



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Norton Bavant



NORTON BAVANT is a parish on the river Wylde, 2.5 miles south-east from Warminster and 1.5 miles north –west from Heytesbury station, on the Westbury and Salisbury branch of the Great Western railway in the Western division of the county, hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Warminster, rural deanery of Wylde (Heytesbury portion) archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The church of All Saints is an ancient building of stone in mixed styles, rebuilt, with the exception of the 14th century tower, in 1840: in 1863 it was restored, chiefly at the cost of the late John Benett esq.: in 1884 the tower was restored and a new bell added by Mrs Torrance; it now consists of chancel, nave, south transept or chapel, north porch and an embattled western tower, with one pinnacle, containing 5 bells: there are two stained windows; the church affords 180 sittings. The register dates from the year 1616. The living is a vicarage, net income £132 with 50 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Lord Chancellor, and held since 1912 by the Rev. Stanley Forster-Brown MA of Worcester College, Oxford. Norton Bavant Manor, the property of John M Benett-Stanford esq., is chiefly of the date of Queen Anne: it is now occupied by Lindsay Bury esq. JP. John M Benett-Stanford esq. who is lord of the manor, and Mrs Thomas-Stanford are the principal landowners. The soil is chalky; subsoil, chalk and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats, and pasture land. The area is 1856 acres; rateable value £1917: the population in 1911 was 192 in the civil and 131 in the ecclesiastical parish.

By Local Government Board Order dated March 24th 1884, Norton Common was transferred from Norton Bavant to Corsley, for civil purposes.

Sexton: Charles Frederick Humphries

Letters through Warminster: arrive at 7.45am & 1.30pm & 6.15pm. The nearest money order and telegraph office is at Heytesbury, 1.5 miles distant.

Wall Letter Box: cleared at 10am & 1.45pm & 6.50pm weekdays, & 10am Sundays.

Elementary

School (mixed), built in 1878 with house for mistress, for 40 children; Mrs Elizabeth Blackburn, mistress.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bury	Lyndsay	JP		North Bavant Manor
Forster-Brown	Stanley	Reverend, MA	Vicar	
Rugg	George Snelgrove			Mill House

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barber	Edward		Gamekeeper to J M Bennett-Stanford esq	
Bowsher	Charles		Gardener to Lyndsay Bury esq, JP	
Fitz	James		Blacksmith	
Gauntlet	George Farmer		Farmer	Middleton Farm
Hedges	William Richard		Farm Bailiff to G F Gauntlett	

Humphries	Charles Frederick		Shopkeeper	
Lippiatt	Lionel Ernest		Farmer	South Farm
Shepherd	Tom Thorpe		Carpenter & Joiner	