



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915

## 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 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 town is well supplied with water from wells. A new scheme of drainage and sewage was carried out in 1907 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 called the Jesus chapel, which was restored in 1910 and is used for daily services, 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 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 656 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 1915 by the Rev.

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 Rose's and Spratt's 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 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", the property of Sir C G Antrobus bart. 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 Dec 1899, two of the stones fell, and the precarious condition of others being strongly recognised by archæologists, a committee was formed, with the assent of the owner, consisting of representatives of the Society of Antiquaries of London, the Wilts Archæological 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 PSA 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 60deg and was in imminent peril: this work was begun on Sept 18 and on Sept 25 the huge monolith was safely raised and fixed securely in a vertical position. The operations generally were superintended by Prof W Gowland FSA FIC 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 stone, a deer's horn pick, two of 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 BC 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, 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 Sir Cosmo Gordon Antrobus bart. 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 centre of which is a large cave, where, it is stated, Gay wrote several of his celebrated fables. Sir C G 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 5,894 acres of land and 41 of water; rateable value £6,692; in 1911 the population was 1,252 including 6 officers and 47 inmates in the Poor Law Institution.

**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, MOT & Telephonic Express Delivery Office:** Mrs B M Hale sub-postmistress.

Letters arrive from Salisbury at 5.25 & 10.30am & 3.45pm; Sundays 5.25am; dispatched at 8.30am and 12.15, 2.45, 7 & 8pm; on Sundays at 4.30pm.

**Wall Letter Box:** West Amesbury cleared at 11.05am & 7.25pm daily; Sundays 4.50pm.

#### **AMESBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Parishes in the District are the same as in the Union

Council meets at Amesbury Poor Law Institution every fourth Wednesday at 2.45pm

Chairman: George F Gay, Porton

Vice Chairman: F R White, Porton

Clerk: Richard Arthur Wilson, 15 Bridge St, Salisbury

Treasurer: H S Harbridge, Lloyds Bank, Market Place, Salisbury

Medical Officer of Health: Clifford Beards MA MB BChOxon DPHLond MRCPLond MRCSEng, Pewsey

Sanitary Inspector: Arthur Colborne, Amesbury

Surveyor: John Turner Huxham, Amesbury

#### **AMESBURY UNION**

Board day, Wednesday, fortnightly, at the Poor Law Institution at 2pm

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, Tilshead, Wilsford & Lake, Winterbourne Dauntsey, Winterbourne Earls, Winterbourne Gunner, Winterbourne Stoke & Woodford. The population of the union in 1911 was 11,158; area 63,454 acres; rateable value, Lady Day 1915 £52,499.

Chairman: George F Gay, Porton

Vice Chairman: F R White, Porton

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee: Richard Arthur Wilson, Bridge Street, Salisbury

Treasurer: H S Harbridge, Lloyds Bank, Market Place, Salisbury

Relieving & Vaccination Officer & Collector to the Guardians for the Union: James Sandell, Amesbury

Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, Amesbury & Winterbourne district: Henry Browne MRCSEng LTCPLond,

Amesbury; Orcheston district, Charlton Robert Frederick Hall MACamb MRCSEng LRCPLond, St Elmo, Shrewton

The Poor Law Institution, erected in 1835-6, for 175 inmates, has since been enlarged; chaplain (vacant); Henry

Browne MRCSEng LRCPLond medical officer; F J Huxtable, master; Mrs Huxtable, matron; children attend the

Elementary school

#### **AMESBURY REGISTRATION DISTRICT**

Superintendent Registrar: Richard Arthur Wilson, 12 Bridge Street, Salisbury; deputy, Arthur Munkhouse Wilson, 12 Bridge Street, Salisbury

Registrars of Births & Deaths & Marriages, Amesbury & Winterbourne sub-districts, James Sandell, Amesbury; deputy

Herbert W L Eyres, Amesbury; Orcheston sub-district, Charlton R F Hall, Maddington; deputy, G B Williams, Shrewton

Registrars of Marriages for Amesbury district, James Sandell, Amesbury; deputy, H W L Eyres, Amesbury

**Fire Brigade (Volunteer):** F W Underwood, captain; one lieutenant, secretary & 12 men; there is one manual engine

**Police Station:** Archibald Samuel Buchanan, supt

**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 the late Col Sir Edmund Antrobus bart. The school is available for 137 boys & girls & 68 infants; Charles William Hallett, master, Miss Jessie Birt, infants' mistress

**Railway Station**, London & South Western Railway, Edward William Croome, station master

**Railway Agents**, Chaplin & Co

**Carriers to Salisbury**: Hubert Eyres & Joseph Thorne, Tues., Thurs. & sat

**Motor car** from the George Hotel meets trains by order

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Antrobus	Cosmo Gordon	Sir bart		Amesbury Abbey
Atkinson	Clark Arthur			Viney Cottage
Batho		Mrs		
Browne	Henry			
Deverell		Miss		
Eyres		Miss		
Haines		Miss		
James	Harry Courtney			
Lang	Joseph Edward			Bank House
Longmore	John C	Col ASC		Redworth House
March	J Ogdin			Comilla House
Wheeler		Misses		

### Traders – early closing day, Wednesday

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Amesbury Abbey Estate Office	Eden Baines & Kennaway, agents	Arthur Atkinson-Clark, sub-agent
		Amesbury Co-Operative Society Ltd		
		Avon Valley Supply Co	Coal Merchants	
		Chaplin & Co	L&SW Railway Goods Agents	
		Hart & Son	Butchers	High Street
		Hodding & Jackson	Solicitors	
		Lloyds Bank Ltd	Draw on London head office, Lombard Street EC	
		Soul Brothers	Grocers	
		Wilts & Dorset Motor Services Ltd		
Annetts	Sidney		Butcher	
Attwater	Edward H		Dairyman	
Banfield	Frederick William		Cycle Agent	
Barnes	John George		Beer Retailer	Smithfield Street
Bartholomew	Percy		Gamekeeper to Sir Cosmo Gordon Antrobus bart	
Bishop	Hedley		Carpenter	
Blake	George		Farmer	The Red House
Brown	Edmund James		Teacher of Music	
Browne	Henry	MRCSEng	Physician & Surgeon, Medical	

		LRCPLond LSALond	Officer & Public Vaccinator for Amesbury & Winterbourne District	
Burton	Percy Septimus		Builder	
Cockle	Ernest William		Tea Rooms	
Cockle	Frederick		Coal Merchant	
Colborne	Arthur		Sanitary Inspector for Amesbury Rural District Council	
Collins	Mary Alice	Mrs	Motor Engineer, Motor Car & Motor Cycle Agent & Dealer, Motor Car Hirer by Day or Week, Michelin & other tyres stocked, petrol, oils & accessories	
Coombe	E M	Manager	Wilts & Dorset Motor Services Ltd	
Corp	William Frederick			New Inn
Cox	Frederick Hubert		Grocer	
Cox	Henry		Blacksmith	
Dibben	Charles Ernest		PH & Posting establishment Good Stabling Accommodation; best quality of ales, wines & spirits	King's Arms
Eyres	Hubert		Carrier	
Fuller	Thomas Lionel		Photographer & Picture Post Card Publisher	
Gibbs	Alfred John		First class accommodation for families, tourists etc. wines & spirits of best brands; RAC; excellent stabling; motor garage	Bell Hotel
Hale	Barbara M	Mrs	Fancy Draper & Post Office	
Hitchcock	Frederick		Assistant Overseer	
Hough	William		Watch & Clock Maker	
Huxham	John Turner		Assistant Road Surveyor for Wilts County Council, for Amesbury & Pewsey Districts & Road Surveyor for Amesbury Rural District Council	
Jenkins	Herbert		Shopkeeper	
Kirby	William		Shoe Maker	
Lang	J E	Manager	Lloyds Bank Ltd	
March	J Ogdin	MRCSEng LRCPLond		Comilla House
Miles	Frederick	Local Agent	Unemployment Insurance Act	
Moore	Herbert		Boot Maker	
Mortimer	Mary Jane	Mrs	Laundress	
Parsons	John		Corn Merchant	
Parsons	Sidney		Farmer	Countess Farm
Pethen	Charles		Boot Maker	
Sandell	Charles		Farmer	Countess Farm
Sandell	James		Registrar of Births, marriages & Deaths for Amesbury & Winterbourne Sub-districts & Relieving Officer & Vaccination Officer for Amesbury Union & collector to the Guardians	
Sandell	Thomas		Miller (water)	
Scott	Marian	Mrs	Midwife	
Shepherd	Frank		Grocer	
Sheppard	Henry John		Harness Maker	
Stride	John Henry		Gardener to Sir Cosmo Gordon Antrobus bart.	
Thomas	Mary Louisa	Mrs	Newsagent	
Tucker	Frank		Draper	

Underwood	Frederick William		Plumber	
Whistler	Melville E		Family Hotel & Posting House	The George
Witt	William		Hairdresser	
Zebedee	Charles		Fried Fish Dealer	