

## Terms, Words and Occupations of Yesteryear plus words of the Wiltshire Dialect

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Abacist	Accountant
Abactor	Steal of herds of cattle
Abbey-lubber	Idler or loiterer in a religious house under pretence of retirement
Abblastre	Crossbow-man
Abecedarian	One who teaches the alphabet or first rudiments of literature
Abigail	Waiting maid
Able Seaman	Member of the Deck Crew in the Royal and Merchant Navy
Abraham-men	Class of lunatics allowed to beg; Imposters affecting lunacy
Abthane	Steward in Scotland
Acater	Caterer; Purveyor; Ship's Chandler; Supplier of food to various outlets
Accipitrary	Falconer; Catcher of birds of prey
Accolent	One who dwells near
Accomplant	Accountant
Accoucher	Male midwife; Professional obstetrician
Accoucheuse	Midwife
Accoutrement Maker	Someone who supplied dress or trappings equipment other than arms and uniform
Accoutrer	Someone who supplied dress or trappings equipment other than arms and uniform
Accuarius	Needlemaker
Acher	Usher
Acicularius	Comb or pin maker
Ackerman	Oxherd, ploughman
Acolothist	Officer in Roman Church
Acolyte	Officer in Roman Church
Acreman	Husbandman
Actor	Male theatrical performer (Women not normally permitted to act on stage)
Actuarius	Notary
Actuary	An account keeper; Officer of a mercantile or insurance company; skilled statistician
Administrator	A male who administered an intestate's estate
Administratrix	A female who administered an intestate's estate
Advantour	Boaster
Adventurer	Share holder in mine
Advocate	Someone who pleads a case for another; A defender such as a solicitor or barrister
Aedificator	Builder; Architect
Aegyptianus	Gypsy
Aeronaut	A Ballonist; Sometimes a trapeze artist in a circus.
Affeerer	Officer of manorial court assessing monetary penalties
Affeeror	Officer of manorial court assessing monetary penalties
After-guard	Seaman who works after-sails
Agellarius	Hayward
Agenhine	A guest who after 3 night's stay was reckoned one of the family
Agister	Someone who affords pasture to the livestock of others for a price.
Agitator	One who drives animals
Agnation	Kindred by the father's side
Agonist	Prize-fighter; Athlete
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Agricola	Husbandman; Farmer
Akerman	Husbandman; Tenant holding an acre
Alabasterer	Someone who works with alabaster
Alblastere	Crossbow-man
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Alcatote	Silly fellow
Alchemist	A medieval chemist calimain the ability to turn base metals into gold
Alderes	Ancestors
Alderman	A civic dignitary in the local council
Ale Draper	Innkeeper; Seller of ale
Ale Founder	Inspector and quality tester of ale and beer and the measurements sold in public houses.
Ale Taster	Inspector and quality tester of ale and beer.
Ale Tunner	Brewery worker who filled tuns
Aleator	Gambler
Aleatoris	Gambler
Aleceeper	Ale House Keeper
Aleconner	Officer who inspects measures in public houses; Appointed person in court-leet to look at goodness of bread, ale and beer
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Alehouse Keeper	Landlord of a tavern; Publican; Innkeeper
Ale-House-Keeper	Landlord of a tavern; Publican; Innkeeper
Alestan-bearer	Pot-boy
Aletaster	Appointed by vestry to sample strength and procliam permitted price
Aletunner	Brewery worker who filled tuns
Ale-Wife	A woman who keep an alehouse or tavern
Ale-wife	Woman who keeps an ale-house
Algerine	Pirate
Alienist	Specialist in mental diseases
Allspice	Grocer
Alluminor	Illustrator of manuscripts
Allutarius	Tanner; Cordwainer
Almatour	Almoner
Almoner	Distributor of alms or charity to the poor on behalf of the parish
Alnagar	Sworn officer to examine and attest measurement and quality of woollen goods
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Alutarius	Tanner; Cordwainer
Amanuensis	Secretary; Scribe recording dictated notes; Stenographer
Amber & Jet Cutter	Person who cuts and polishes amber and jet for use in jewellery making
Amber Cutter	Person who cuts ambergis for use in perfumery
Amner	Almoner
Amnicolist	One who lives near a river
Anchoret	Hermit; Religious Recluse
Anchorite	Male hermit; Religious Recluse
Anchorsmith	Person who made anchors for boats and ships
Ancilla	Servant maid; female servant
Ancorite	Male hermit; Religious Recluse
Angle Iron Smith	Person who made angle iron i.e. flat iron bars bent at an angle
Angler	One who begs in daylight and observing what he can steal at night
Anile	Imbecile caused by old age (Alzheimers sufferer)
Anilepman	Smallholding tenant of a manor; sub-tenant on a small holding
Anker	Hermit
Ankeras	Female hermit
Ankerman	Servant of religious hermit
Ankle beater	Boy who helped drover driving cattle to market
Anatto maker	One who worked in manufacture of colour dyes for paint or printing
Anneal	Heated oven
Annuitant	Someone who could support themselves financially
Answerer	Person who answered to a Court of Augmentation for the rents and profits
Antients	Ancestors
Antigropelos maker	One who made waterproof leggings
Anvil Smith	Someone who made anvils and hammers for blacksmiths

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Anysot	A fool
Aperner	One who wears an apron as a necessity for their profession
Apiarist	Beekeeper
Apothecary	Druggist; Chemist (chartered in 1606 with grocers); Pharmacist
Apparator	Official messenger of Archdeaconry court
Apparatour	Official messenger of Archdeaconry court
Apparitor	Official messenger of Archdeaconry court
Appelor	Prosecutor
Apple-squire	Pimp; Kept gallant
Appraiser	Broker of household goods or an evaluator who estimates the value of land
Apprentice	Someone learning a trade by being bound to a skilled worker for a specified time
Apprentice-at-law	Counsellor; next is rank under a sergeant
Appropriator	Ecclesiastical person having right to tithes
Approver	Hired false witness
Apron Man	Commonly referred to a London Shopkeeper or someone who wears an apron at work
Aproneer	Commonly referred to a London Shopkeeper or someone who wears an apron at work
Aproneer	Shopkeeper
Apron-man	Mechanic; waiter
Aquafortist	A person who etches or engraves with aqua-fortis - a solution of nitric acid
Aquarius	Waterman
Aquavita Seller	Someone who sold unrectified alcohol (popularly ardent spritis like brandy)
Arbalester	Crossbow-man
Arbalister	Crossbow-man
Arberator	Planter or pruner of trees
Arceter	A person specialising in the arts and sciences
Archiator	Physician
Archil Maker	Someone who used lichens to make a violet-coloured dye to use in the textile industry
Architector	Mason; builder; bricklayer; tiler
Architectus	Mason; builder; bricklayer; tiler
Arcubalister	Crossbow-man
Arcularius	Chest maker; carpenter
Are	Heir
Argolet	Mounted bowman
Arindraga	Messenger
Arkwright	One who made wooden coffers with domed lids
Armentarius	Herdsmen
Armett	Hermit
Armiger	Esquire
Armine	Beggar
Armourer	A person who made suits of armour or plates of armour for buildings or ships
Army clothier	One who made clothes/uniforms for the army
Armyte	Beggar
Aromatarius	Grocer
Arpenteur	A land surveyor
Arrayer	One in charge of soldiers armour
Arrow-headers	Maker of arrow heads as opposed to an arrow maker
Arse over Tip	Pitchfalling; To fall headlong; To fall head first
Artifex	Artist; Artisan
Artificer	A highly respected skilled or artistic worker or craftsman or skilled mechanic in the armed forces, chiefly British. It may also refer to a person who makes artifacts
Artificis	Artist; Artisan
Ascetick	Hermit
Ashman	A dustman or refuse collector
Assay Master	Someone who determined the amount of gold or silver to go in coins or jewellery or items made of silver or gold
Assayer	Someone who determines the proportions of metal in ores
Asseore	Usher
Assizer	Officer who has care or inspection of weights and measures
Assizor	In Scotland a juror
Atrick	Usher of a hall or master porter
Attornatus	Attorney
Attorney	Lawyer
Auborn	Aldboume
Aucarius	Gooseherd
Auctioneer	Dealer or person who sells goods at auction and is usually paid by commission on the sale.
Auctour	Author
Auger Maker	Someone who made the carpenters augers (used for boring holes in wood)
Aulnagar	Sworn officer to examine and attest measurement and quality of woollen goods
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Aurifaber	Goldsmith
Aurifex	Goldsmith
Ausier	Osier
Autors	Ancesters
Autour	Author
Avenator	Hay and forage merchant
Avener	Officer of King's stable; in charge of prevender for horses
Avenor	Officer of King's stable; in charge of prevender for horses
Axeman	One who wields an axe. Woodsman
Axletree turner	One who made wheel axles
Axman	One who wields an axe. Woodsman
Axwaddler	Ash pedlar; dealer or collector of wood or peat ash
Ayel	Forefather
Ayere	Heir
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