



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915



Tilshead

TILSHEAD is a parish and village, on the road from Devizes to Salisbury, 6 miles from Lavington station on the Great Western railway, 8 north-east from Codford station on the Salisbury branch of the Great Western railway, 16 north of Salisbury, 8 north-west from Amesbury and 10 south-by-east from Devizes, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Branch and Dole, Devizes petty sessional division and county court district, Amesbury union, rural deanery of Wylve (Wylve portion), and archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury. The church, anciently dedicated to St James, but in 1846 re-dedicated to St Thomas á Becket, is an edifice in the Early Norman and later styles, consisting of large chancel, clerestoried nave of three bays, aisles, south porch and a central tower with plain parapet and surmounted by a small and incongruous spire, and containing 3 bells: the organ was presented at Easter, 1906: there are seven stained windows, the west window, a Perpendicular insertion, being a memorial to the Rev B Johnson, of Great Gidding, and there is a brass to John Parham, of Tilshead Lodge, d 1875; the windows were painted by the Rev JH Johnson MA 60 years vicar here, d 1884: the nave arcade has very massive square piers with heavy abacus: the font is Norman: at the east end of the south aisle is a late Decorated piscina: there are about 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1603. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £150, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1905 by the Rev Henry Emery MA of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. The Baptist chapel was erected in 1882, and has about 100 sittings. The rents of two cottages built in 1842 from a fund subscribed to repair the losses sustained by the poor of this and five neighbouring parishes by a flood in January, 1841, are annually distributed to the poor of those parishes on the anniversary of the occurrence. John Parham left a sum of money, which is invested and the interest distributed to deserving church people in the form of blankets. On the road from West Lavington to Tilshead is a square block of stone, bearing an inscription, which records that on the 21st Oct 1839, Mr Dean, of Imber, was attacked and robbed by four highwaymen, one of whom fell dead on Chitterne Down, after being chased for three hours: the others were captured and transported for fifteen years. In this parish is the embankment called "Old Ditch" and several barrows, among which are Long Barrow, White Barrow, Silver Barrow and Kill Barrow. The principal landowners are Ronald James Farquharson esq. who is lord of the manor, John Chamings esq. Henry William Hooper esq. and the Crown. The soil is mixed with flints and beautiful for working; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 3,883 acres; rateable value, £2,596; the population in 1911 was 394.

Post, MO & T Office: Samuel Lawes, sub-postmaster (letters should have Wilts added). Letters arrive at 6.40am & 7.30pm; dispatched at 6.40am & 5.40 & 7.30pm

Elementary School (mixed): built in 1905 for 90 children, at a cost of £1,150; Miss Mary Bishop, mistress. The old school is now used as a Church institute

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Emery	Henry	Reverend MA		The Vicarage
Farquharson	Ronald James			Tilshead Lo
Martin	Edwin			The Elms

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Blake	Sidney		Farmer	
Chamings	John		Farmer	Manor House
Chant	William Richard		Grocer, Baker, Draper, Tea & Provision Merchant, Dealer in Corn, Meal etc. & Agent for Ward's Seeds & Assistant Overseer	

Coleman	Albert		Farmer	
Coleman	Herbert		Farmer	
Coleman	Sidney		Cattle & Sheep Medicine Maker	
Coles	Henry		Farmer	
Frost	Jack		Dog Trainer	
Giddings	Frank		Farmer	
Giddings	Osmond		Builder	
Goddard	Thomas			Rose & Crown Inn
Johnson	Tom		Farmer	
Kyte	Enos		Cattle Dealer	
Kyte	John		Boot Maker	
Laws	Arthur		Farmer	
Laws	Samuel		Post Office & Farmer	
Long	Thomas	& Son	Grocers & Bakers	
Mabbett	George		Coal Dealer	
Parker	John			Black Horse PH
Witt	Ernest H			Bell Inn