



Kellys Directory Extract 1931



Avebury

AVEBURY is a parish on the Kennet, containing the village of Avebury, with the hamlets of Beckhampton and West Kennett; it is 6½ miles west from Marlborough station on a branch of the Great Western railway, 9 north-east from Devizes, in the Devizes division of the county, hundred of Selkley, rural district and county court district of Marlborough, Marlborough and Hungerford petty sessional division, rural deanery of Avebury, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. James is a building of stone, in the Saxon, Norman and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays, aisles and south porch, with an embattled western tower with pinnacles containing 5 bells and a clock: the Saxon font, with Norman carving, is carved with the figure of a bishop holding the gospels to his breast, and piercing, with his crozier, a serpent which lies coiled around: at the south entrance is a rich Norman doorway, and over the chancel arch a rood screen, beautifully painted, and which has been carefully restored: in the chancel is a monument to John Truslove, dated 1593: the church was restored in 1883 and 1931: there are 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1697. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £345, including 16 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1929 by the Rev. Vivian Mason-Pooley, B.A. of Selwyn College, Cambridge. The Congregational chapel, erected in 1670 and since enlarged, will seat 150 persons; the Baptist chapel was built in 1873. Hawkins' charity of £5 yearly is for the poor of the parish. William Greader esq. Fred Darling, esq. Edgar William Shipp esq. J. Peake-Garland, esq. and John William Osmond, esq. are the principal landowners. The soil is loam; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and roots. The area is 4,690 acres; the population in 1921 was 525.

BECKHAMPTON is 1 mile south-west; here are the training stables for race horses of Mr. Fred Darling. West Kennett is 1 mile south-east on the road from Marlborough to Calne.

On WINDMILL HILL, as well as on the surrounding downs, are numerous barrows. Silbury Hill, rising to the height of 130 feet, is 1 mile south. The remains of the Druidical temple at Avebury are crossed by two roads; it originally consisted of an outer and two inner circles of huge stones, some of which are still in position. Sexton, Richard Paradise.

Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office. Letters through Marlborough.

Conveyance.- Motor omnibuses pass through several times daily from Swindon to Devizes & from Marlborough to Calne Thursday only

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Blagrove	Herbert			The Grange, Beckhampton
Broughton	Reginald Edmund	Rev. Canon, M.A.		West Kennett Farm
Darling	Fred			Beckhampton
Darling	Willonyx	Mrs.		Beckhampton
Garland	Lewis			Beckhampton
Hues	Christopher Norman			Galteemore, Beckhampton
Hussey	Christopher Pierce			West Kennett House
Jenner	Leopold Christian Duncan	Lt.-Col., C.M.G., D.S.O., J.P.		Manor House
Peake-Garland	James			Wandyke
Pooley	Vivian Mason	Rev., B.A.	Vicar	The Vicarage

Rix		Miss		
Shipp	Frederick Edgar	Captain		West Kennett

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Shipway Brothers	Bricklayers	
		Stroud Brewery Co. Limited	Branch	West Kennett
		Titcombe Brothers	Wheelwrights	
Blagrove	Herbert		Horse Trainer	The Grange, Beckhampton;. Telephone Number 18
Caswell	Alice	Miss	Grocer	
Chandler	Eric A.		Petrol Service Station	Silbury
Clarke	David		Beer Retailer	
Cooper	William		Baker	
Darling	Fred		Horse Trainer	Beckhampton; Telephone Number 4
Farley	James		Farmer	Westbrook Cottage
Gilbert	E.	& Sons	Farmers	
Greader	William		Farmer (150 acres or over)	Little Avebury Manor Farm; Telephone Number 27
Harcombe	Frank C.		Petrol Filling Station	West Kennett
Hiskins	Ernest George		Farmer	Bannans Farm
Hues	Christopher Norman		Farmer (150 acres or over)	Galteemore Farm, Beckhampton; Telephone Number 12
Osmond	John William		Farmer (150 acres or over)	Old Brewery, West Kennett; Telephone Number 13
Paradise	Charles		Blacksmith	
Peake-Garland	James		Farmer (150 acres or over)	The Manor Farm
Perry	C. Dudley		Private Hotel	Telephone Number 25
Randall	James		Publican	Wagon & Horses Public House, Beckhampton
Rawlins	John		Motor Engineer	Telephone Number 5
Rickards	John Walter		Farmer	
Shipp	Frederick Edgar	Capt.	Farmer (150 acres or over)	West Kennett; Telephone Number 17
Stagg	William James		Publican	Red Lion Public House; Telephone Number 22
Titcombe	George		Carpenter	
Walsh	Leonora	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	West Kennett