



Kellys Directory Extract 1889



Mere

MERE is a union town and parish situated on the borders of three counties - Wilts, Dorset and Somerset - which meet in the vicinity, and is on the road from Salisbury to Taunton Dean, 23 miles west-by-north from Salisbury, 102 from London, 7 west from Hindon, 7 east-by-north from Wincanton, 4 north from Gillingham station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the South Western railway, in the Southern division of the county, Mere hundred, Hindon petty sessional division, county court district of Shaftesbury, Wylde rural deanery Heytesbury portion, Salisbury archdeaconry and diocese.

The town is lighted with gas from works erected in 1866. The church of St. Michael the Archangel is a stone building, consisting of chancel with chapel, nave of five bays, aisles and north and south porches, over each of which is a parvise, and western tower with clock and chimes: the chancel is separated from the nave by a beautifully carved oak screen: in a Gothic niche over the north porch is the figure of a saint: the tower is square, very stately, well built and turreted: it is 35 yards high, surmounted at the angles by four lofty pinnacles and contains 6 musical bells: the chantry chapels are the oldest part, which is of the 14th century; one is used as the vestry and the other for daily prayer; in the south chapel is a very ancient brass in memory of John Betteshorne, who died 1398: there are traces of Early English work (about the year 1220) in the buttresses at the east end and in the corbels which formerly came under the eaves, and are to be seen in the south chancel wall: the present chancel and the north and south chapels were built in the 14th century with some portions of the church, but there was apparently a great remodelling of the church when the tower was built about the middle of the 15th century: there are 600 sittings: in 1883 the churchyard was levelled and planted with shrubs and flowers. The registers are in a good state of preservation, and date from 1572 and the churchwardens' books, still preserved, date from 1556. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £330, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1881 by the Rev. Edwin George Wyld B.A. of Exeter College, Oxford, surrogate.

The mission church of St. Matthew, about 1½ miles south of the town, and on the Shaftesbury road, opened in 1882, is an edifice of stone and brick, and consists of chancel, apse, nave and north porch, with central bell turret containing one bell, and will seat 150 persons: the cost of erection was about £1,000, raised by voluntary subscriptions, the site being the gift of Miss Grove; it is served by the clergy of St. Michael the Archangel.

Here is a Congregational chapel, a large Gothic structure, erected at a cost of over £5,000, at the sole expense of Charles Jupe esq. built of local Bath and Ham Hill stone; also a Primitive Methodist chapel and one for the Plymouth Brethren. The Society of Friends have a meeting house here. The Cemetery, situated on the south side of the town, consisting of about two acres, was opened in 1856: during the excavations necessary in its formation an earthen vessel was discovered containing 400 Roman coins of very ancient date: two mortuary chapels have been erected; it is under the control of a burial board of 9 members.

The charities amount to £158 yearly: Gillingham Forest charity, arising from inclosure of land at Gillingham Forest, produces £100 yearly, and is distributed in shares: the allotment charity derived from land in Gillingham parish yields £20 annually, and is distributed to the poor. John Phillips left by his will the sum of £800, the interest of which after paying for the repairs of tomb, and partly for support of Sunday school, is distributed by the churchwardens; there are a few minor charities.

The market formerly held on Tuesday has now become extinct, but annual fairs are still held on the 17th of May and the 10th of October. In the Market place was formerly a market house of great antiquity, which being in a dilapidated state it was found necessary to take it down, and on the site H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, erected in 1866 a clock tower with illuminated dials. Silk throwing is carried on here, employing about 300 hands. The Church Institute, situated in the Market place, was established in the year 1885, and is under the management of the vicar as president and a committee of six members; in connection therewith is a Temperance Hotel, having reading, bagatelle and assembly rooms, together with a library. In 1859 a penny bank was established. To the south of the town there is an ancient Manor House, now used as a farm house, and called Wood lands, in which is an ancient chapel. Mere constitutes a part of the Duchy of Cornwall: in the year 1253 permission was given to Richard, Earl of Cornwall, to

build a castle on the hill, now known as Castle Hill, and afterwards to fortify it, of which some traces were found during excavations in 1887.

The principal landowners are H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is lord of the manor, Miss Grove, the trustees or the late Meyrick Bankes esq. and Sir Henry A. Hoare, bart.

The soil is various, clay, chalk and flint; subsoil, chalk and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, beans and oats to the north; and on the south of the town (which is principally clay) fine grazing land. The Ashfield water rises from a chalk hill in the neighbourhood, and after turning several mills joins the river Stour. The parish contains 7,310 acres; rateable value, £11,332; The population in 1881 was 2,371, exclusive of the tithings, and in the whole parish, 2,931.

Sexton, Arthur Norris.

CHADDENWICKE is a tithing, 1½ miles north-east; **WOOD-LANDS**, a tithing, 1 mile south; Bush Hayes, 1½ south-east; Manor House, Barrow Street, 1 south-east, and Burton, half a mile east, are adjacent places.

POST, M.O. & T.O., S.B. & Insurance & Annuity Office. John Walton, postmaster. Letters via Bath are delivered at 7 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.; dispatched at 11.25 a.m. & 7.25 p.m.; Sunday at 7.25 p.m.

ZEALS is a tithing of Mere, 1½ miles west, and was formed in 1848 into an ecclesiastical parish. The church of St. Martin is a Gothic stone building, erected in 1846: it has chancel, nave with south entrance porch and a western tower surmounted by a fine steeple: the chancel is paved with encaustic tiles: on the north of the chancel is an organ-chamber, built in 1874, containing an organ erected in memory of the late William Chafyn Grove: there are three stained windows to his memory, which were erected by his tenants: the church is seated with open benches, and will hold 280 persons. The register dates from the year 1846. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £300, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Mere, and held since 1871 by the Rev. Leonard Ramsay Henslow, M.A. of St. John's College, Cambridge. Here are four almshouses, erected and endowed by the late William Chafyn Grove esq. in memory of his mother. There is a Congregational chapel and a British school carried on therewith; and a chapel for Primitive Methodists. Zeals House is the seat of Miss Grove, the owner of the manor and principal part of the land: the mansion, about 1 mile west from Mere, is of stone and pleasantly situated in a well-timbered park of about 40 acres. The soil is clay and chalk; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat and oats and pasture land. The area is 1,540 acres; the population in 1881 was 560.

POST OFFICE. - Tom Smart, receiver. Letters via Bath, arrive at 6.10 a.m.; dispatched at 11.40 a.m. & 7.40 p.m. on week days & 7.40 p.m. on Sunday. The money order & telegraph office is at Bourton.

INSURANCE AGENTS

Commercial Union
County Fire & Provident Life
Sun Fire,

J. Sawtell, Wilts & Dorset Bank
C. E. Rutter, Salisbury Street
A. J. Pettitt

PUBLIC OFFICERS:-

Assistant Overseer & Collector of Poor Rates, George Athoe, Market place
Certifying Factory Surgeon, Marcus Moore Loudon M.D., M.Ch. The Chantry
Clerk to the Burial Board, Clarence Edwin Rutter

MERE UNION.

The Mere Union is situate in the counties of Wilts, Somerset & Dorset.

The following is a list of places in Mere union :-Bourton (Dorset), Kilmington (Somerset), Kingston Deverill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Maiden Bradley, Mere Town, Monckton Deverill, Upper Pertwood, Sedghill, Silton (Dorset), Stourton; the population in 1881 was 7,349; rateable value, £40,890.

Board day, alternate Tuesdays at the Workhouse, at 11 a.m.

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee

Ernest Baker, Mere

Treasurer

John Sawtell, Wilts & Dorset Bank

Relieving & Vaccination Officer for the Union

John Thomas Humby, Church Street

Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators

No. 1 district

Marcus Moore Loudon M.D., M.ch. Chantry, Mere;

No. 2 district

Benjamin Pope Bartlett, Bourton, Dorset

Superintendent Registrar

Ernest Baker, Mere; deputy, George Athoe, Market place

Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages

John Thomas Humby, Church Street;

Deputy, Registrar

Joseph Belbin, Castle Street

Workhouse, Castle street, a building of stone, built about 1839, to hold 150 inmates;

Medical Officer
Master
Matron

Marcus Moore Loudon, M.D., M.Ch.
George Evans,
Mrs. Evans.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Meets at the Workhouse monthly, on Fridays, at 12 o'clock

Clerk Ernest Baker, Mere
Treasurer John Sawtell, Wilts & Dorset Bank
Medical Officer of Health Benjamin Pope Bartlett, Bourton
Inspector of Nuisances Joseph Belbin, Clarks End

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

Meets at the Workhouse every Friday, monthly, at 2 p.m

Clerk Ernest Baker, Mere
Attendance Inquiry Officer John Thomas Humby, Church st.

Clerk to Highway Board Ernest Baker, Mere

PLACES OF WORSHIP, with times of services:-

Parish Church of St. Michael the Archangel - Rev. Edwin George Wyld, B.A. vicar, 10.30 a. m. & 6 p.m.; daily at 10 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. ; 1st & 3rd Sunday of month at 2.20 p.m.; holy communion, 1st Sunday of month, after morning prayer; all other Sundays at 8 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church - Rev. Edwin George Wyld, B.A. vicar, 2.30 p.m.; every Sunday except 1st Sunday of month at 6 p.m.; 1st Sunday of month, 10.30 a.m.; holy communion, 1st Sunday, 8 a.m.

St. Martin's Church, Zeals - Rev. Leonard Ramsay Henslow, M.A. rector; 10.30 a.m. 3 & 6.30 p.m.; week days, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Society of Friends' Meeting House - 10.30 a.m.

Congregational, Mere - Rev. George Robinson, minister, 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; mon. 7.30 p.m.

Congregational, Zeals - 3 & 6 p.m.; wed. 7.30 p.m.

Plymouth Brethren - 10.30 a.m. 3 & 6 p.m. ; Mon. Wed. & Sat. 7.30 p.m.

Primitive Methodist - 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Mon. 7 p.m.

Primitive Methodist, Zeals - 2.30 & 6 p.m.; Tues. 7.30 p.m.

SCHOOLS:-

National, erected in 1841, for 220 children; average attendance, 60 boys, 70 girls & 30 infants; William Taylor, master; Miss Ellen Heal, mistress.

British (mixed), built in 1853, for 400 children; average attendance 220; Henry Angrave, master.

National, Zeals (with class rooms & residence attached), for 100 children; average attendance, 64; Mrs. Mary Mees, mist.

British, Zeals, for 80 children; average attendance, 77 ; Miss Lucy M. Lovett, mistress.

CONVEYANCE. - Butler's omnibus, in connection with South Western railway, leaves Mere daily (except Sundays) for Gillingham station at 8.15 a.m. & 2 & 6.30 p.m. returning from Gillingham at 12 noon, 4.20 & 7.50 p.m. from May 1st to September 30th. During winter months the last journey is omitted.

CARRIERS:-

William Butler, agent for Sutton & Co. leaves Mere daily for Gillingham station.

Thomas Hooper, from Mere to Wincanton, on wed.; to Warminster, on Thurs.; to Frome, on Mon.; to Shaftesbury, on Sat.

Edwin Mees, from Zeals, to Frome, Mon. Wed. & Sat.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baker	Ernest			
Baker		Mrs.		Castle Street
Barnes		Mrs.		Church Street
Baverstock	Michael			Church Street
Borradaile	Ernest	Rev.		Castle House
Bracher	Edwin			Townsend
Card	Richard			Castle Street
Carter		Miss		Castle Street
Chell	William	Rev., B.A.	Curate	Salisbury Street
Collard		Miss		Boar Street
Coward	James			Shaftesbury Road
Coward	Richard			Salisbury Street
Croome	Roger James			Castle Street
Dodington	John			Castle Street
Down		Mrs.		
Gibbons		Mrs.		Market Place
Gilmour		Mrs.		The Beeches
Highmore	George E. W.	Rev.	Curate	Castle Street
Hoare	Arthur			Castle Street
Jupe	Henry			Salisbury Street
Jupe	Horace			Salisbury Street
Jupe	Isaiah			Maggs
Jupe		Miss		Lord's Mead
Jupe	Robert	Mrs.		Market Place
Lander	Henry			Castle Street
Loudon	Marcus Moore	M.D., M.Ch.		The Chantry
Lowman	Walter William			Castle Street
Maidment		Mrs.		Salisbury Street
Phillips	Henry			Castle Street
Ridout		Mrs.		Castle Street
Robinson	George	Rev.	Congregational Minister	
Rutter	Clarence Edwin			Salisbury Street
Rutter	John Farley			Dewes House
Sawtell	John			The Bank
Standerwick		Mrs.		Castle Street
Standerwick	Thomas			Castle Street
Suter	Robert E.			Hope Villa
Toulson		Rev.		Church Street
Tunstall	William G.			Castle Street
Walton	John			The Market Place
Webb		Mrs.		Castle Street
Wiltshire	William			Layfield House
Wyld	Edwin George	Rev., B.A.	Vicar & Surrogate	Vicarage

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Pond & Son	Farmers	Shaftesbury Road

		Rutter & Rutter	Solicitors	Salisbury Street; & At Shaftesbury & Wincanton
Alford	John		Blacksmith	
Alford	John, Jr.		Blacksmith	
Athoe	George		Grocer & Draper, & Assistant Overseer & Collector Of Poor Rate, & Dep. Supt. Registrar	Market Place
Athoe	George		Honorary Secretary, Church Institute	Market Place
Avery	John Tom		Mason	
Avery	Thomas		Coal Carrier	
Avery	Thomas		Farmer	
Baker	Ernest		Farmers	Mere Down Farm
Baker	Ernest		Supt. Registrar Of Births, Deaths & Marriages, & Clerk To The Guardians, Rural Sanitary Authority, To School Attendance Committee & To The Highway Board	
Baker	Thomas Henry		Farmers	Mere Down Farm
Barber	John		Builder	Castle Street
Baverstock	Samuel		Tailor	Castle Street
Belben	Joseph		Surveyor Of Highways & Inspector Of Nuisances To The Rural Sanitary Authority, & Deputy Registrar Of Birth, Marriages & Deaths	Clarks End
Bird	William		Haulier	Edge Bridge
Bristow	George		Shopkeeper	
Bristow	Solomon		Tailor	Salisbury Street
Charlon	Mary	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	Salisbury Street
Charlton	Charles	Mrs.	Pork Butcher	Market Place
Coggan	Alfred John			Ship Inn, Castle Street
Collins	Issachar		Proprietor, Temperance Hotel	Market Place
Coward	John		Carpenter	
Cowley	Leonard			Rook Street
Curtis	James		Baker	Salisbury Street
Curtis	Joseph Hawkins		Baker & Confectioner	Edge Bridge
Day	Mary	Mrs.	Milliner	Castle Street
Day	Sidney		Farmer	Woodland Farm
Dean	Edwin		Harness Maker	Castle Street
Dismore	Benjamin		Whitesmith & Tinman	Castle Street
Doddington	John		Coal Carrier	
Dove	Thomas James		Shopkeeper	Castle Street
Down	Andrew		Farmer	Malperton Hill
Down	James		Edge Tool Maker	
Down	James	Mrs.	Butcher & Corn Dealer	Church Street
Edmunds	Frank		Coach Builder	
Edmunds	Henry H.		Chemist, Bookseller, Stationer & Printer	Market Place
Edmunds	William		Aerated Water Manufacturer	Market Place
Farthing	James		Carpenter	Salisbury Road
Finlay	Thomas Elder		Commercial Traveller	Castle Street
Foot	Henry James		Baker & Corn Dealer	
Ford	Edward		Hair Dresser	Water Street

Gatehouse	Edward		Lime Burner	Burton
Gibbs	William		Farmer	Bush Hayes Farm
Giblin	Walter		Butcher	Castle Street
Gray	Albin		Wheelwright	Salisbury Street
Gray	Martha	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	Castle Street
Gray	Solomon		Shopkeeper	Salisbury Street
Green	George		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Griffin	Arthur Ernest		Surgeon-Dentist; Attends From Shaftsbury, Wednesdays	Church Street
Hacker	William		Hotelier & Posting House, Brewer & Headquarters Of The Cyclist Club	Talbot Commercial Hotel
Henwood	Fanny	Mrs.	Leather Cutter	Salisbury Street
Herrington	Alfred		General Dealer	Dean's Orchard
Herrington	Barnaby		Farmer	Wet Lane
Holmes	James		Beer Retailer	Shaftesbury Road
Hooper	Edmund Dodington		Plasterer	Castle Street
Hooper	John		Mason	Church Street
Hooper	Samuel	& Son	Watchmakers &c.	Salisbury Street
Hooper	Thomas		Carrier & Shopkeeper	North Street
Hull	John		Farmer	
Humby	John Thomas		Relieving & Vaccination Officer, Registrar Of Births, Deaths & Marriages For Mere District & School Attendance Officer	Church Street
James	Frederick		Shopkeeper	Castle Street
Jordan	Henry		Chimney Sweeper	
Jupe	Charles	& Son	Silk Throwsters	
Jupe	John		Farmer	Burton
Keates	William		Farmer	Lye Marsh
King	Jams		Shoe Maker	
Lander		Bros.	Bacon Curers	Salisbury St.
Lander	Edgar		Farmer	Barrow Street
Lander	Henry		Farmer	Shaftesbury Rd.
Lander	Samuel		Ironmonger	Castle St.
Lander	Thomas		Cabinet Maker	Castle St.
Larkham	Edward		Spirit Mer.	Castle St.
Long	Charles		Cooper	
Long	Lot		Thatcher	
Loudon	Marcus Moore	M.D., M.Ch., L.M.	Surgeon, Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, No1 District, Mere Union, & Certifying Factory Surgeon	The Chantry
Maidment	Edward		Wheelwright	
Maidment	William	Mrs.	Farmer	Swainsford Farm
Mattick	Frank		Dairyman	Chaddenwicke
Miles	James		Farmer	Barrow Street
Millard	Frederick John		Publican	Angel Inn, Market Place
Mills	Jacob		Haulier	Barrow Street
Mitchell	Arthur		Farmer	Manor House Farm
Mitchell	John		Farmer	Mere Park Farm
Mitchell	John Thomas		Farmer	Barrow Street
Norris	John		Baker	
Norris	Matthew		Baker	Salisbury Street
Norris	Thomas		Boot Warehouse.	Salisbury Street
Payne	Mark		Picture Frame Ma.	Castle Street
Perrett	William		Farmer	White Hill Farm
Pickford	Sidney		Hair Dresser	Castle Street

Rutter	Clarence Edwin		Clerk to the Burial Board	Cemetery
Rutter	Clarence Edwin		Secretary, Mere Gas, Coal & Coke Co. Limited	
Rutter	Clarence Edwin		Secretary, Mere Liberal Club	Salisbury Street
Rutter	Clarence Edwin		Secretary, Penny Bank	
Sawtell	John		Manager To Wilts & Dorset Banking Co. Limited	
Sawtell	John		Manager, Wilts & Dorset Banking Co. Limited	Open From 10 Till 3; Draw On London & Westminster Bank Lim. London E C
Sims	Corp		Dairyman	
Stier	Frederick		Watch & Clock Maker	Salisbury Street
Stone	George		Harness Maker	Castle Street
Taylor	Henry		Farmer & Coal Haulier	
Thompson	John		Leather Cutter	Salisbury Street
Tomlinson	Frederick		Plumber, Painter & Decorator	Market Place
Topp	Charles		Baker	
Viner	Thomas		Grocer & Baker	
Walton	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Farmer	East Swainsford
Walton	John	& Co.	Family Drapers, Tailors, Grocers, Ironmongers, Furniture Dealers & Removers, Carpet Warehousemen, Glass, China & Earthenware Dealers, Bacon Curers & Cheese Factors & Post Office;	Branches at Sedgehill, Maiden Bradley & Bourton, Dorset
Welch	John		Boot Maker	Salisbury Road
White	Arthur		Farmer	
White	Elizabeth	Miss	Dress Ma.	North Street
White	Mary Ann	Mrs.	Boot & Shoe Dealer	Castle Street
White	William S.		Farmer	Charnage

Zeals

Gentry & Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Grove		Miss		Zeals House
Henslow	Leonard Ramsay	Rev., M.A.	Rector	Rectory
Shute	Robert			Winderbrook Cottage
White	John			
White	Richard			
Williams	Charles Frederick William Thomas	Rev.	Curate	The Cureteage

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Burpitt	Charles		Farmer	
Carter	Albert		Shoe Maker	
Carter	Isaac		Baker & Grocer	
Chancellor	Henry Joseph		Draper & Grocer	
Foot	Daniel		Baker	

Forward	James		Carpenter	
Glover	James		Plumber, Painter & Glazier	
Green	Joseph		Land Agent To Miss Grove	
Green	Samuel		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Hartgill	Constance	Mrs.	Publican	Bell & Crown Public House
Perrett	Ernest		Farmer	
Read	Ann	Mrs.	Farmer	
Riddick	Henry		Grocer	
Sharp	Thomas		Millwright	
Smart	Tom		Butcher & Post Office	
Turner	Frank		Baker	
White	John		Farmer	Zeals Farm
White	Richard		Farmer	