



Kellys Directory Extract 1889



Tidcombe

TIDCOMBE is a parish; 4 ½ miles from Grafton station, 7 south-west from Hungerford and 4 south from Bedwyn station on the Great Western railway, in the Eastern division of the county, Kinwardstone hundred, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Hungerford union and county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough Pewsey portion, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Michael is a small plain structure of flint and stone, consisting of chancel, nave of six bays, and aisles, north porch with square western tower, containing 3 bells: during the years 1880, 1881 and 1882 the church was thoroughly restored; and re-opened for divine service in 1882: it has sittings for 164 persons. The earliest date of register in existence is 1639. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £203, including 1 ¾ acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Canons of Windsor, and held since 1862 by the Rev. Edmund Burkitt Bowman B. A. of Queens' College, Cambridge. Crooke's and Tanner's charities, together £6 yearly, are for fuel and clothing. The principal landowners are Thomas Hayward esq. and the Marquess of Ailesbury, who is lord of the manor. The soil is very light; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and turnips. The area is 2,251 acres; rateable value (of Tidcombe and Fosbury), £1,624; the population in 1881, including part of Fosbury, was 238, wholly employed in agriculture.

HIPPENSCOMBE, formerly extra-parochial, is now a parish, and was on the 17th May, 1879, ecclesiastically annexed to the parish of Tidcombe, with an area of 980 acres, and a population in 1881 of 42 ; the rateable value is £200.

WEXCOMBE is 1 mile north-west. Here is a barrow, called Long Barrow.

FOSBURY is a hamlet and ecclesiastical parish, formed in 1856 out of the parishes of Tidcombe and Shalbourne (Berks), situate 2 miles east of Tidcombe. Christ Church is a handsome structure, built of flint stone, in the Early English style, and consists of chancel, nave and south porch, with a western tower and spire, containing one bell and clock: there are 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1856. The living is a vicarage, yearly value about £250, in the gift of R. C. L. Bevan esq. J.P. and held by the Rev. Alfred George Lawe, M.A.. of Corpus Christi college, Cambridge. R. C. L. Bevan esq. J.P. is the sole landowner. The soil is light; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and turnips. The area is 3,303 acres; the population in 1881 was 348, 143 in Wilts and 205 in Berks.

Parish Clerk, Tidcombe -- Mrs Ann Blake.

Parish Clerk, Fosbury -- John Rolfe.

POST OFFICE, Fosbury -- Miss Elizabeth Blundy, receiver. Letters from Hungerford, arrive at 8.5 a.m.; dispatched at 4.30 p.m. Letters for Tidcombe through Marlborough arrive at 8.30. The nearest money office is at Shalbourne & telegraph offices at Bedwyn & Grafton railway stations. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid.

Parish School (mixed), with residence, built by R.C. L. Bevan esq. in 1851, for 120 children; average attendance, 80; & supported in part by R. C. L. Bevan esq.

There is also a free lending library with 450 volumes, attached to the school.

CARRIERS :-

Mrs. Sarah Lee, to Hungerford, Wed.; to Marlboro', Sat.

Isaac Hoare, from Fosbury to Hungerford, Wed. & Sat.; to Andover, Fri.

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Astley	Edwin		Shopkeeper	
Bowman	Edmund Burkitt	Rev., B.A.		Vicarage

Green	Thomas		Farmer	Blagdon Farm, Hippenscombe
Hayward	Thomas			Tidcombe House
Randall	Charles		Farm Bailiff To Sir E. Bates, Bart., M.P.	Hippenscombe Farm
Richardson	Giles		Carman	
Steadman	Joshua		Publican & Overseer	Scots Poor Public House, Hippenscombe

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Bevan	Robert Cooper Lee	J.P.		Middlesex
Lawe	Alfred George	Rev., M.A.	Vicar	
Marsh		Misses	Private School	
Rowe	Charles		Farmer	Lower Farm
Westmacott	George Richard		Steward To R. C. L. Bevan, Esq., J.P.	
Wilson	John	Rev., B.A.		Fosbury Farm