



Kellys Directory Extract 1889



Tollard Royal

TOLLARD ROYAL is a parish and village, 17½ miles south-west from Salisbury, 8 south-east from Shaftesbury and 10 south-east from Semley station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the London and South Western railway, on the Dorsetshire border, and close to the bounds of Cranborne Chase, in the Southern division of the county, Chalke hundred, Hindon petty sessional division, Tisbury union, Shaftesbury county court district, Chalk rural deanery Tisbury portion, and archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury. The parish is divided into four farms - Higher Farm, Lower Farm, Corner Farm and Thorn Farm; the parish is called Royal in consequence of John, Earl of Gloucester, afterwards King John, holding a knight's fee here; King John also held the chase of Cranborne and used occasionally to reside here; the name of his palace is still attached to a house in the neighbourhood. Tollard Royal church and the whole of the parish are in this county, but the rector has tithes of a district of 1,260 acres of land in the neighbouring county of Dorset, called Tollard Farnham, and the cure of souls extends to the inhabitants of Tollard Farnham as well as Tollard Royal. The church of St. Peter ad Vincula, or St. Peter in Chains, is an edifice of stone in the Gothic style; it has chancel, nave, south porch and a western tower containing 5 bells, with a plain turret and embattled parapet, and in 1882 it was put into thorough repair; it stands on higher ground than the few houses comprising the village: in the chancel there is a memorial window to the late Lord and Lady Rivers, whose seat, Rushmore, was in the adjoining parish of Berwick St. John, and who died in April, 1866, within forty-eight hours of each other, and to one of their daughters, the wife of Captain Arbuthnot, who, while on her wedding tour in Switzerland, was struck dead by lightning, June 21st, 1865, eight weeks after her marriage in this church: in the wall near the pew in which the deceased formerly sat is a wooden cross, originally raised by the inhabitants of the Alpine village near which the sad event happened, and subsequently removed and a stone cross substituted for it: a brass tablet on the wall surmounts the cross and records the circumstances: there are 150 sittings. The register dates from the year 1777. The living is a rectory, yearly value from tithe rent-charge £570, with 80 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of and held since 1865 by the Rev. George Howard Waterfall, M. A. of Worcester College, Oxford. Here is a Primitive Methodist chapel. The principal landowners are Sir Thomas Fraser Grove bart. M.P., D.L., J.P. and Lieut.-Gen. A. H. L. Fox-Pitt-Rivers, D.L., J.P. of Rushmore, who is lord of the manor. The soil is light and flinty; subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley. The area is 2,807 acres of corn and down land; rateable value, £1,503; the population in 1881 was 464, of which 897 acres and 184 inhabitants are in Tollard Farnham.

ASHMORE COMMON is 1½ miles west.

Parish Clerk, J. Burden.

POST OFFICE. -- John Bennett, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 6.50 a.m.; dispatched at 5.55 p.m. week days only. The nearest money order office is at Handley & telegraph office Donhead St. Andrew. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid.

National School (mixed), with residence for mistress, built in 1852, for 80 children; average attendance, 65; & chiefly supported by Lieut.-Gen. Fox-Pitt-Rivers F.R.S.; Miss Mildred Elizabeth Carpenter, mistress.

CARRIER. -- Joseph Penney, to Salisbury, Tues.; & to Shaftesbury on Sat., returning same days.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Waterfall	George Howard	Rev., M.A.	Rector	Rectory

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bench	Thomas		Blacksmith	
Bennett	John		Shoe Maker	Post Office
Brewer	George		Farm Bailiff To Lieut.-Gen. Fox-Pitt-Rivers	
Burden	James		Grocer & Draper	
Fairs	Thomas		Iron Founder	
Hart	James		Shoe Maker & Baker	
Hart	William		Farmer	
Lawes	Albert		Organist Of Parish Church	
Penney	Joseph		Publican	Queen's Arms
Rideout	Josiah		Keeper To Lieut,-Gen. Fox- Pitt-Rivers	
Rideout	Steven		Farmer	
Targett	Henry		Farmers	
Targett	William		Farmers	
Woodford	Fred		Farm Bailiff To Sir Thos. Fraser Grove Bart., M.P.	