



Kellys Directory Extract 1889

Orcheston St. George



ORCHESTON ST. GEORGE is a parish and village 7 miles north-west from Amesbury, 7 north from Wishford station on the Great Western railway and 13 north-west from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Heytesbury, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, Amesbury union, Salisbury county court district, rural deanery of Wylde and archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. George, built in the 14th century, of flint and stone, is in the Early English style, and was in 1832 thoroughly repaired: it consists of chancel, nave and embattled western tower containing 2 bells, and has a very handsome arch at the entrance in the Early English style: the east and six other windows are stained: there are 100 sittings. The earliest date in the register is the baptism of "George, son of George and Dorothy Harris, April 4, 1647," an ancestor of the Earls of Malmesbury. The living is a rectory, tithes commuted at £495 13s. 10d. with residence, exclusive of 44 acres of glebe, in the gift of and held since 1881 by Rev. John Edwards Prothero M.A. of Jesus College, Oxford. The principal landowners are Miss Mills, of Elston House, who is lady of the manor, and Thomas Heatley esq. The stream which flows down the valley in winter forms a very broad shallow stream, over a flat meadow 200 yards wide: this is very favourable to the growth of the celebrated Orcheston grasses, and produces extraordinary crops. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and turnips. The area is 2,363 acres; rateable value, £1,263; the population in 1881 was 193.

ELSTON, three-quarters of a mile east, is a hamlet, the property and residence of Miss Mills.

POST OFFICE. - Caroline Talbot, receiver. Letters through Devizes arrive at 7 a.m.; dispatched at 7.20 p.m.; the nearest money order & telegraph office is at Shrewton.

National School (mixed), built in 1871, for 45 children; average attendance, 21; Miss Ellen Eva Hopgood, mistress.

CARRIER. - Thomas Smith, to Salisbury, Tues. & sat.; to Devizes, Thurs.

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Prothero	John Edwards	Rev., M.A.	Rector	Rectory
Heatley	William		Farmer	Manor Farm

Elston

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Ford	George		Blacksmith	
Fry	Thomas		Farm Bailiff To W.P. Canning Esq.	Elston Hill
Mills		Miss		Elston House