Kelly's Directory 1880

ANSTY is a village and parish in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Dunworth, Shaftesbury county court district, Hindon petty sessional division, Tisbury union, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, rural deanery of Chalke, second portion, 2 miles south from Tisbury station on the South Western railway, 13.5 miles west from Salisbury, 7 north east from Shaftesbury and 95.5 from London: the village is encompassed with downs on every sides, exception towards the north.

The church of St James is of the Early English style and was restored about the year 1842; it is cruciform and has a chancel and nave, with two transepts, and a small belfry containing 1 bell and will seat 200 persons: the church was thoroughly restored in 1878 and a vestry added, at a cost of about £500.

The register dates from the year 1654.

The living is a donative in the gift of Lord Arundell of Wardour who has declined to appoint. The parish is served voluntarily by the Vicar of Tisbury.

Nearly adjoining the churchyard, to the north, is a pile of old buildings, supposed to have belonged to the Abbey of Shaftesbury. The whole of the parish belongs to Lord Arundell of Wardour who is likewise lord of the manor.

The soil is sandy; subsoil, sandstone. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 840 acres; rateable value £1,745 and the population in 1871 was 200.

Parish Clerk, William Lever.

Letters through Salisbury
The nearest M.O. office is at Tisbury
Wall Letter Box cleared at 6pm and 8am on Sundays.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Bracher	William	Shoemaker
Butt	Edward	Gunsmith
Dewey	Samuel	Shopkeeper
Holloway	John	Carrier & General Dealer
Jeffery	John	Farmer, Cholden Farm
Jeffery	Walter	Farmer, Manor Farm
Lever	Henry	Mason
Lever	William	Arundell Arms
Lever	William	Parish Clerk