

Extract from White's Directory 1859

Holybourne is a long straggling village, extending from one to two miles N.E. of Alton, near the railway and the small river Wey, which rises from several bournes or rivulets, a few miles to the south and west. Its fertile and finely undulated parish has several neat mansions and contains 583 souls and 2,564 acres of land of which 86 souls and 1,170 acres are in Neatham tithing, on the south side of the river, two miles N.E. by E of Alton. The Rev. Sir Thomas Miller Bart is lord of the manor of Holybourne, and Edward Knight Esq., is lord of the manor of Neatham; but the Cole, Cooper, White and other families have freehold estates here. Holybourne Lodge, the seat of Robert Cole Esq is a handsome mansion with tasteful grounds. The CHURCH (Holy Rood) is an ancient structure, in the Early English style with a tower and three bells. It was repaired in 1835 when its number of sittings was increased from 175 to 290. The benefice is a curacy annexed to Alton Vicarage. The tithes were commuted in 1842, for £111.13s.4d. to the Vicar, £260 to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, and £45 to Edward Knight Esq. Here is a FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL founded in 1719 by Thomas Andrews for all the children of Holybourne parish, 12 from Alton, five from Binsted and three from Froyle. The founder endowed it with certain fee-farm rents, amounting to £100 per annum. He also left the White Swan public-house in Coleman Street, London, to provide a fund for apprenticing some of the scholars. As no school house was given by the founders, it was determined, in 1721, that £800 should be first saved out of the income for the purchase of land and the erection of a school house. This was completed in 1730. There is a good house for the master, and a large school room for the boys, but the girls are taught by a schoolmistress at her own house. The endowment now yields a clear yearly income of about £135 which is applied as follows - £40 to the schoolmaster: £20 to the schoolmistress: £15 for books, stationery, firing &c: £20 for clothing some of the scholars and about £40 for apprentice fees. There are about 40 boys and 30 girls as free scholars, and the master is allowed to take other pupils, both as boarders and day scholars.

POST OFFICE at Thomas Warners. Letters via Alton.

Allen Frederick, tailor	Knight Mr Wm	Warner Thos, butcher and shopkeeper
Bargent Geo, shopkeeper &c	Lasham Mr Richd, Silvester	Webb Mr Thomas
Berry John, blacksmith and wheelwright	Mapley Thomas, plumber painter &c	White Geo Walpole Esq
Bridger Wm, vict, Queens Head	Noad Rev Geo, Frederick. D.C.L. head master of Grammar School	Woods Rev Hy M.A. curate
Burningham John, carpenter and vict White Hart	Othen Wm bricklayer and parish clerk	FARMERS (* are Hop Growers)
Chandler Wm, shoemaker	Parsons Rev Chs Jph M..A.	*Complin John Walter (and brewer and maltster)
Cole Robt Esq, Holybourne Lodge	Peck Saml, Shopkeeper	2 Hillyman Thos (and corn miller) Neatham
Cox Joseph, gardener	Robinson Thos, blacksmith	*Messenger James
Crake Augustus, usher	Smith Henry, baker &c	Twitchen Wm
James John, gent, Shrubbery	Rompkins Misses	2 Smeeth Elian (and corn miller) Neatham
James Jph, gent, Priory	Vince Thos, shoemaker and beerhouse	

Extract from White's Directory 1878

Holybourne is a long straggling village, extending from 1 to 2 miles N.E. of Alton, near the Railway and the small river Wey, which rises from several bournes or rivulets, a few miles to the south and west. The fertile and finely undulating parish, which is in Alton union, hundred, deanery and county court district, comprises an area of 2522 acres, and in 1871 had 712 inhabitants, of which 1117 acres and 94 persons were in Neatham tithing, on the south side of the river, 2 miles N.E. by E. of Alton. *This tithing was once of more importance than Alton and in the time of William I had a market. A monastery formally stood here.**

The Hon. John Thomas Dutton is lord of the manor of Holybourne, and Edward Knight Esq., is lord of the manor of Neatham; but the Cole, Cooper, White and other families have estates here. Holybourne Lodge, the seat of Edgar Charles Baker Esq is a handsome mansion with tasteful grounds. The CHURCH (Holy Rood) an ancient structure, in the Early English style consisting of chancel, nave, north aisle (built 1835), and tower containing three bells was repaired in 1835 and has 290 sittings. The living is a vicarage, valued at £300, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, and held by the Rev. William Milton Ireland, B.A. Here is a FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL founded in 1719 by Thomas Andrews for all the children of Holybourne parish, 12 from Alton, five from Binsted and three from Froyle. The founder endowed it with certain fee-farm rents, amounting to £100 per annum which are now considerably increased in value. He also left the White Swan public-house in Coleman Street, London, to provide a fund for apprenticing some of the scholars. As no school house was given by the founders, it was determined, in 1721, that £800 should be first saved out of the income for the purchase of land and the erection of a school-house. This was completed in 1730. There is a good house for the master, and a large schoolroom for the boys, and one for girls was added in 1872. The endowment now yields a clear yearly income of about £230 which is applied as follows - £100 to the schoolmaster: £25 to the schoolmistress: £25 for books, stationery, firing &c: £20 for clothing some of the scholars and about £40 for apprentice fees. There are about 70 boys and 50 girls, and 50 infants, as free scholars, and the master is allowed to take other pupils, both as boarders and day scholars. The WESLEYAN CHAPEL, a neat and commodious building was erected in 1807, at a cost of £280, on a site given by Mr. William Berry, and a schoolroom was added, at a cost of £70. The ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH was originally built by Major Gibson for a mission chapel, but is now rented by Presbyterians.

POST OFFICE at Mr.Vvalentine Boggust's. Letters are received at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., and despatched at 10.30 a.m. and 6.50 p.m. weekdays and 12.50 p.m. Sundays, via Alton, which is the nearest Money Order Office.

Andrews Mrs Elizabeth . miller, Neatham	Coombes Thomas, basket maker	Parker Thomas, corn & horse dealer
Baker Mr Edgar Charles. Holybourne Lodge	Cox Joseph, gardener and seedsman	Smith Miss Elizabeth, baker
Berry Wm. Wheelwright & blacksmith	Ireland Rev Wm Milton B.A. vicar	Spiers Jesse, shopkeeper
Blackman Henry, vict, Queens Head	James Misses Clara and Emily, The Shrubberies	Thornton Captain E, The Lawn
Boggust Valentine, grocer, draper and postmaster	James John, solicitor, The Shrubberies and 13 Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, London SW	Tomkins Misses Jesse and Ellen
Bone David, shoeing & shodding smith	James Mr Joseph, The Priory	Thompsett & Son, grocers, drapers &c
Bowers Mrs Ann vict, White Hart	Lellyett William, bank cashier and agent for Accident Ins. Co. The Retreat	Twitchen Mr George, Manor house
Burningham John, builder	Lillywhilte Thomas, farmer, landowner and miller, Neatham Mill	Twitchen Henry, farmer, Manor farm

Carpenter Mrs, The Firs	Lock William, blacksmith	Twitchen William, farmer and hop grower, Manor farm, Neatham
Chalcraft Mrs Elizabeth	Mapey Thomas, plumber, painter, glazier and paperhanger	Warner, Mrs Mary, butcher
Cheris Miss Catherine, infant-mistress, Free Grammar School	Messenger James, farmer, hop planter and land agent, Bonhams Farm, Neatham and Bentley	Waterman Rev George, M.A. (Presbyterian)
Clement James, sexton	Mylward James, boot and shoe maker	Woolcock Samuel & Co, horticultural florists and seedsmen, Holybourne vineries
Cobb Geo & Mrs Margaret, teachers, Free Grammar School	M?????n Robert, victualler, Prince of Wales	
Complin Walter John, brewer, maltster, farmer & hop grower, Fishers	Palmer Mrs Sarah, The Limes	

* The italicised text is now not thought to be correct.