Kelly's Directory 1867

ANSTY is a village and parish in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Dunworth, Shaftesbury County Court division, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, rural deanery of Chalke, Hindon Petty Sessional Division and Tisbury Union, 13½ miles west from Salisbury and 7 north east from Shaftesbury; the village is encompassed with downs on every side excepting towards the north.

The church of St. James is of the Early English style; it was restored about the year 1842; it is cruciform, has a nave and chancel with two transepts and will seat 200 persons. It has a small belfry containing 1 bell.

The register dates from 1654.

The living is a donative, valued at £22.10s in the gift of Lord Arundell and held by the Rev. John Harman Samler M.A. of Pembroke College Oxford who resides in the adjoining parish of Swallowcliffe of which he is also the incumbent.

Nearly adjoining the churchyard, to the north, is a pile of old buildings, now occupied as a farmhouse and barns, supposed to have belonged to the Abbey of Shaftesbury.

The National School is in Swallowcliff.

The whole of the parish belongs to Lord Arundel of Wardour who is likewise the lord of the manor.

The soil is sandy; subsoil, sandstone. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 840 acres and the population in 1861 was 298.

William Lever, Parish Clerk

Letters through Salisbury. The nearest money order office is at Tisbury.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Bowles	John	Dairyman
Bracher	William	Shoemaker
Butt	Edward	Gunsmith
Cox	George	Shopkeeper
Green	Henry	Farmer
Holloway	John	Carrier
Jeffery	John	Farmer, Cholden Farm
Jeffery	Thos, Mrs	Farmer, Manor Farm
Lever	Henry	Mason
Lever	Luke	Carpenter
Lever	William	Builder & Parish Clerk
Parmiter	Philip	Farmer, Horwood Farm
Parsons	Henry	Farmer
Randall	Richard	Farmer
Sanger	George John	Farmer & Gardener
Samler	John Harman	Rector