

## Post Office Directory 1855

TISBURY is one parish for ecclesiastical purposes; but for facilitating parochial matters it is now divided into three distinct and separate parishes - EAST TISBURY containing 2,633 acres, 945 people; WEST TISBURY containing 2,713 acres, 680 people and WARDOUR containing 1,908 acres 734 people, in the Dunworth Hundred, Hindon Division and Tisbury Union.

It is a fine agricultural district and there are some excellent quarries producing stone for building and other purposes of a very superior description. This place gives name to the Union of Tisbury, and 20 adjoining parishes are united for that purpose.

Situated on an eminence and overlooking the surrounding country is the Castle of Wardour built in 1776, the seat of the Right Honourable Henry Benedict, Lord Arundel; it is a splendid edifice consisting of numerous suites of apartments; and also, incorporated with the mansion, is a beautiful Catholic chapel, richly fitted up and containing a series of paintings.

In the vicinity are the ruins of the old Castle of Wardour, and the earthworks that were thrown up by the Parliamentary army when they laid siege to that fortress. It was surrendered after a lengthened period by Blanch Lady Arundel, who caused a mine to be sprung by which the castle was dismantled and the Roundheads dislodged.

The village of Tisbury, about 3 miles south of Hindon and 14 miles west of Salisbury is situated on the sharp declivity of a hill; and in the valley below is seen the parish church and the River Nadder, which rises in the parish of Donhead St. Mary, wending its way onward to Salisbury.

The church of St John is supposed to have been built about 1226, is a fine old building in the English style, in the form of a cross, with a tower rising from the intersection, containing 6 bells; there was formerly a lofty spire but it was destroyed by lightning in 1742 and again in 1762.

Under the high altar in this church was the burying place of the former Lords Arundel of Wardour and the helmet of the first lord of that name is over his tomb in the chancel: the interior contains many objects of antiquity; the font is very ancient and the architecture and finishing bear some resemblance, on a small scale to that of Westminster Hall. There are two chapels. In the churchyard is an immense yew tree measuring 30 feet in circumference; 30 people once took breakfast within its trunk; it is supposed to have been planted at the building of the church.

The income of the living is a lay impropriation of £880 per annum and the vicarage £440 per annum; the Rev Simon Webber M.A. of Fonthill Bishop is the incumbent; the Rev S Tennison Mosse M.A. is the curate.

There are many remains of antiquity in the neighbourhood, scattered in many different directions; among the number one may be mentioned which stands at the bottom of the village; it is a large pile of buildings, formerly a convent of some extent, under the direction of the Abbess of Shaftesbury - now, and for many years past, occupied as a farmhouse and outbuildings.

There is a chapel for Methodists, and Zion Hill Chapel, a handsome and spacious building opened June 1, 1842. Here is a National school and also a Free school of boys and girls.

Totteridge is 1 mile south; Highgrove 1 mile south; Wallmead ½ miles south; Wockley 1 mile east; Nadder Bridge ½ mile north east; Hill Street ½ mile north; Ashley Wood 1 mile north; Lower Lawn 1½ miles north west; Higher Lawn 1½ miles west; Wickwood 1½ miles south west; Hatch 1½ miles south west; Hazelton 1½ miles south west; Bidsor 2½ miles south west; Chicks Grove and Withyslade are farms.

Post Office: James Lush, receiver Tisbury.

Letters received through the Hindon office at 9am and despatched at 5pm; letters received at Wardour Castle, through Salisbury and for the neighbourhood are by permission enclosed in Lord Arundel's bag and despatched in the same way. The nearest money order office is at Hindon.

Clerk to the Guardians of the Tisbury Union, Mr Thos. Burrige Chitty, Shaftesbury  
Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages, James Lush jnr

Tisbury Union Workhouse,  
Benjamin Hyatt Merchant, Governor  
Mrs Hannah Merchant, Matron  
Miss Anna Southgate, Schoolmistress

Public Schools  
National - Mr Samuel Lawrence, Master, Mrs Elizabeth Lawrence, Mistress  
Free - Miss Elizabeth Bevis, Mistress  
Catholic - Miss Elizabeth Hannen, Mistress

Carriers

To Salisbury,

Charles Hull, Tuesday. Frederick George Woods, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; Stephen Hibberd, Tuesday and Saturday; returning same days

Shaftesbury, Charles Hull, Saturday; returning same day

Warminster, Stephen Hibberd, Thursday, returning same day

## Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

| Surname             | Given Name            | Industry/Occupation                                    |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>TISBURY</b>      |                       |  |
| Alford              | Alford                | Stonemason   |
| Barnes              | William               | Gardener   |
| Bevis               | Thomas                | Grocer   |
| Bevis               | Thomas                | Mason  |
| Bugg                | William               | Beer Retailer  |
| Burridge, Mrs       | Mary                  | Grocer   |
| Burton              | James                 | Tailor   |
| Combes              | Nicholas              | Farmer   |
| Combes              | Nicholas, Wm & Mathew | Farmers & Millers                                      |
| Coombes             | Mathew                | Maltster & Farm, Tisbury Mill                          |
| Cuff                | John                  | Boot Inn & Brewer                                      |
| Goddard             | George                | Chemist & Druggist, Agent City of London Life Ass.     |
| Harding             | Thomas                | Butcher  |
| Harris & Thornton   |                       | Masons   |
| Harrison            | William               | Farmer   |
| Hazel               | Edwin                 | Tailor   |
| Hibberd             | Nicholas              | Shoemaker  |
| Lawrence, Mrs       | Elizabeth             | Mistress of National School                            |
| Lawrence            | Samuel                | Master of National School                              |
| Merchant            | Benjamin              | Governor of Workhouse                                  |
| Merchant, Mrs       | Hannah                | Matron of Workhouse                                    |
| Osmond              | George                | Watchmaker & Shopkeeper                                |
| Southgate, Miss     | Anna                  | Schoolmistress of Workhouse                            |
| Targett             | Edward                | Farmer   |
| Targett             | James                 | Farmer   |
| Turner              | Henry                 | Dairyman   |
| Woods               | Frederick George      | Carrier  |
| <b>EAST TISBURY</b> |                       |  |
| Combes, Mrs         | Anna Maria            | Prospect Cottage                                       |
| Jukes               | Thomas                |  |
| Mosse, Rev          | S Tennison            | Curate   |
| Best                | John                  | Grocer   |
| Bevis, Miss         | Elizabeth             | Mistress of Free School                                |
| Bracher             | John                  | Shopkeeper & Parish Clerk                              |
| Bracher             | John jnr              | Carpenter  |
| Bristol             | Samuel jnr            | Farmer, Lower Lawn Farm                                |
| Brown               | James                 | Farmer, Ashley Wood Farm                               |
| Burton              | John                  | Mason  |
| Combes              | John                  | Farmer, Chicksgrove Farm                               |
| Cuff                | James                 | Butcher & Farmer                                       |
| Evans               | John Thomas           | Tailor   |
| Foyle               | John                  | Shoemaker  |
| Green               | Edward                | Shopkeeper   |
| Green               | John                  | Nursery & Seedsman                                     |
| Gunstone            | John                  | Farmer   |
| Harding             | Thomas                | Shopkeeper   |
| Hibberd             | & Son                 | Drapers, Tailors, Hatters, Ironmongers &c              |
| Hibberd             | Alban                 | Beer Retailer, Shopkeeper, Baker                       |
| Hibberd             | Stephen               | Carrier  |
| Hiscock             | Joseph                | Miller, Chicksgrove Mill                               |
| Howell              | John                  | Grocer   |
| Howell              | Jonathan              | Carpenter & Wheelwright                                |
| Hull                | Charles               | Carrier  |
| Jeans               | James                 | Compass public house                                   |
| King                | John                  | Farmer, Hill Street Farm                               |
| Leaney              | George                | Veterinary Surgeon                                     |
| Lush                | James                 | Saddler, Harness Maker, Postmaster                     |
| Lush                | James jnr             | Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages; Asst Overseer |
| Mould, Mrs          | Amelia                | Beer Retailer  |
| Sheppard            | James                 | Cooper   |
| Snook               | Charles & George      | Painters & Glaziers                                    |
| Titt                | John                  | Mason  |
| Tizard              | Henry                 | Surgeon  |
| Turner              | Emanuel               | Shoemaker  |
| Turner              | William               | Farmer   |
| Webber              | William               | Farmer   |
| White, Mrs          | Fanny                 | Smith  |

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Wilkins               | Samuel                    | Smith                                  |
| Wyer                  | George                    | Dairyman & Farmer                      |
| Yeats                 | John                      | Farmer                                 |
| <b>WEST TISBURY</b>   |                           |  |
| Higginson             | Martin James Esq          | Pythouse                               |
| Bristol               | Henry                     | Farmer, Upper Lawn Farm                |
| Bristol               | James                     | Farmer, West Hatch                     |
| Burden                | Henry                     | Shopkeeper                             |
| Burt                  | Frederick                 | Farmer                                 |
| Coombes, Mrs          | Sarah                     | Farmer                                 |
| Ford                  | William                   | Shopkeeper                             |
| Goff                  | John                      | Dairyman, Hatch House                  |
| Jay                   | John                      | Farmer                                 |
| Jukes                 | James                     | Farmer                                 |
| Jukes                 | Samuel                    | Farmer                                 |
| King                  | Joseph                    | Farmer, Wickwood Farm                  |
| Ovens                 | James                     | Farmer                                 |
| Rawlins               | Justice                   | Ironfounder                            |
| Ridgeley              | William                   | Shopkeeper                             |
| Roberts               | Joseph                    | Farmer                                 |
| Street                | James                     | Dairyman                               |
| Thorp                 | Benjamin Walter           | Steward to Pythouse Estate             |
| Turner                | George                    | Shopkeeper, East Hatch                 |
| White                 | Hugh                      | Farmer                                 |
| Woods                 | William                   | Shopkeeper, Hatch                      |
| <b>WARDOUR</b>        |                           |  |
| Arundel, Rt Hon, Lord | Henry Benedict of Wardour | Wardour Castle                         |
| Hood, Revd            | Edward Theophilus         | Roman Catholic                         |
| Adams                 | Samuel                    | Gamekeeper to Lord Arundel             |
| Alford                | James                     | Farmer, Withyslade Farm                |
| Carrigan              | James                     | Farmer                                 |
| Gurd                  | James                     | Farmer, Hazelton Farm                  |
| Hannen, Mrs           | Elizabeth                 | National Schoolmistress                |
| Jeffrey               | William                   | Steward to Lord Arundel                |
| King                  | Henry                     | Farmer                                 |
| Lever                 | John                      | Farmer                                 |
| Merchant              | Benjamin Hyatt            | Governor, Tisbury Union Workhouse      |
| Merchant, Mrs         | Hannah                    | Matron, Tisbury Union Workhouse        |
| Morgan & King         |                           | Grocers                                |
| O'Grady               | Hen                       | Master of Catholic School              |
| Rebbeck               | Richard                   | Farmer                                 |
| Richardson            | Henry                     | Organist                               |
| Southgate, Miss       | Anna                      | Schoolmistress Tisbury Union Workhouse |
| Sumner                | William                   | Farmer                                 |