



Kellys Directory Extract 1903



Amesbury (*originally Ambresbury or Ambrosebury*)

Is a parish, formerly a market town, which gives name to a hundred and union, and is in a small valley on the river Avon, with a station on the London and South Western railway, 8 miles north from Salisbury and 79½ from London, in the Southern division of the county, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, Salisbury county court district, rural deanery of Amesbury (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Mary is an ancient structure of flint and stone, apparently Norman, and consisting of a chancel, transepts, nave of three bays, south aisle, and a central tower containing a clock and 6 bells: the north transept has a chapel at the east end (now used as a vestry), and a double piscina: overhead is a parvise or priest's chamber: the chancel has a stone credence supported by two angels: the church was repaired in 1853, and affords 656 sittings. The register of baptisms dates from 1579 and of marriages and burials from 1599, but is continuous as to baptisms only from 1624, and for marriages and burials from 1610. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £278, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Canons of Windsor, and held since 1902 by the Rev. Reginald Fawkes M.A. Trinity College, Cambridge and chaplain to Amesbury Union. Here is a Wesleyan chapel. In 1860 an acre of land was laid out and consecrated as an addition to the churchyard, and mortuary chapel built at the sole expense of the late Sir Edmund Antrobus, bart. There is a charity, founded by Richard Harrison in 1725, and consisting of 21 acres of land in Allington, the rent of which is applied in apprenticing poor children whose parents are not receiving parish relief. West of the town is the site of a British village, commonly called "Vespasian's Camp," and intersected by the road to Stonehenge: it occupies the summit of an eminence on the banks of the Avon and is surrounded by a single ditch and vallum, inclosing an area of 39 acres.

The celebrated remains of a supposed pre-historic temple, called "Stonehenge," are situated on Salisbury plain, 2 miles west-north-west of Amesbury and within the parish: these consist of two circles of monolithic blocks of sandstone and greenstone, with an inner horseshoe of five trilithons, some retaining their original upright position and others prostrate. On the 31 December 1899, two of the stones fell, and the precarious condition of others being strongly recognised by archaeologists, a committee was formed, with the assent of the owner, consisting of representatives of the Society of Antiquaries of London, the Wilts Archaeological Society and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, which on the 12 April, 1901, met at Stonehenge, under the presidency of Viscount Dillon P.S.A. and resolutions were then passed for the partial restitution and future preservation of the remains. Active operations were begun in September 1901, in an effort to raise the greatest of the fallen stones, said to be "the largest native monolith in Britain," which had gradually descended to an angle of 60deg. and was in imminent peril: this work was begun on September 18, and on September 25 the huge monolith was safely raised and fixed securely in a vertical position. The operations generally were superintended by W. Gowland, esq. F.S.A., F.I.C. assisted by Messrs. Carruthers and Blow: the various excavations made on the spot yielded some flint and more than 100 stone implements, quantities of chippings of the stones, a deer's horn pick, two or three Roman and a few English coins. Mr. Gowland considers these remains to belong to the latter part of the Neolithic age, the period of transition from stone to bronze, the approximate date of which for this country would be about 1800 B.C. and that they probably formed "a place of sanctity dedicated to the observation or adoration of the sun." A nunnery was founded here by Queen Elfrida to expiate the murder of King Edward: it was once in such repute that Queen Eleanor, widow of Henry III retired to it, and there, in the year 1284, took the veil, as did also, subsequently, the Princess Mary, daughter of Edward I. carrying with her a train of thirteen noble young ladies. The Abbey, the residence of Col. Sir Edmund Antrobus bart., J.P. stands in a finely-timbered park, on the site of the monastic house: it was once the residence of the Duke and Duchess of Queensberry, the patrons of the poet Gay. On the further bank of the Avon, opposite the abbey, is a lawn called the "Diamond," in the centre of which is a large cave, where, it is stated, Gay wrote several of his celebrated fables. Sir Edmund Antrobus, bart. is lord of the manor and the principal landowner. The soil is light; subsoil, chalk. There are many downs in the neighbourhood affording good pasturage for sheep, of which large flocks are kept. The chief crops are barley, wheat and oats. The area is 5,625 acres of land and 41 of water; rateable value, £5,237; In 1901 the population was 1,143, including 43 officers and inmates in the workhouse.

Countess half a mile north; West or Little Amesbury, 1 mile west; and Ratfyn, 1 north-east, are hamlets. On the downs are numerous barrows.

Post, M.O. & T.O., T.M.O., S.B., E.D.P.P: & A. & I.O. – Thomas Merchant, postmaster. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 6.30 & 11a.m. & 5p.m.; dispatched, 11.45 a.m. & 6.55 p.m.; on Sundays at 4.20 p.m. Wall Letter Box, West Amesbury, cleared at 11.15 a.m. & 7.10 p.m. daily; Sundays, 4.25 p.m.

AMESBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meets at Amesbury workhouse every month at 11 a.m. Clerk, Richard Arthur Wilson, Salisbury. Treasurer, Matthew Henry W. Devenish, Wilts & Dorset Bank, Salisbury.

Medical Officer of Health, Charles Eddowes, Maddington Sanitary Inspector. John Turner Huxham, Amesbury.

AMESBURY UNION

Board day, Wednesday, fortnightly, at the Workhouse, at 11 a.m.

Amesbury union comprises the following places, viz.: - Allington, Amesbury, Boscombe, Bulford, Cholderton,, Durnford, Durrington, Figheldean, Idmiston, Maddington, Milston, Newton Toney, Orcheston St. George, Orcheston St. Mary, Rollestone, Shrewton, Tilshead, Wilsford & Lake, Winterbourne Dauntsey, Winterbourne Earls, Winterbourne Gunner, Winterbourne Stoke & Woodford. The population of the union in 1901 was 8,268; area, 61,002 acres; rateable value in 1902 was £44,304.

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, Richard Arthur Wilson, Salisbury.

Treasurer, Mathew Henry W. Devenish, Wilts & Dorset Bank, Salisbury.

Relieving & Vaccination Officers Amesbury & Orcheston districts, James Sandell, Amesbury; Winterbourne district, Edward Henry Cusse, Boscombe.

Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, Amesbury & Winterbourne district, Penrose John Barcroft, Amesbury; Orcheston district, Charles Eddowes, Maddington.

Collectors to the Guardians, James Sandell, Amesbury; & E.H. Cusse, Boscombe.

Superintendent Registrar, Richard Arthur Wilson, Salisbury; deputy, Louis Anset, St. Mark's Road, Salisbury.

Registrars of Births & Deaths, Amesbury sub-district, James Sandell, Amesbury; deputy, Miss Marie Haylock, Amesbury; Orcheston sub-district, C. Eddowes, Maddington; deputy, Alfred Chubb, Shrewton; Winterbourne sub-district, Edward Henry Cusse, Boscombe; deputy, Miss C. M. Cusse, Boscombe.

Registrars of Marriages for Amesbury Union, Alfred Chubb, Shrewton; deputy, H. Marman, Castle Street, Salisbury; & James Sandell, Amesbury.

The Workhouse, erected in 1835-1836, for 175 inmates, has since been rebuilt; Rev. Reginald Fawkes M.A., chaplain; Penrose John Barcroft, medical officer; Charles H. Bessant, Master; Mrs. Bessant, matron; children attend the National school.

Police station, Thomas Scott, sergeant-in-charge.

SCHOOLS

Elementary, for 131 children; average attendance, 123; C. W. Hallett, master.

Elementary (infant), for 72 children; average attendance, 60; Miss E. M. Smith, mistress.

Railway Station, London & South Western Railway, John Colwill, station master.

Railway Agents, Chaplin & Co. (A.S. Asher, manager).

Carrier to Salisbury – Hubert Eyres, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; omnibus from 'The George' hotel meets all trains.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Antrobus	Edmund bart.	Colonel, Sir, J.P.		Amesbury Abbey
Barcroft	Penrose John			Amesbury House
Batho		Misses		
Brown	Henry			
Cole	William Quint			Redworth
Deverell		Miss		
Eyres		Miss		
Fawkes	Reginald	Rev., M.A.	Vicar & Chaplain to the Amesbury Union Workhouse	Vicarage
Fowle	Fulwar Craven	J.P.		
Haines		Miss		
Haylock		Mrs.		
Lockyer	Gerard Edward			
Selfe		Miss		
Turner	Frederick			West Amesbury House
Wheeler		Mrs.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Barcroft & Lockyer	Surgeons	
		Soul Bros.	Grocers & Bakers	
.Asher	A. S.	Chaplin & C.	Manager of ohe L. & S. W. Railway Goods Agents	
Bailey	William		Baker & Provisions Merchant	
Barcroft	Penrose John	F.R.C.S. & M.R.C.P. & L.M.I.	Surgeon & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator To Amesbury Union.	
Barnes	John George		Beer Retailer	Smithfield street
Bartholemew	Percy		Gamekeeper to Colonel, Sir E. Antrobus, Bart.	
Bessant		Mrs.	Matron Of The Amesbury Union Workhouse	
Bessant	Charles H.		Master Of The Amesbury Union Workhouse	
Bishop	Hedley		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Blake	George		Farmer & Estate Agent	The Red house
Brown	Edmund James		Teacher of Music	
Browne	Henry	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., L.S.A.Lond.	Physician & Surgeon & Late Surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital	
Cockle	Ernest		Apartments & Tearooms	
Cole	William Quint		Builder	
Colwill	John		Station Master	
Cox	Henry		Shoeing, General Smith & Agricultural Machinist	
Dear	William		Butcher	
Dickeson	Richard	& Co. Limited	Wholesale Grocers	
Everett	Francis		Butcher & Cattle Dealer	
Eyres	Hubert		Carrier	
Flower	Edward William		Beekeeper & Cowkeeper	
Ford	John		Harness Maker	
Gane	Henry		Coal Merchant	
Giddings	William		Dairyman	

Grace	Christopher		Gardener to Colonel, Sir E. Antrobus, Bart.	
Hale	Bertram		Fancy Draper	
Hallet	C. W.		Master Of The Elementary School	
Harding	Mary	Miss	Publican	Bell Inn
Haylock	Marie	Miss	Deputy Registrar Of Births And Deaths	
Henderson	William		Cycle Agent & Photographer	
Horne	Charles		Butcher	
Huxham	John Turner		Road Surveyor for Wilts County Council & Sanitary Inspector & Road Surveyor for Amesbury Rural District Council & Deputy Registrar of Births & Deaths for Amesbury Sub-District & School Attendance Officer	
Huxham	Rank		Farmer	Earl's court
Jenkins	Herbert		Shopkeeper	
Kirby	William		Shoemaker	
Lang	J. E.	Wilts & Dorset Banking Co. Limited.	Sub-Manager; Draws On London & Westminster Bank	
Lockyer	Gerard Edward	M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.Lond.	Surgeon	
Melsome	Robert F.		Farmer	Ratfyn
Merchant	Thomas		Bookseller, Assistant Overseer & Post Office	
Moore	Ernest		Boot Maker	
Moore	Herbert		Boot Dealer	
Mortimer	Jane	Mrs.	Laundress	
Mugford	John George		Publican	Kings Arms
Nottey	Anthony		Farm Bailiff To G. Blake Esq	
Painter	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Laundress	
Parsons	Arthur	& Son	Farmers	Countess Manor Farm
Pass	Edward		Publican	New Inn, good accommodation for cyclists; conveyance to Stonehenge & military camp
Polinski	Myer		Watch Maker	
Randall	Edward		Tailor	
Sandell	Charles		Farmer	West Amesbury Farm
Sandell	James		Registrar of Births & Deaths For Amesbury Sub-District, & Relieving Officer & Vaccination Officer for Amesbury & Orcheston District & Collector to the Guardians.	
Sandell	William		Miller (Water)	
Scott	Marian	Mrs.	District Nurse	
Scott	Thomas		Police Sergeant	
Shepherd	Frank		Grocer	
Sheppard	Ann	Mrs.	Harness Maker	
Sheppard	William Arthur		Insurance Agent	
Smith	E. M.	Miss	Mistress Of The Infants	

			Elementary School	
Stride	H.	& Son	Carriage Builders & Job Masters; & At Andover; Trained Chargers For Officers on Hire, or Stabled for any period.	
Truckle	Albert		Sanitary Plumber	
Truckle	Matilda	Mrs.	Laundress	Cold Harbour
Tucker	Frank		Draper, Fancy Repository & Refreshment Rooms	
Underwood	George William		Builder, Carpenter, Wheelwright, Blacksmith & Coal Merchant	
Whistler	Melville E.		Publican	The George, family & commercial hotel & posting house
Witt	William		Hairdresser & Tobacconist	Salisbury Street.