

**ALVINGTON WEST** (or West Alvington) is a large parish, in the Totnes division of the county, Stanborough hundred, petty sessional division of Stanborough and Coleridge, union and county court district of Kingsbridge, rural deanery of Woodleigh, archdeaconry of Totnes and diocese of Exeter. The church of All Saints, which is about one mile south-west from Kingsbridge, is a fine building of stone, in the Early Perpendicular style, with some remains of earlier work in the chancel, and consists of chancel, nave, aisles, a chapel set apart for the Ilbert family and containing memorial brass to the Ilberts buried in this church, south porch and an embattled western tower with four pinnacles, containing 6 bells and a clock: the east window is a memorial to W. R. Ilbert esq. and the west window to the Rev. Douglas Macdonald, a former vicar: there is also a window given in 1912 by Mr. R. P. Nicholls, in memory of his sister and niece: in the church is a brass tablet erected in memory of the men connected with the parish who fell in the Great War, 1914-18: the church was restored in 1867 at a cost of £2,600, and has 328 sittings. The registers date from the year 1558. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £562, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held since 1923 by the Rev. Michael Ward Kinloch O.B.E., M.A. of Pembroke College, Cambridge, canon and prebendary of Salisbury cathedral. The rectorial tithes belong half to the vicar and half to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The vicarage of South Milton, formerly annexed to this living, was separated by Order in Council, June 7th, 1886. Property of the value of about £60 a year is held by feoffees for the repair of the church and other purposes, and there is a charity for sick and second poor, left by Dame Ilbert. The ancient "Poor House" is now converted into cottages and a parish room for the use of the feoffees. Bowringsleigh, the residence since 1696 of the Ilbert family, whose representatives had formerly resided at Rill, in Buckfastleigh, is an ancient mansion, portions of which date from the 13th century, but the principal existing features are of the

#### WEST ALVINGTON.

##### PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Bell Robert, Prospect house  
Beer William, Thornfields

Clark Henry, Porch house  
Eagles Capt. Frederick Harston B.N.  
(retired), Norden

Early Tudor period: in the hall is an elaborate oak screen, of the time of James I. richly embossed with ebony and mahogany: the chapel, connected with the east wing of the house, which was partially destroyed by fire in 1843, contains a rich 15th century screen, brought from South Huish church: the ceilings of the reception rooms are beautiful specimens of the plaster decoration of the time of William and Mary; and there is a collection of valuable pictures: the mansion was completely restored and considerably enlarged during the years 1868-73. Miss Ilbert is lady of the manor of West Alvington and Norden and John N. Hurrell esq. is lord of the manor of Woolston and Oldaway. The chief landowners are Miss Ilbert, J. N. Hurrell esq. and John Pearce Chalker esq. The soil is various; subsoil, slaty shale and clay. The chief crops are wheat and barley; a large quantity of the land is used for grazing. The area is 2,599 acres of land, 12 of tidal water and 247 of foreshore; rateable value, £4,550. The population in 1911 was 535 in the civil and 938 in the ecclesiastical parish. The Ecclesiastical Parish includes portions of Kingsbridge, Dodbrooke and Churchstow.

Woolston,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-by-west; Bowcombe, 2 north-east; and Addlehole,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  north-east, are hamlets. By Local Government Board Order, 16,312, Coombe Royal was transferred to Churchstow and Addlehole to Dodbrooke, March 24, 1884.

By Local Government Board Order No. 34,675, June 25, 1896, part of West Alvington was annexed to Kingsbridge and Dodbrooke civil parish.

Post & M. O. Office.—Miss F. Morgan, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive by mail cart from Kingsbridge, which is the nearest telegraph office, 1 mile distant  
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Earle Lieut.-Col. Francis Alfred J.P.,  
Bowringsleigh  
Froude Ashley Anthony C.M.G.,  
D.L., J.P., B.A. Collapit creek

Ilbert Miss, Bowringsleigh  
 Jarvis William, The Elms  
 Kinloch Rev. Canon Michael Ward  
 O.B.E., M.A. (vicar), Vicarage  
 Moore Osmond  
 Pitts Miss, Rose cottage  
 Sandover George, jun. Southlands  
 Wills Miss, 1 Fernbank

COMMERCIAL.

Adams George, farmer, Youngcombe  
 Adams Richard, farmer, Weston  
 Argeat Stanley, farmer, Bagton  
 Baker Frederick, farmer, Heddiswell  
 Balkwill Francis, farmer, Woodhouse  
 Barons Marian Thomasine (Mrs.),  
 farmer, Gerston

Bell Robert Lavers, farmer, Preston  
 Choze Frederick, smallholder  
 Clark Henry, sub-agent to Miss  
 Ilbert, Porch house  
 Gill William, farmer, Butts  
 Gillard George, farmer, Park  
 Gloyn Robt. Alfd. farmer, Longbrook  
 Hosking Coulton Manning, farmer,  
 Oldway  
 Howard William, Ring of Bells P.H  
 Lane James Edward, grocer  
 Luscombe William, farmer  
 Newman Ernest, butcher  
 Rich Thomas & Sons, bakers  
 Stephens Edward A. highway sur-  
 veyor, Fernbank

Scoble Sydney, schoolmaster, assist-  
 ant overseer & clerk to the Parish  
 Council  
 Trant Ernest, farmer, Collapit  
 Tucker Lewis Millichamp, painter,  
 Southfield

EASTON.

Barons Miriam (Mrs.), farmer

WOOLSTON.

Rossiter John, farmer, Cholwells  
 Sandover Wm. farmer, Woolston court  
 Smale William, farmer  
 Stidston William James, Woolston  
 Villa & Webster farms