

## Sources for DITTON PRIORS

This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for the parish of **Ditton Priors** at Shropshire Archives.

### Printed sources:.

**General works** - These may also be available at Ludlow library

- Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*
- *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society*
- *Shropshire Magazine*
- Trade Directories which give a history of the town, main occupants and businesses, 1828-1941
- Victoria County History of Shropshire
- Parish Packs
- Monumental Inscriptions

**Small selection of more specific texts** (search [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a more comprehensive list)

- **OD64 v.f.** A history of Brown Clee and Ditton Priors – *P A Holbourn*
- **q OD63** Ditton Priors Court Rolls 1510-1614 – *S Watts & R Collingwood*
- **OD79 v.f.** From psalms to Sousa: the story of the Ditton Priors Brass Band
- **OD 65.8 v.f.** The fallen heroes of Ditton Priors and war memorials around Brown Clee; a tribute to those who did not return – *Hugh R Bryan*



St John the Baptist, Ditton Priors church

## Sources on microfiche or film:

### Parish and non-conformist church registers

	<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Marriages / Banns</b>	<b>Burials</b>
St John the Baptist church	1673-1858 1638-1671 (Bishops Transcripts)	1673-1837 / 1755-1799 & 1831-1861	1673-1877
Wesleyan Methodist Chapel	1801-1834	None	None
See also Methodist Circuit Records (reader's ticket needed)			

Up to 1900, registers are on [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)

### Census returns

1841, 1851(indexed), 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911

Census returns for the whole country can be looked at on the Ancestry website on the computers

### Maps

Ordnance Survey maps 25" to the mile and 6 "to the mile, c1880, c1901

(OS reference: old series LXV.3; new series SO6089)

Tithe map of c 1840 and apportionment (list of owners/occupiers)

### Newspapers

*Shrewsbury Chronicle*, 1772 onwards (NB from 1950 as originals only – Reader's Ticket required)

*Shropshire Star*, 1964 onwards

## Archives:

**To see these sources you need a Shropshire Archives Reader's Ticket.**

### School Records

Manager's returns under 1902 Education Act (ED2699/38/32)

### Official records

Bridgnorth Poor Law Union (PL3) - see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue

Quarter Sessions Records (Q) - see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue

Wenlock Borough (WB – part listed and DA6 – see [www.shropshirearchives.org.uk](http://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk) for a catalogue

### Estate/manorial records

Collections of deeds (563, 883 and 5010)

Forester collection (1224– permission needed from Willey Estate to consult records).

See [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr) for manorial records

### Other records

Wills for Shropshire post 1858

Photographs and Postcards

And much much more!

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