in the Perpendicular style; it consists of chancel and nave; it contains two stone effigies representing Crusaders, also the remains of a chapel. The register dates from the year 1709. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £287, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury and held by the Rev. John Rigg.

Here is a place of worship for Baptists.

The principal landowners are the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who are lords of the manor, Caroline, Dowager Duchess of Cleveland, the trustees of Mrs Tinker, and William Heathcote Seagram esq.

The soil is flinty; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and pasture. The area is 3,004 acres; rateable value, £2,670; the population in 1871 was 344.

BOWLS BARROW is 2 miles south-west, and there are other barrows.

Parish Clerk – James Staples

Letters arrive by foot messenger at 9 a.m. through Heytesbury, which is the nearest money order office. WALL LETTER BOX cleared at 4 p.m. week days only.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Rigg	John	Rev.		Vicarage, Imber
Daniel	Jane	Miss	Shopkeeper	Imber
Dean	Edward		Farmer	Imber
Dean	William		Farmer	Imber
Dean	William R.		Farmer	Imber
Fricker	Edward		Farmer	Imber
Hayter	Edward		Bell	Imber
Hooper	William		Farmer	Imber
Meaden	Elijah		Boot & Shoe maker	Imber
Meaden	John		Carpenter	Imber
Meaden	Manuel		Carrier & Shopkeeper	Imber
Staples	Jas.		Shopkeeper & Blacksmith	Imber

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