



Kelly's Directory Extract 1898



Imber

Imber is a parish, 6 miles east-by-north from Warminster station, 7 south-east from Westbury station, and 5 north-east from Heytesbury station, all on the Salisbury and Westbury branch of the Great Western railway, in the Western division of the county, Swanborough hundred, Warminster union, petty sessional division and county court district, rural deanery of Potterne (Potterne portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St. Giles is a building of stone, in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, aisles, north porch, and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing 5 bells: there is a piscina at the east end of the south aisle, and in the porch a mutilated stoup: two recumbent stone effigies of knights lie in the church, one being within a 14th century arched recess in the south aisle: the font is Early Norman, with herring bone work round the top: the chancel was rebuilt in 1849, at a cost of £630 10s. by the Marquess of Bath and the church was thoroughly restored in 1895 at a cost of £1,000, and affords about 170 sittings. The register dates from the year 1709. The living is a vicarage, net income £206, including glebe (£15), with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury. Here is a Baptist chapel.

The principal landowners are the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who are lords of the manor, the 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 3,047 acres; rateable value, £1,247; the population in 1891 was 292.

Parish Clerk, John Carter

Letters arrive by foot messenger at 9.15 a.m. through Codford St. Mary S.O. Codford St. Mary, about 6 miles distant, is the nearest money order & telegraph office. Wall Letter Box cleared at 4.20 p.m. & in Nov. Dec. & Jan. at 3.50 p.m. week days only.

SCHOOLS:-

National (Mixed), erected in 1876, for 60 children; average attendance, 32; Miss Annie Ferguson, mistress

Carrier – E. Meaden, to Devizes, thurs. to Warminster, sat.

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Daniel	Jane	Miss	Shopkeeper	Imber
Dean	Edwd. Hy.		Farmer	Manor Farm, Imber
Dean	William Robert		Farmer	Imber
Fricker	Edward		Farmer	Imber
Goddard	Thos.		<i>Bell inn</i> & Miller (wind)	Imber
Hooper	William Pearce		Farmer	Imber
Meaden	Emanuel		Shopkeeper & Carrier	Imber
Meaden	Henry		Boot & Shoe maker	Imber
Meaden	John		Carpenter & Wheelwright	Imber
Nash	William		Blacksmith	Imber
Pearce	Samuel		Gamekeeper	Ladywell, Imber
Staples	Ann	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Imber