



Kelly's Directory Extract 1927

North Tidworth



NORTH TIDWORTH (or Tidworth Zouch), commonly called Tidworth, is a parish and village, on the road from Salisbury to Marlborough and on the Hampshire border, and is on the declivity of a lofty range of downs, with a station on a railway opened July 1, 1902, from Ludgershall to Tidworth, 2 ½ miles in length, owned by the Government and leased to the Great Western Railway; Ludgershall station on the same line is 2 ½ miles north; the village is 9 west-by-north from Andover, in the Devizes division of the county, Amesbury hundred, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Pewsey union, Andover county court district, rural deanery of Amesbury (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of the Holy Trinity is a building of flint and stone, consisting of chancel, nave, vestry, south porch and an embattled western tower containing 5 bells: the fabric as it now stands dates from about 1490; the tower, however, shows some earlier work, of about 1360; the font is apparently Norman, but the general character of the church is Late Third-Pointed; there is a brass to the Rev. Thomas Pierce, who was ejected from his fellowship at Magdalen College by the parliamentary visitors in 1648, and who afterwards became Dean of Salisbury: the church was thoroughly restored in 1882; a rood beam was erected in memory of those connected with the parish who fell in the Great War, 1914-18; there is also an oak tablet containing the names of the rectors of the parish from the year 1297; there are 150 sittings: in the churchyard are monuments to the families of Maton and Mompesson. The register dates from the year 1700. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £316, with residence and one acre of glebe, in the gift of the Lord Chancellor and held since 1921 by the Rev. David George Littlejohns B.A. of St. David's College, Lampeter. Pierce's charity of £37 is distributed yearly.

The War Office are now lords of the manor and sole landowners, having acquired the land under the Military Lands Act, 1892. The soil is light; subsoil, chalk. The area is 3,095 acres; rateable value, £8,440; the population in 1921 was 1,253, including 581 persons in military establishments.

Clearington (or Clary-down) Hill is half a mile west; Sidbury, an ancient British earthwork, afterwards occupied by the Romans, is 2 miles north-west. There is a group of seven barrows on the south-western side of Clearington Hill.

Parish Clerk, John Henry Newman.

Station Master, Tidworth, E. F. Godwin.

Tidworth Post, M.O. & Telephone Call Office – Mrs Gertrude Eyles, sub-postmistress. Letters from Tidworth Barracks, Sub-Post Office, Hants. Telegrams are dispatched but not delivered.

MILITARY

Field Troops (Regulars)

and Cavalry Brigade

Brigade Commander, Col. W. J. Foster C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Brigade Major, Major J. L. Cheyne M.C.

7th Infantry Brigade

Brigade Commander, Col. J. F. C. Fuller C.B.E., D.S.O.

Brigade Major, Lt.-Col. M.A. Studd D.S.O., M.C.

The children of this parish attend the school at South Tidworth, Hants.

Police Station, William Hillier, Constable

Conveyance - Motor omnibuses to Salisbury & Andover daily.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Green	Ernest William	Rev. O.B.E. M.A.	Senior Chaplain to the Forces	Zouch Farm, North Tidworth
Littlejohns	David George	Rev. B.A.	Rector	Rectory, North Tidworth

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Blandford	Ernest Samuel		Grocer	North Tidworth
Bridgman	James		Dairyman T N 90	Manor & Tidworth Down Farms
British Legion Club				North Tidworth
Brown	Frederick		Blacksmith	North Tidworth
Child	Albert		Watchmaker	North Tidworth
Dowse	Adelaide	Mrs	Shopkeeper	North Tidworth
Dowse	Fredk. Arth.		Boot Repairer	North Tidworth
Dowse	Hy.		Cycle Agent	North Tidworth
Eyles	Gertrude	Mrs	Grocer, Post Office	North Tidworth
Fitch	Fredk, Wm.		Military Tailor	North Tidworth
Pratchett	H.		Tailor	North Tidworth
Rawlings	Wm.		Farmer	Zouch Farm, North Tidworth
Richardson	Henry		Farm Bailiff to W. Rawlings esq.	North Tidworth
Smith	Isaac		<i>Ram Hotel</i>	North Tidworth
Stidston	John C.		Market Gardener	North Tidworth
Tidworth Hippodrome			(A. N. Kendall Ltd)	North Tidworth
Whiscombe	Mary Jane	Mrs	Wheelwright	North Tidworth