



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Boscombe

BOSCOMBE is a parish and village, on the river Bourne, 2 miles north from Porton station on the main line of the London and South Western railway, 4 south-east from Amesbury, and 8 north-east from Salisbury in the Southern division of the county, hundred and union of Amesbury, 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 Andrew is a small and ancient structure of flint and stone, in the Norman style, consisting of chancel, which retains an aumbry, nave and north transept, and a small wooden belfry at the west end containing one bell: the pulpit of carved oak is dated 1633: the font is Norman: there are 100 sittings. The register dates from the year 1696. The living is a rectory, average net income £138, including 22 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1891 by the Rev Herbert William Barclay Th. Assoc. of King's College, London, who is also rector of and resides at Allington. There are four almshouses for two widows and two widowers, founded by Mr Kent in 1608 and endowed with £24 yearly. Richard Hooker was the rector of this parish, and here he wrote the first four books of his "Ecclesiastical Polity" printed in 1594. George Henry Eyre-Matcham esq. JP is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is light and chalky; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 1,688 acres; rateable value £1,234; the population in 1911 was 99.

Post Office: Mrs Susan Ann Sheppard, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 5.20am & 1.50pm; box closes 12.20 & 6.45pm; Sunday arrive 5.20am; dispatched 4.35pm. Porton, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order and telegraph office

Elementary **School**, for Boscombe and Allington, built in 1894 by the late W E Eyre-Matcham esq. and enlarged in 1910, for 70 children of the parishes; Miss Mary Elizabeth Leslie, mistress

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ashworth	Leonard	Colonel		Boscombe House

Traders

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Read	Robert Jackson		Farmer	West Farm & East Farm
Sheppard	Susan Ann	Mrs	Grocer	