

BUCKERELL is a parish and village situated on the river Otter, 2½ miles north-east from Sidmouth Junction station on the main line of the South Western railway, 3 west from Honiton and 15 east from Exeter, in the Eastern division of the county, Hemyock hundred, Honiton petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Ottery, and archdeaconry and diocese of Exeter. The church of St. Mary and St. Giles is a fine cruciform building of stone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, transepts and an embattled western tower containing a clock and 5 bells: a magnificent old oak screen divides the chancel from the nave and there is a 15th century piscina and a monument to Samuel Graves, Admiral of the White, of Hembury Fort, 1717: five of the windows are stained; in the vestry is a tablet which gives the date of the church as 1430, but from a charter, by which Queen Elizabeth bestowed the advowson and tithes upon the Dean and Chapter of Exeter in perpetuity, it appears that the benefice existed in 1280, when it was in possession of the neighbouring Abbey of Dunkeswell: the church will seat 198 persons. The register of baptisms and marriages dates from the year 1654; burials, 1653. The living is a vicarage, tithe rent-charge £126, net yearly value £167, with residence and 3 acres of glebe, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter, and held since 1884 by the Rev. Alfred William Ford, of King's College, London. The great tithes, commuted at £145, are held under the Dean and Chapter of Exeter by the Rev. G. Barons Northcote M. A. rector of

Feniton. The poor have £8 3s. 6d. a year distributed in blankets and clothing, derived from £272 10s. 9d. in the funds, which was purchased with £300 left in 1817 by the late Rev. Thomas Howe. The mansion of Hembury Fort is the seat of Miss Porter; the view of the fort itself, a fortified camp occupying a site of considerable elevation and covering an area of about one and one-fifth acre, is extensive and beautiful, and includes the vale of the Otter and the sea at Budleigh Salterton. Deer Park, the residence of the Hon. Colin Lindsay J.P. and Lady Francis Lindsay, is situated in the midst of beautiful scenery, about midway between Honiton and Feniton: according to tradition it was in the ancient times a royal hunting box, this part of the county being famous for the chase of the deer and the otter, from whence the river close by derives its name; the park is about 300 acres in extent: attached to the mansion, which is about 150 years old, is a private Catholic chapel. Buckerell Lodge, the property of the Rev. G. Barons Northcote M.A. is the residence of Arundell Mackenzie-Ashton esq. The land is all freehold. George Barons Northcote M.A. rector of Feniton, L. D. Davy esq. and Alexander Reed esq. are the chief landowners. The soil is clay; subsoil, exceedingly rich and chiefly marl. The chief crops are oats, peas, beans, roots and pasturage. The acreage is 1,559; rateable value, £2,507; the population in 1881 was 255.

WESTON is a hamlet one mile east.

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