

Kelly's Dorset 1880

MILTON ABBAS is a parish and pretty village (formerly a market town), in Whiteway hundred, Cerne sub-division, Blandford union and county court district, Whitehureh rural deanery fourth portion, Dorset archdeaconry, and Salisbury diocese, 7 miles south-west from Blandford, and 11 north east from Dorchester, delightfully situated, surrounded by scenery of the most picturesque description. The present appellation of this place is a contraction of its ancient name of Middleton, the adjunct being given from its ancient lords the abbots. The parish church of St. James, built at the sole expense of the first Earl of Dorchester, is of stone, and consists of chancel and nave, with a tower containing a clock and 2 bells. The earliest register dates from 1050. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £177, with good residence, in the jurisdiction of the peculiar court of Milton Abbas, and in the gift of Charles Hambro esq D.L. and held by the Rev. Richard Roberts B A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, An almshouse for six persons founded and endowed by John Tregonwell esq. in 1674 ; the inmates receive an allowance in money weekly, and some articles of clothing and money annually on St. Thomas' day. A Benedictine monastery, dedicated to St. Mary, St. Michael, Sr. Branwalader, and St. Sampson, was founded here in 9:33 by King Athelstan, the revenue of which, at the Dissolution, was about £720. The Abbey church, with the exception of the nave, was built in the reign of Edward II and is a magnificent structure, in the Decorated and Later English styles ; service is held here occasionally : the old abbey buildings were taken down in 1771, with the exception of the refectory, and replaced by the present splendid mansion, called Milton Abbey, the seat of Charles J. T. Hambro esq. D.L. lord of the manor : the park and woods of this estate extend over an area of 5,000 acres. A Cottage Hospital was built and endowed by the late Baron Hambro : it was opened on the 1st August, 1873, and is supported by voluntary subscription. There is here also a brewery and a co-operative society. Charles Hamhro esq. D.L. is lord of the manor and sole landowner. The soil is, high land, light loam ; low land, heavy clay ; subsoil, high land, chalky ; low land, clay. The area is 2,420 acres ; rateable value, £5,306 ; the population in 1871 was 942.

Parish Clerk, George Foot.

POST, MONEY ORDER & TELEGRAPH OFFICE, Savings Bank & Government Annuity & Insurance Office.— Edward George, receiver. London &

other letters are received through B landlord ; arrive at 8.50 a.m. & are dispatched at 4 50 p.m.; the box is closed at 4.45 pm.

Parish, School i William Marlow, master ; Mrs. Elizabeth Marlow, mistress.

CARRIER.— David Frizzle, to Blandford, Mnonday & Thursday ; to Dorchester, Wednesday & Saturday

Fielding Thomas M.D

Fookes Henry

Fookes William

Hambro Charles Joseph Theophilus D.L., J.P. Milton Abbey

Player George

Roberts Rev. Richard B A, vicar

Shillinglaw Mrs

COMMEBCIAL

Bigal James firm bailiff to Charles J. T. Hambro esq. D.L

Co-operative Stores, George Foot, manager

Cox John, farmer

Fielding Thomas M.D. surgeon

Fookes & House brewers & maltsters

Frizzle David, carrier

George Edward, builder & shopkeeper

Guy Albert, blacksmith

Haynes ,John, corn miller, Milton mills

Ingram George, farmer

Jacob John, carpenter & wheelwright

Keynes Thomas, farmer, Chescomb farm

Mitchell .James, blacksmith

Player William wheelwright & carpenter

Rogers William John, shoemaker

Sanders John, blacksmith

Satchell Robert, grocer & baker

Tett John, farmer

Vacher Absolom, shopkeeper

Vine Sl. *Hainbro Arms inn*, & butcher