



Kelly's Directory Extract 1939

North Tidworth



NORTH TIDWORTH, 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 rural district, Andover county court district, rural deanery of Amesbury (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury. Electricity is available. Water is supplied by H. M. War Department.

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 £365, with residence, in the gift of the Lord Chancellor and held since 1931 by the Rev James Phillips M.A., B.D., L.Th. of St. John's College, Durham, C.F. (Reserve of Officers). Pierce's charity of £37 is distributed yearly.

The Guildhall, built by the Women's Guild, is a multi-coloured brick building of Jacobean design, and was opened in 1937.

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; the population in 1931 was 2,771, including 1,732 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.

Railway Station

Police Station

Motor omnibuses to Salisbury, Andover, Devizes & Marlborough; Royal Blue coach service to London daily.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

(For T N's see general list of Private Residents at end of book)

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
James	John Allen	Rev. M.A.	Senior Chaplain to the Forces	Zouch Farm, North Tidworth
Phillips	James	Rev. M.A., B.D., L.Th., C.F. (R. of O.)	Rector	The Rectory, North Tidworth

COMMERCIAL

Marked thus * farm 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Amphlett	Chas. E.		Photographer	North Tidworth
Bayly	Sarah J.	Mrs	District Nurse T N 151	5 Council Houses
Blandford	Ernest Samuel		Grocer	North Tidworth
Bridgman*	Jas. K.		Farmer Ludgershall 245	Manor & Tidworth Down Farms
British Legion Club			(C. F. Harvey, sec) T N 117	North Tidworth
Dowse	Adelaide	Mrs	Shopkeeper	North Tidworth
Dowse	Ernest		Cycle Agent	North Tidworth
Dowse	Fredk. Arth.		Boot Repairer	North Tidworth
Eyles	Gertrude	Mrs	Grocer, Post Office T N 132	North Tidworth
Fitch	Fredk, Wm. & Son		Military Tailor	North Tidworth
Innes	J.		Butcher	North Tidworth
Jonas	Martha M.	Mrs	Shopkeeper	North Tidworth
McEwan-Younger Ltd			Brewers (Depot) T N 95	Ludgershall Rd.
Ram Hotel			(Alex R. Harrod) T N 18	North Tidworth
Rawlings	G. & Sons		Fried Fish dealers	North Tidworth
Rawlings	Wm.		Farmer	Zouch Farm, North Tidworth
Ruffle	Geo. Wm.		Cafe	North Tidworth
Sadler	Tilden Fred		Insurance Agent	10 Council Houses, North Tidworth
Service Garage (Tidworth) Ltd.			Motor Engineers T N 42	
Shergold	Sidney Chas.		Motor Coach Proprietor T N 23	North Tidworth
Tidworth Hippodrome			(A. N. Kendall Ltd) T N 97	North Tidworth