



Kelly's Directory Extract 1927



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 Westbury 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 five pinnacles and 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 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1707. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £285, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1924 by the Rev. Ernest Imrie Jones L.Th. (South Africa). There is a Baptist chapel, built in 1839, seating 180.

The principal landowners are trustees of the late Thomas Holloway, James Hooper esq., the trustees of Mrs Tinker, and Lieut.-Col. J. H. S. Seagram.

The soil is flinty; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and pasture. The area is 3,052 acres; rateable value, £1,503; the population in 1921 was 188.

Post, T. & T.E.D. Office – John Carter, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive through Devizes. Littleton Panel, about 3 miles distant, is the nearest money order office.

Elementary School (Mixed), erected in 1836 & enlarged in 1876, for 54 children; Miss Miles, mistress

Motor Omnibus– Arthur Cecil Williams, to Warminster, sat.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Jones	Ernest Imrie	Rev. L.Th (South Africa)		The Vicarage, Imber
Whistler	Robt.	Maj.		Imber Court Farm
Williams	Arthur Cecil			Brown's Farm, Imber

Commercial

Marked thus * farm 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Carter	John		Carpenter & Post Office	Imber
Dean	Sidney George		Farmer	Seagrams & Parsonage Farms, Imber
Greening	Samuel		<i>Bell Inn</i>	Imber
Hooper	James		Farmer	Brown's Farm, Imber
Marshall *	Fras. Desmond		Farmer	Imber
Nash	Albert		Blacksmith	Imber
Wyatt	Frank		Smallholder	Imber