



Kelly's Directory - 1939



Entry for Semington

SEMIINGTON is a civil parish on the road from Melksham to Warminster, with a halt for the rail motors about three-quarters of a mile north from the village (in the parish of Melksham Without), 2½ miles south from Melksham station and 3½ west from Trowbridge station on the Great Western railway, in the Westbury division of the county, hundred of Whorwellsdown, Bradford and Melksham rural district, Melksham petty sessional division and county court district, rural deanery of Potterne (Bradford portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The Wilts and Berks canal here joins the Kennet and Avon Canal. Electricity is available. Water is supplied by the Trowbridge, Melksham & District Water Board. The church of St. George is a building of stone in the early English style consisting of chancel, nave, north porch and a turret at the west end containing one bell: outside the porch is a curious, but much worn, inscription in Norman French; the church was restored in 1860 and a new chancel erected, and a vestry added in 1877: there are 100 sittings. The register dates from the year 1586. The living is an ancient chapelry, annexed to the vicarage of Steeple Ashton, joint net yearly value £615, and residence, in the gift of Magdalene College, Cambridge and held since 1932 by the Rev. Oswald Rochfort Yerburch, M.A. of that College who resides at Steeple Ashton. There is a Methodist chapel here built in 1884, to seat 150. The Trowbridge Institution is situated in this parish. The kennels of the Avon Vale foxhounds are here; Capt. H. R. Phipps. M.C. and Capt. W. H. Henshaw are joint masters of the hounds; the pack consists of 35 couples of hounds, and hunts Wednesdays, Sundays and alternate Mondays. Melksham, Trowbridge, Chippenham and Calne are convenient centres. The nearest railway station to the kennels is Melksham. The Duke of Somerset, D.S.O., OBE. is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is loam and stone brash; subsoil clay. The land is mostly pasture and a little arable. The area is 1555 acres of land (including Littleton tithing) and 10 of water; the population in 1931 was 449.

By an Order of the County Council, dated August 7 1894, pursuant to section 36 of the Local Government Act, 1894 (56 and 57 Vict. Ch. 73) the parish of Whaddon was amalgamated with Semington for civil purposes, the two being known as Semington. Post and M. O. Office. Letters through Trowbridge. Melksham nearest T. office.

Conveyance. - Omnibus services daily between Trowbridge & Chippenham and Trowbridge & Devizes.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

(For T. N.'s see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)

Bruges	Mrs	Brooklyn House
Crees	Charles	Highfield
Hill	Benjamin Charles	Semington Ho.
Ireland	Rev. William Perry, M.A.	Parsonage House
Phipps	Capt. Hubert Robert M.C., MFH	The Kennels
Savory	Frank Eric Field	Brook Cottage

COMMERCIAL

(Marked thus * farm of 150 acres or over)

Surname	Given Names	Occupation	Residence	Telephone Number
Avery	F. J. & Son	Farmers	Corner Farm	
Bailey	Percy Wilfred	Farmer	Brickfield	
Bodmin	H.	Sec. Wiltshire Working Men's Conservative Benefit Society	Hilperton Marsh	
Bond	Sidney	Farmer	Littleton Green Farm	
Burbidge	Geo.	Smallholder	Littleton	
Burbidge	E. (Mrs.) & Son	Farmers	Littlemarsh	
Collier	Edwin	Watch Repairer		
Cottle	Jasper	Famer	Newtown	
Fivash	Alfred George	Blacksmith		
Gaisford	Elsie Caroline (Miss)	Grocer & Post Office		Keevil 47
Hancock	Alice (Mrs.)	Shopkeeper		
Hancock	Rd.		Petrol Station	
Henshaw	Capt. W. H.	Joint Master	Avon Vale Kennels	Keevil 39
Hawkins	Richard Simon	Farmer	Littlemarsh	
Hobbs	Jn.	Farmer	Melksham Park	
Humphries	Wm. Stanley		Somerset Arms P. H.	
Jeffery	Brothers	Farmers	Church and Manor Farms *	
Johns	Alonzo James	Bed & Breakfast; Teas	Bell Inn	
Merchant	V.	Hon. Sec.	Village Hall	
Noad	J. & J.	Millers (Water)	Littleton Wood & Seend Head Mills	Melksham 101 Seend 46
Noad	Thos.	Clerk to the Parish Council		
Noad	Wm. S.	Farmer	Littleton Mill Farm*	Keevil 86
Packer	Ernest Thos.	Farm bailiff to N. Pike Esq.	Paxcroft Farm	Trowbridge 360
Phipps	Capt. Hubert Ronald, M.C.	Joint Master	Avon Vale Kennels	Keevil 39
Rogers	Rt. Edward	Farmer	Littleton	