



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Southbroom



Southbroom, or St James, is to the east of the town of Devizes, and partly within the Devizes borough. It was formerly a chapelry attached to the parish of Bishop's Cannings, but in 1832 it was made a separate ecclesiastical parish.

The church of St James stands within the borough, on the Green. It was rebuilt in 1834, excepting the tower, which is thought to be as old as the time of Henry V. It is square, much ornamented at the upper part, is 67 feet high, stands at the west end of the church, and contains 4 bells. The church is 85 feet long and 60 feet wide. The register dates from the seventeenth century. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £177, in the gift of the vicar of Bishop's Cannings, and held by the Rev. Stafford Tordiffe, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford.

The National school was established in 1834. The landowners are Mrs Colston, the Crown, A Meek, esq., Miss Ewart and N Taylor, esq.

The area is 2,648 acres and the population in 1871 was, including asylum and workhouse, 2,785, of which 1,746 are within the borough of Devizes.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Lucas	George		Farmer	Southbroom farm
Tordiffe	Stafford	Rev., M.A.		Vicarage, Southbroom