



Kellys Directory Extract 1907



Amesbury

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 79 and a half miles 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 town is well supplied with water from Wells, and a scheme of drainage and sewage is now (1907) being carried out at a cost of about £4,000. The church of St Mary is an ancient structure of flint and stone, apparently Norman, and consisting of 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 piscine: 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 during 1903-6 the nave and tower were restored, and the bells rehung at a total cost of £2,500: in 1907 the chancel was new roofed and other repairs made at a cost of about £600, defrayed by the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury: the church affords 650 sittings.

The register of baptisms dates from 1570 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 £256, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Canons of Windsor and held since 1906 by the Rev. Francis Windley M.A. Trinity College, Oxford, 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 a mortuary chapel built at the sole expense of the late Sir Edmund Antrobus bart. Harrison's charity was founded by Richard Harrison in 1725 and consists of 21 acres of land in Allington; the proceeds of this charity are added to the residue of Roses and Spratts charities, to provide scholarships. 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 bank's 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," the property of Sir E. Antrobus bart. Are situated on Salisbury Plain, 2 miles west-north-west of Amesbury and within the parish: these consists 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 Dec. 1899 two of the stones fell, and the precarious condition of others being strongly recognized 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 Sept. 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 60 deg. And was in imminent peril: the work was begun on Sept 18, and on Sept 25 the huge monolith was safely raised and fixed securely in a vertical condition. The operations generally were superintended by Prof. W. Gowland 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 Queensbury, the patrons of the poet Gay. On the further bank of the Avon, opposite the abbey, is a lawn called the "Diamond" in the center 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 and some land in pasture. The area is 5,625 acres of land and 41 of water; rateable value, £5,660; 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. S.B. & A. & I. Office – Thomas Merchant, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 6:30 & 11 a.m.; dispatched 8:30 & 11:30am & 7pm; on Sundays at 4:25pm. Wall letter box, West Amesbury, cleared at 11 am. & 7:25pm daily, Sundays 4:50pm.

AMESBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meets at Amesbury workhouse every month at 11:45 am. 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 am.

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, Rollstone, Shrewton, Tilthead, 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, Lady Day, 1907, was £48,318. Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, Richard Arthur Wilson, Salisbury.

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

Relieving & Vaccination Officers & Collectors to the Guardians, Amesbury & Orcheston districts, James Sandell, Amesbury; Winterbourne district, Edward Henry Cusse, Winterbourne Dauntsey.

Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, Amesbury & Winterbourne district, Gerard E. Lockyer, Amesbury; Orcheston district, Charles Eddowes, Maddington.

The Workhouse, erected in 1835-1836, for 175 inmates has since been enlarged; Rev. Francis Windley M.A. chaplain; Gerard E. Lockyer M R C S Eng. L R C P Lond. Medical officer; Frank J. Moore, master; Mrs. Moore, matron; children attend the Elementary School.

Superintendent Registrar, Richard Arthur Wilson, Salisbury; deputy, Lois Anset, St. Mark's road, Salisbury Registrars of Births & Deaths, Amesbury sub-district, James Sandell, Amesbury; deputy, Herbert W.L. Eyres, 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; deputy, Miss Marie Haylock, Amesbury.

Fire Brigade (Volunteer), F.W. Underwood, captain; one lieutenant, secretary & 12 men; there is one manual engine. Police Station, Thomas Scott, sergeant-in-charge.

School (Elementary) (Church of England), built, with residence for master, in 1900, at a cost of £4,000 derived from the sale of Rose's & Spratt's charities with the reservation of about £1,200 (including Richard Harrison's charity) for educational purposes; now applied to the provision of scholarships in connection with the school. The site was presented by Col. Sir Edmund Antrobus bart. The school is available for 137 boys & girls & 68 infants; average attendance, 153 boys & girls & 58 infants; Charles William Hallett, master; Miss L. Gronowsky, infants mistress.

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

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

Carriers to Salisbury:- Hubert Eyres & Henry Thorne, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Omnibus from the George Hotel meets all trains.

Motor omnibus passes through four times daily, between Salisbury & Bulford Camp.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Antrobus	Edmond	Col. Bart, J.P.		Amesbury Abbey

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Batho		Miss		
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Browne	Henry			
Deverell		Miss		
Eyres		Miss		
Gane	Henry			
Haines		Miss		
Lockyer	Gerard Edward			
March	J. Ogdin			Comilla House
Seife		Miss		
Wheeler		Mrs.		
Windley	Francis	Rev., M.A.		Vicarage

COMMERCIAL

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Gillo & Co.	Corn & Coal Merchants	
		Hodding & Jackson	Solicitors	
		Moore Brothers	Boot Makers	
		Soul Bros.	Grocers & Bakers	
Asher	A. S.	Chaplin & Co., L & S.W. Railway	Goods Agents Manager	
Bailey	George		Dairyman	
Bailey	William		Baker & Provision Merchant	
Barnes	John George		Beer Retailer	Smithfield Street
Bartholomew	Percy		Gamekeeper To Col. Sir Edward Antrobus, Bart	
Bishop	Hedley		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Blake	George		Farmer & Land 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. Physcn. & Surgeon.	
Cockle	Ernest William		Apartments & Tearooms	
Collins	Thomas		Cycle Dealer	
Colwill	John		Station Master	
Corp	William Frederick		Publican	New Inn
Cox	Henry		Blacksmith	
Dibben	Charles		Publican	Kings Arms P.H.
Eyres	Hubert		Coal Merchant & Carrier	
Fleming	Ann Alma Lucretia	Mrs.		Private Hotel, Iydyene House
Flower	Edward William		Beekeeper & Cowkeeper	
Grace	Christopher		Gardener To Col. Sir E. Antrobus, Bart.	
Hale	Bertram		Fancy Draper	
Harding	Henry	& Co. Ltd.	Jobmasters	
Hart	William		Publican	Bell Inn
Haylock	Marie	Miss	Deputy Registrar of Marriages	
Horner	Edwin Percy		Butcher	
Huxham	Frank		Farmer	Earl's Court
Huxham	John Turner		Road Surveyor for Wilts. C.C. & Sanitary Inspector & Road Surveyor for Amesbury Rural District Council & School Attendance Officer	

Jenkins	Herbert		Shopkeeper	
Jerome	C.		Coach Builder & Motor Car Body Maker	Weighbridge House
Kirby	William		Shoe Maker	
Lang	J. E.	Wilts & Dorset Banking Co. Ltd.	Sub-Manager; Draw on London & Westminster Bank	
Lockyer	Gerard Edward	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond.	Surgeon	
Marsh	J. Ogdin	M.R.C.S., Eng. L.R.C.P. Lond.		Cornilla House
Merchant	Thomas		Bookseller & Assistant Overseer	Post Office
Moore	Herbert		Boot Maker	
Mortimer	Mary Jane	Mrs.	Laundress	
Notley	Anthony		Farm Bailiff To G. Blake Esq.	
Parsons	Edwin Arthur		Farmer	Countess Manor Farm
Pritchard	Henry		Hair Dresser & Tobacconist	
Randall	Edward		Insurance Agent	
Sandell	Charles		Farmer	West Amesbury Farm
Sandell	James		Register of Births, Marriages & 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	Henry John		Harness Maker	
Snook	W. J.	& Co.	Butchers	
Stevens	George		Insurance Agent	
Truckle	Matilda	Mrs.	Laundress	Cold Harbour
Tucker	Frank		Draper & Fancy Repository	
Underwood	Frederick William		Plumber	
Underwood	George William		Builder & Coal Merchant	
Whistler	Melville E.		Hotelier	The George, Family & Commercial Hotel & Posting House