



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915



## Imber

**IMBER** is a parish 7 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 3 bays, aisles, north porch, and an embattled western tower, with 5 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 a 14th century arched recess in the south aisle: the font is Early Norman, with herring bone work around 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 1898 at a cost of £1000, and affords about 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1707. The living is a vicarage, net income £220, including glebe (£17) with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1898 by the Rev. Charles Morgan Watling. Here is a Baptist chapel, built in 1839, seating 180. The principal landowners are the trustees of the late Thomas Hollaway, James Hooper esq, the trustees of Mrs Tinker, and Lt Col JHS Seagram. The soil is flinty, sub-soil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and pasture. The area is 3047 acres: rateable value £1428: the Population in 1911 was 255.

**Sexton:** Frank Carpenter

**Post Office:** John Carter, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive by foot messenger at 9am through Codford St Mary; dispatched at 4.35pm. Chitterne, about 3 miles distant, is the nearest money order and telegraph Office.

Elementary School (mixed) erected in 1836 and enlarged in 1876 for 54 children. Miss Clara Mountford, mistress.

**Carrier:** Frank Wyatt, to Devizes, Thurs: to Warminster, Sat.

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Watling	Charles Morgan	Reverend	Vicar	Vicarage

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bunting	Thomas		Grocer	
Carter	John		Carpenter & Post Office	
Dean	Edward Henry	(executors of)	Farmer	Court Farm
Dean	Frederick James		Farmer	Tinkers Farm
Dean	Sidney George		Farmer	Seagrams Farm
Fidler	George William			Bell Inn
Hooper	James		Farmer	
Meaden	Henry		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Nash	Albert		Blacksmith	
Wyatt	Frank		Shopkeeper & Carrier	