

MARSTON MAISEY (or Meysey) is a parish near the Thames and Severn canal, on the Gloucestershire border, 3 miles north-east from Cricklade station on the Midland and South Western Junction railway, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Highworth, petty sessional division of Cricklade, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett union, county court district of Cirencester, rural deanery of Fairford, archdeaconry of Cirencester and diocese of Gloucester. The church of St. James, consecrated in 1876, is a building of stone, in the Early English style, consisting of chancel and nave and small western turret containing one bell: the east and west windows are stained, and there are 120 sittings. The first entry in the register is in the year 1742, the previous register being included in that of Meysey Hampton. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £75, arising from 25 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the rector of Meysey Hampton, and held since 1892 by the Rev. Horatio Powys Sketchley M.A. of Oriol College, Oxford. The charities amount to £10 yearly, and are distributed to the second poor of

Bulley Fredc. Pocock J.P. Marston hl
 Bulley Mrs. Marston hill
 Mitchell Mathew, The Villa
 Pollard The Misses
 Sketchley Rev. Horatio Powys M.A.
 (vicar)
 Bainge Robert, farmer & carpenter

Bowley Jonathan, farmer
 Court Eliza (Mrs.), grocer
 Everett George, shopkeeper
 Gardner Thomas, Spotted Cow P.H
 Hinton Robert, farm bailiff to John Archer esq
 Howse Henry, farmer

Peapell Henry, baker
 Radband Rchd. Three Magpies P.H
 Rickards John, farmer
 Sparrow David, farmer, Marsh Hill frm
 Waite Jesse, wheelwright
 Watts Walter James, upholsterer & carriage trimmer

SOUTH MARSTON, on the Berkshire border of the county, was made a civil parish in 1894, under the "Local Government Acts" of 1888 and 1894 from the parish of Highworth, it having been an ecclesiastical parish from 1889: it is 3 miles west from Shrivenham station on the Didcot and Swindon section of the Great Western railway and 2 east-by-north from Stratton station on the Swindon and Highworth branch of the same line and 3½ north-east from Swindon, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Highworth, union of Highworth and Swindon, Swindon county court district and petty sessional division, rural deanery of Cricklade and archdeaconry and diocese of Bristol. The church of St. Mary Magdalene is an ancient structure, partly in the Early English style, with traces of Norman work, and consists of chancel, nave, south transept, south porch and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing a clock and 3 bells: the church was restored under the direction of Mr. Belcher, architect, of London, at a cost of over £2,000, and affords sittings for 200 persons. The register dates from the year 1539. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £120, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and held by the

Bell Miss, Manor house
 Macdonald Rev. Angus (vicar)

COMMERCIAL.

Banwell Edwin, farmer, Huntscoppice
 Beasley John, beer retailer
 Bridges William, market gardener
 Butler William, farmer
 Champion James Daunton, farmer, Priory farm
 Cheesley Sidney, plasterer

Collins Manaseh, farmer, Church farm
 Davis Samuel, farmer
 Head Ephraim, shoe maker
 King William Thomas, farmer
 Large Henry, carpenter
 Lewis Daniel, grocer & post office
 Love Henry, farmer
 Maisey Alexander, farmer
 Ody Charles, farmer
 Parsons Hy. frm. Burton Grove frm
 Ponting Andrew, baker

Selby Alfred, market gardener
 Sharps Frank, farmer
 Sharps William Henry, farmer
 Sherwill John, farmer, Manor farm
 Snook Albt. assist. overseer & farmer
 Tayler Sidney Robt. frm. Rowboro' frm
 Titcomb Thos. Carriers' Arms P.H
 Warren William, thatcher
 Westell John, dairyman
 Williams Elizabeth (Mrs.), shopkeeper

MARTIN is a parish formerly in Wiltshire, but by the "Local Government Board's Provincial Orders Confirma-

tion (No. 12) Act, 1895," it has been transferred to Hampshire.

MELCHET PARK is a parish formerly in this county but transferred to Hampshire by the "Local

Government Board's Provincial Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act, 1895."

MELKSHAM.

MELKSHAM is a market and union and county court town, and head of a petty sessional division, and parish, with a station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western railway, 100 miles from London, 30 north-west from Salisbury, 6 north-east from Bradford, 5 north-east from Trowbridge, 7 west from Devizes, 9½ from Westbury, 14 north from Warminster, 12 east from Bath, 7 south from Chippenham and 5 south-south-east from Corsham, in the Western division of the county, hundred of the same name, rural deanery of Potterne (Bradford portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury.

During the West Saxon era this was a place of considerable note; at the period of the Norman survey and for several subsequent reigns it was held in royal

demesne, and gave name to an extensive forest. The town is on the main road from London through Devizes to Bath, and consists principally of one street nearly a mile in length; it was from 1878 under the control of a Local Board, but under the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1894" (56 & 57 Vict. c. 73), it is now governed by an Urban District Council, and is well paved and lighted with gas by a company, and well supplied with water by the Trowbridge Water Company: the houses are built of soft freestone, but are irregularly placed. The river Avon divides the town and is crossed by a handsome bridge of four arches, with light and elegant balustrades. The Wilts and Berks canal passes on the east of the town, and about 1½ miles southward joins the Kennet and Avon canal.

There are two mineral springs, one saline and the other chalybeate, in the vicinity; and in 1816 a new saline spa was obtained by boring to a depth of 35½ feet; it was anticipated that Melksham would advance into note in consequence of the medicinal qualities these waters possessed, and every accommodation for visitors was provided, including a pump-room, hot and cold baths, a handsome crescent and an agreeable promenade; but after a very great outlay, the wells did not prove attractive and are now little used.

The church of St. Michael is a spacious edifice of freestone, which dates from the Norman period, now chiefly Perpendicular, and consists of Norman chancel, nave of five bays, aisles, north porch, and an embattled tower with pinnacles, containing 8 bells: it was restored and enlarged in 1840, when the central tower was removed and the present tower built at the west end; and again restored in 1881: in 1891 the church was re-seated and new floored, the oaken roof opened, and a carved oak screen and brass lectern were then given by C. F. Rumboll esq. M.D.: in 1894 the reredos was restored at considerable cost by the trustees of the late Sir John Awdry, and in 1897 a stained window was placed by Mrs. Stewart, of Lowbourne, in memory of her father, the late General Moule: there are 600 sittings. The register dates from the year 1560. The living is a vicarage, net income £200, with 3 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held since 1890 by the Rev. Edwin George Wyld B.A. of Exeter College, Oxford, and surrogate. St. Andrew's chapel, about 1 mile from the town, erected at the sole expense of the late Rev. E. L. Barnwell, of Melksham House, for the use of the district of Sandridge and Melksham Forest, is a building in the Early English style, from plans given by the late G. E. Street esq. R.A. and consists of chancel, nave, south porch, and a western turret containing one bell: there are 200 sittings.

The Society of Friends' meeting house, King street, erected in 1734, has 300 seats.

The Baptist chapel, Broughton road, founded in 1669, has 400 sittings. Ebenezer Baptist chapel, Union street, erected in 1835, will seat 150 persons. The Baptist chapel, Forest, erected in 1839, has seats for 110 persons.

The Congregational chapel, Market place, founded in 1773, has 400 sittings.

The Primitive Methodist chapel, Forest, will seat 150 persons.

The Wesleyan chapel, Market place, erected in 1872, has 450 sittings, and that in Semington lane, built in 1896, will seat 100.

The Town Hall and Cheese Market were erected in 1847 by a company of shareholders at an expense of £3,350; they form a spacious and well-arranged edifice of white freestone, in the Italian style. The New Hall, Market place, built by Miss Fowler, is a building of Bath stone, and is used for lectures and meetings; it will hold 200 persons. The market is held on every alternate Tuesday in the month for cattle, sheep and pigs. A fair for cattle, sheep and horses is held in the Market place on the 27th of July.

An extensive iron foundry, carried on by Messrs. Spencer and Co. Limited, affords employment for nearly 200 persons.

The manufacture of flat and round rope, haircloths, cocoa fibre and sacking is also carried on here. There is also an india rubber factory carried on by the Avon India Rubber Co. Limited.

The Freemasons' Hall in Church street, was erected in 1897 by the brethren of the Lodge, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

The Cottage Hospital, established here in 1868, was rebuilt in 1895, the cost being defrayed by H. G. White esq. of Whitley; it contains 7 beds.

Bruges' charity of about £20 yearly, half of which goes to Seend, is distributed in blankets by the vicar and churchwardens at Christmas. There are also two small charities, left by the Rev. Bohun Fox and Mr. Pritchard respectively, for the benefit of the poor and distributed at the discretion of the vicar.

The principal landowners are the Right Hon. Walter Hume Long P.C., M.P. of Rood Ashton House, who is lord of the manor, W. P. Ludlow-Bruges esq. of Seend, Lord Methuen and Mrs. Ralph Lopes, of Sandridge Park.

The area of the civil parish is 8,349 acres of land and 57 of water; rateable value, £24,114; the population in the town in 1891 was 2,073, of the civil parish, 4,284, and of the ecclesiastical, 3,638.

The parish was originally divided into 7 tithings, Shaw and Whitley, Beanacre, Blackmore, Woolmore, Canhold, Woodrow, and the town tithing.

Beanacre is a tithing 1 mile north-west. Here is a Baptist chapel, erected in 1839. Blackmore, 1 mile south-east, is also a tithing, and has a mission chapel, erected in 1887, and capable of holding 100 persons. A school-room adjoining was added in 1890.

OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS &c.

Post, M. O. & T. O., T. M. O., S. B., Express Delivery, Parcel Post & Annuity & Insurance Office, Bank street.
—Alfred William Jolliffe, postmaster

Dispatch of Letters.—Day Mail—London, Bath, Bristol, North Wales & Ireland, 9.20 & 11.10 a.m.; North of England, Scotland & London, 2.25 p.m.; Trowbridge, 5.15 p.m.; South Wales, 6.10 p.m.; London & all parts of the United Kingdom, 9.15 p.m.

Delivery of Letters.—London & all parts 7 a.m.; North of England, South-west of England, Scotland & Wales 9.30 a.m.; London (day mail) 12.30 p.m.; all parts of the United Kingdom 6.10 p.m.

Money Order, Savings Bank & Annuity business transacted daily from 8 a.m. till 9 p.m. Postal order business from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wall Letter Boxes at Spa, Devizes road, Forest, Station road & Beanacre

County Magistrates for Melksham Division.

Stancomb John Frederick esq. M.A. Shaw house, Melksham, chairman

Awdry Charles esq. Shaw Hill ho. Shaw, Melksham

Bell William Heward esq. F.G.S. Seend, Melksham

Chaloner Capt. Richard Godolphin Walmesley M.P. Melksham house, Melksham

Lee Wm. Blackstone esq. Somerset ho. Seend, Melksham

Ludlow-Bruges Hy. Hungerford esq. M.A. Seend ho. Melksham

Maggs Charles esq. Bower Hill lodge, Melksham

Clerk to the Magistrates, Ernest Dalton Burrough Locke, Bank street

Petty Sessions are held at the Town hall on the first thursday in each month, & daily for criminal business commencing at 11 a.m.

The following places are included in the petty sessional division:—Melksham Within & Melksham Without, Shaw & Whitley, also Seend, Semington (with Littleton) & Whaddon

Urban District Council.

Meetings held at the Council office, Spa road, the third friday in every month at 10.30 a.m.

Members.

Chairman, Charles Maggs.

Vice-Chairman, Alfred Stratton.

Retire in April, 1899.

Burgess Henry
Moore Moses

Penny Norman
Stratton George

Retire in April, 1900.

Gunstone Edwin
Hurn Walter

Newman Thomas
Philip William Littlejohn

Retire in April, 1901.

Maggs Charles
Sawtell Henry

Stratton Alfred
Usher James

Officers.

Clerk, Alexander Gough Smith, Spa road

Treasurer, Richard H. Jacks, Capital & Counties Bank

Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. The Limes

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, Cecil Stanley Manning, High street

Collector, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street

Melksham Rural District Council.

Meets at the Board room, Semington, every fourth wednesday, at 12.30 p.m.

Clerk, William John Mann, Trowbridge

Treasurer, William Lucke, Capital & Counties Bank, Trowbridge

Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. Melksham

Sanitary Inspector & District Surveyor, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street

Police.

Police Station, Market place, James Clarke, inspector
The police force consists of an inspector & 6 constables, placed as follows:—An inspector & 1 constable at Melksham, & a constable each at Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Melksham Forest, Semington & Seend

Public Establishments.

County Court, His Honor William Dundas Gardiner, judge; Alexander Gough Smith, registrar & acting high bailiff; Jesse Smith-Keen, Bath road, assistant bailiff. The court is held at the Town hall once in two months. The district includes the following places:—Atworth, Beanacre, Blackmore, Bowerhill, Broughton Gifford, The Forest, Littleton, Melksham, Red Stocks, Sandridge, Seend, Semington, Shaw, Whaddon, Whitley & Woodrow

For Bankruptcy purposes this court is included in that of Bath, Edward Gustavus Clarke, Baldwin street, Bristol, official receiver

Certified Bailiff under the "Law of Distress Amendment Act," Robert John Parker, Market place

Cottage Hospital, William Ingram Keir F.R.C.S.Edin. Charles Frederick Rumboll M.D., B.S. & Alfred Murray Gray L.R.C.P. hon. medical officers; Charles William Maggs, hon. sec

New hall, Market place, William Harris, caretaker
Town Hall & Cheese Market, Charles George Moule, sec. Market place

Volunteer Fire Brigade, Market yard, keys kept at police station & at Joseph Jones's, Lowbourne; Joseph Jones, Lowbourne, captain

Volunteers.

2nd Volunteer Battalion Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) (H Company), head quarters, Drill hall, Church street, Capt. Charles Frederic Rumboll, commandant; H. W. Tayler & C. W. Maggs, lieuts.; Color-Sergt. W. R. Yardley, drill instructor

Melksham Union.

Board day, every other monday at 11 a.m. at the union.
The Melksham Union comprises the following places, viz.:—Hiperton, Melksham, Seend, Semington, Staverton, Trowbridge & Whaddon. The area of the union is 16,360 acres; rateable value in 1897, £81,426; population in 1891 was 18,565

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, Wm. John Mann, Trowbridge

Treasurer, William Lucke, Capital & Counties Bank, Trowbridge

Relieving Officers, No. 1 district, S. W. Homan, Trowbridge; No. 2 district, J. E. Heathcote, Town hall, Melksham

Collectors to the Guardians, Melksham district, J. E. Heathcote, Town hall, Melksham; Trowbridge district, S. W. Homan, Trowbridge

Vaccination Officers, The Registrars of Births & Deaths Medical Officers, No. 1 district, George Christopher Tayler M.D. Trowbridge; No. 2 district, Nicholas Vincent Wise L.R.C.P.Irel. Trowbridge; No. 3 district, Charles Frederic Rumboll M.D., B.S. Lowbourne house, Melksham; No. 4 & 5 districts, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P.Edin. Melksham

Public Vaccinators, Melksham district, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P.Edin. Melksham; Trowbridge district, George Christopher Tayler M.D. Trowbridge

Superintendent Registrar, William John Mann, Trowbridge; deputy, E. Burchell Rodway, Trowbridge

Registrars of Births & Deaths, Melksham sub-district, J. E. Heathcote, Town hall, Melksham; deputy, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street, Melksham; Trowbridge sub-district, Thomas S. Hill, 2 Westbourne rd. Trowbridge; deputy, Miss Alice Hill, Westbourne rd. Trowbridge

Registrars of Marriages, Frederick Smith, Bank street, Melksham; deputy, Frank Usher Greenhill, King st. Melksham; John Merrett, 14 Hill street, Trowbridge; deputy, J. H. Brown, West street, Trowbridge

Workhouse, Semington, a building of stone, erected in 1835, to hold 350 inmates; Rev. Garsham Mackenzie Worsley M.A. chaplain; George Mayris Sylvester, medical officer; George Childe, master; Miss Mary Childe, matron; Miss Mary A. Mould, schoolmistress

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.
Andrews Miss, Avon villa
Andrews Miss, Martigny house
Angel George, Penrose villa, King st
Baily Misses, Thornbank
Bartlett Mrs. Coburg place
Barton Miss, Coburg place

Barton Rev. William Dawson (Wes-
leyan), Lowbourne
Beard Rev. Jn. Arth. (Cong.), King st
Bigwood Albert Edward, Stanfield ho.
West end
Blake Lewis Henry, Bath road
Bliss John, King street

School Attendance Committee.

Meets at the Relief office, Trowbridge & at the Town hall, Melksham, monthly.

Clerk, W. J. Mann, Trowbridge
Attendance Officers, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street, Melksham & R. W. Homan, Trowbridge

Public Officers.

Certifying Factory Surgeon, Wm. Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. The Limes, Melksham

Clerk to Land Tax Commissioners & Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham Division, Charles George Moule, Lowbourne

Collector of Poor Rates, Frank Usher Greenhill, King st
Distributor of Stamps, Alfred William Jolliffe, Bank st

Inland Revenue Officer, Wm. Andrew Hyland, Canon sq
Inspector of Weights & Measures for Melksham, Bradford, Trowbridge, Devizes, Westbury & Warminster, F. Beardsley, Warminster

Inspector of Police, James Clarke, Police station
Town Crier, William Barton, Lowbourne

Places of Worship, with times of services.

St. Michael's Church, Church street, Rev. Edwin Geo. Wyld B.A. vicar; Rev. Wymond Cory James M.A. & the Rev. John Wm. Henry Watson Foale, curates; sundays, holy communion, 8 a.m.; morning prayer, 11 a.m.; evening, 6.30 p.m.; daily prayer, 10 a.m.; evening (except wednesday), 6 p.m. & wed. 7 p.m.; holy days, holy communion 8 a.m

St. Andrew's Church, Forest, served from St. Michael's church; 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

St. Barnabas Church, Beanacre, served from St. Michael's church; 6.15 p.m

Friends' Meeting House, King street; registering officer, Norman Penney; 11 a.m. & 6 p.m

Baptist, Broughton road, Rev. William Augustus Sidney Smith; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; wed. 7 p.m

Baptist, Beanacre; 6 p.m

Baptist, Forest; 6 p.m

Particular Baptist (Ebenezer), Union street; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; wed. 7 p.m

Congregational, Market place, Rev. John Arthur Beard; 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; wed. 7 p.m

Primitive Methodist, Forest; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; thurs. 7 p.m

Wesleyan, Market place, Rev. Philip Hawkes (general supt. of the Wilts Wesleyan Mission), Rev. Frederick Cowles & Rev. William Dawson Barton, supernumeraries; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; mon. 7 p.m. & wed. 7 p.m

Wesleyan, Sennington lane, various; 6 p.m

Schools.

Melksham National, Churchyard. The first school, built in 1840, is now used for girls & infants. In 1878 a building adjoining was utilised as a school for boys & will hold 240; average attendance, 135; girls' & infants' 300; average attendance, 180; William Hy. House, master; Miss Harriet Godwin, mistress; Miss M. Oram, infants' mistress

Sandridge National (mixed), with residence for mistress, built in 1874, for 100 children; average attendance, 58; Miss Annie Love, mistress

British, Lowbourne (mixed & infants), built in 1829, for 330 children; average attendance, 225; Thomas George, master; Miss Clara Mills, infants' mistress

Railway.

Great Western Station, Bath road, Frederick William Cooper, station master; J. C. Wall (exors. of), goods agents; James Larcombe, parcel agent

Omnibus to & from the 'King's Arms,' to meet the arrival & departure of the trains

Carriers.

Bath—H. Gibbs, from the Coffee Tavern, Bath road, at 8.30 a.m. every wed. & sat. returning same days

Devizes—H. Gibbs, from the Coffee Tavern, Bath road, 9.15 a.m. on thurs. returning same day

London & all parts (by rail).—Great Western Railway Company, station, Bath road

Water Conveyance.

Bath & Bristol.—Boats leave the wharf, Devizes road, about twice a week with goods

Boulter Thomas, Union street
Bourne Daniel, Bowden view
Brittin Miss, West end
Brown Alfred, Forest
Brown Alfred John, 3 Victoria terrace
Bruges Misses, St. Andrew's villa, Lowbourne

Buckland Mrs. King street
 Bulgin Mrs. Rose villa
 Burgess Alfred, Bath road
 Burton Alfred, King street
 Bush Mrs. Canon square
 Carpenter William, Canon square
 Chaloner Captain Richard Godolphin
 Walmesley M.P., J.P. Melksham ho
 Chapman Rev. Stephen Murray M.A.
 Lowbourn
 Chilcott Mrs. Bath road
 Clarke Henry, Canon square
 Colbourne Miss, Union street
 Collett Joseph, Bower hill
 Coombe Albert, Forest vil. Lowbourn
 Coombe Henry John, Union street
 Coombe Joseph Arscott, Bath road
 Cottle William James, Bank street
 Courtis Miss, Coburg place
 Cowles Rev. Frederick (Wesleyan),
 Gower villa, Place road
 Crisp James, Lowbourn
 Dancey Misses, Beanacre
 Davis George, Canhold
 Deacon Mrs. West end
 Dean Sidney, Bath road
 Dixon Captain William, Bath road
 Dixon Rt. Hy. Leon house, West end
 Dodson Mrs. Rose villa, Semington rd
 Driver Miss, Bank street
 Field Arthur Josiah, West end
 Finch Henry, King street
 Flocks Edward Gane, The Lindens,
 Bank street
 Flower Mrs. Coburg place
 Foyle Rev. John William Hy. Watson
 (curate of St. Michael's), Bank street
 Foxwell Miss, King street
 Fry Mrs. Coburg place
 George Thomas, Lowbourn place
 Gerrish Mrs. Bath road
 Glass Mrs. Bank street
 Godwin Miss, The School ho. Union st
 Goodreds Joseph William, Union street
 Gray Alfred Murray, Inglewood
 Green Mrs. Bowden view
 Greenhill Frank Usher, King street
 Gunstone Edwin, Shurnhold
 Hall Fred, The Spa
 Hawkes Rev. Philip (general supt. of
 the Wilts Wesleyan Mission), The
 Croft, Beanacre road
 Hayes Walter John, Bank street
 Hayter Charles, High street
 Heathcote James Edwin, Beanacre

Hedges William, 4 Victoria terrace
 Holborow Isaac, The Cabin, Market pl
 Houlder Alfd. H. Purley house, Beanacre
 House William Henry, Grove cottage
 Hughes Peter, Semington road
 Hurn Albert, Bath road
 Hurn Frederick George, Bath road
 Hurn Walter, Bath road
 Hutton Geo. Alpine villa, Lowbourn
 Hutton Mrs. Woodrow, Forest
 Hyland William Andrew, Canon square
 Jacks Richard H. Bank house
 James Rev. Wymond Cory M.A. (curate
 of St. Michael's), Bank street
 Jolliffe Alfred William, Bank street
 Jones Joseph Henry, Lowbourn
 Keevil Edward, Forest
 Keevil Mrs. Coburg place
 Keir William Ingram, The Limes
 Kingston Mrs. Canon square
 Kingston Rev. Edward M.A. (rector of
 Great Chalfield), The Spa
 Knee Frdk. Hy. Fern cot. Lowbourn
 Laine Robert, Church walk
 Lee John, Spa road
 Lewington Job, Drinkwater house
 Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, Bean-
 acre cottage
 Lopes Miss, Sandridge park
 Lopes Mrs. Ralph, Sandridge park
 Lowther Edwd. James, Shurnhold ho
 Maggs Charles J.P. Bowerhill lodge
 Maggs Chas. Wm. Belmont, The Spa
 Manning Arthur Herbert, High street
 Manning Frederick Webb, Shurnhold
 Manning Henry John, Shurnhold
 Margetson James Charles, Beechfield
 Marley Duncan, Spero lodge, Spa road
 Matravers Thomas, Coburg place
 Matthews Alfred, Canon square
 Merrett Mrs. Avon view, Bath road
 Merrett Mrs. Lowbourn place
 Messen George Frederick, Bath road
 Millard Albert, Market place
 Moore Moses, Manoria villa
 Morgan Tom, King street
 Moule Charles George, Lowbourn
 Muggleworth John, King street
 Newbury John, King street
 Newman Thomas J.P. Coburg place
 Oatley Misses, King street
 Orum Miss, Spa road
 Parker John, Market place
 Parker Robert John, Market place
 Parnell Wm. Avondale ter. Kimber st

Penney Norman, Beth-Sepher
 Phelps Miss, Avonside
 Phené Miss, Avonside
 Philip Wm. Littlejohn, Union street
 Phillips Miss, Beanacre road
 Pike John, Belmont, The Spa
 Platt Owen, Bath road
 Pocock Miss, Union street
 Pocock Mrs. Rock nouse, Bath road
 Pocock Mrs. Rose villa, Lowbourn
 Pritchard Miss, Semington road
 Privett Percy, West end
 Privett Ralph, 5 Victoria terrace
 Rumboll Charles Frederic M.D. Low-
 bourn house
 Sawtell Charles, Avon house
 Sawtell Henry, The Chestnuts
 Sawyer Mrs. Bath road
 Saxty Charles, Cottingham villa
 Selman Thomas Robert, Bath road
 Shaul Mrs. Thornbank cottage
 Simpson Mrs. Cottingham villa
 Skinner Eli, Bath road
 Smith Rev. William Augustus Sidney
 (Baptist), Bath road
 Smith Alex. Gough, Thornleigh
 Smith Walter, Emlyn villa, Bank st
 Stewart Mrs. Lowbourn
 Stokes Singer, Church walk
 Stratton Alfred, Cray Croft
 Stratton George, Giffords
 Stratton Mrs. Leaze cottage
 Sweet William Edward, King street
 Tayler Hbt. Wm. Highfield, Lowbourn
 Tayler John, The Island
 Taylor John, Spa road
 Taylor Miss, Semington road
 Taylor-Warren Rev. Rowland B.A.
 Semington road
 Tilke Theodore William, Claremont
 villa, Market place
 Tipping Wm. Jn. Rose cot. Bower hill
 Usher James, Spa road
 Wall John Tyler, Avon villa
 Wallis William, King street
 Webb Mrs. Market place
 Weston Job, West end
 White Hy. John, Manchester ho. High st
 Wickham James Bruce, Spa road
 Wilkinson Miss, Lowbourn
 Witts Miss, Spa road
 Woodman Mrs. King street
 Wyatt James, 1 Victoria terrace
 Wyld Rev. Edwin George B.A. (vicar
 & surrogate), The Vicarage

COMMERCIAL.

Abbott John, rope maker, Bank street
 Adams Alfred, baker, City
 Alford Elihu, pork butcher, Lowbourn
 Andrews Ernest, coffee tavern, Bath road
 Andrews Florence (Miss), ladies' private school, Martigny
 house, Bank street
 Andrews William Nash, beer retailer, Fore street
 Angel Arthur, sexton, Church street
 Annal Henry Sinclair, chemist & druggist
 Arney Thomas, tailor, Bank street
 Arthur Charles, house decorator, Church street
 Arthur Charles Perkins, painter &c. Market place
Avon India Rubber Co. Limited, The Factory
 Awdry Justly William, solicitor &c. High street
 Bailey Sydney, harness maker, Bank street
 Barton William, town crier & bill poster, Lowbourn
 Beaven & Compton, solicitors, Lowbourn
Bigwood & Co. builders & contractors, Market place
Bigwood Lewin John, general, furnishing & builders'
 ironmonger, tinsplate worker, agricultural implement &
cycle agent & repairer, High street
 Bodmin William, Crown inn P.H. Market place
 Bolwell Edward, coal merchant, Semington road
 Bolwell Herbert & William, grocers, Old Broughton road
 Bowyer Albert Edward, boot maker, Bath road
Brittin Dora (Miss), high-class boarding house, The
 Wharé, West end
 Brooke Edwin, farmer, Sandridge
 Brooke George, farmer, Blackmore
 Buchanan Joseph, shopkeeper, Bath road
 Budd William, manager of gas works, Bath road
 Burbidge George, commission agent, Glenavon
 Burgess Henry, baker & confectioner, High street
 Bush James Edward, chemist, Market place

Butt Brothers, ladies' tailors & costumiers, High st. See advt
 Canning James, poulterer &c. Woodrow
 Capital & Counties Bank Limited (Richard H. Jacks,
 manager), Bank street; draw on head office, 39 Thread-
 needle street, London E C
 Carpenter William, carpenter & joiner, undertaker & cabi-
 net maker, Church street
 Chamberlain Annie (Miss), shopkeeper, Bath road
 Chivers Alfred, beer retailer, King street
 Chivers Alice (Miss), dress maker, Bath road
 Chivers William, greengrocer, Bath road
 Clarke James, inspector of police & coroner's officer, Police
 station, Market place
 Cleverly Henry John, watch & clock maker, High street
 Coffee Tavern, Bath road
 Colbourne & Sons, plasterers &c. Lowbourn
Collett, Parker & Collett, auctioneers, surveyors,
 valuers & estate agents, Market place. See advert
 Collett Harriett (Mrs.) & Son, farmers, Beanacre
 Collett Albert Henry, farmer, Beanacre farm
 Collett Edward, farmer, Bower hill
 Collett William James, butcher, High street
 Compton James, solicitor (firm, Beaven & Compton)
 Cook William G. George inn, Bank street
 Coombe Albert & Son, ginger beer makers &c. The Ark
 Cooper Fredk. Wm. station master G. W. Ry. 2 Victoria ter
 Cooper Joseph, dairyman, King street
 Co-operative Society Lim. (Geo. Randall, mgr.), Church st
 Cottle Charles Richard, farmer, Woodrow
 Cottle Frederick, farmer, Craysmarsh
 Cottle William James, house agent, Bank street
 Cottle William Newman, farmer, Conigree farm
 County Court (Alex. Gough Smith, registrar), Spa rd
 Crew Mary (Mrs.), greengrocer, City
 Crook Charles & Sons, contractors, Shurnhold

Crook & Sons, contractors, New Broughton road
 Crook Florence Kate (Miss), dress ma. New Broughton rd
 Crook Mark, haulier, New Broughton road
 Crook Worthy, shopkeeper, Beanacre
 Dancey Thomas, farmer, Beanacre
 Dark William, plasterer, King street
Davis George & Son, monumental masons & builders, Canhold
 Deverall George, carpenter &c. Bower hill
 Dewey & Son, bakers, Union street
 Dixon Robert Henry, boot & shoe maker, High street
 Earle Joseph, carpenter, King street
 Edwards Christiana (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Beanacre
 Escott James, poulterer &c. Bower hill
 Fennell Albert, grocer & farmer, Sandridge lane; postal address, Chippenham
 Ferris Charles, plasterer, Forest
 Finch Henry, basket maker, King street
 Fire Engine Station (Josph. Jones, capt.), Market yard
Flocks & Manning, wine & spirit merchants & general family drapers, High street
Flower John, farmer & cattle dealer, Holbrook farm
 Forrest William, farmer, Chalymead
 Francis John, jobbing gardener, King street
 Freemasons' (Chaloner) Lodge, No. 2,644 (Jn.Parker,sec)
 Fry John, farmer, Queenfield
 Gale Henry, shopkeeper, Bath road
 Galsworthy James, confectioner, High street
 Gas Light & Coke Co Lim.(Wm.Budd,sec.& mgr.),Bath rd
 Gerrish Albert, grocer & gasfitter, King street
 Gerrish James, boot maker, King street
 Gerrish Kate (Miss), dress maker, King street
 Gibbs Henry, carrier, King street
 Gill Charles, coffee tavern High street
 Gowen Frank, draper &c. High street
 Gowing & Son, grocers & agents for W. & A. Gilbey Lim. wine & spirit merchants, High street
 Gray Alfred Murray L.R.C.P.Edin. surgeon, Inglewood
 Gray George Edward, watch & clock maker, High street
 Greenhill Frank Usher, collector of general district rates, sanitary inspector & district surveyor to the rural district council, school attendance officer & deputy registrar of births, deaths & marriages & assistant overseer for Melksham Within, King street
 Gregory Bryant, market gardener, Sandridge; postal address, Chippenham
 Gregory Jn. fmr. Sandridge; postal add. Chippenham
 Grist Thomas Edward, millwright, Bath road
 Haines Jerry George, farmer, Forest
 Hancock Emily (Mrs.), dress maker, King street
 Harriss Thomas, butcher, Church street
 Harrold Aaron, baker & grocer, Bath road
 Harrold Charles, baker & grocer, Forest
 Harrold John, market gardener, Church walk
 Haskell William, market gardener, Lowbourne
 Hawkins Frederick, farm bailiff to Mr. James Summers, Queenfield
 Hawkins Richard (Mrs.), farmer, Bower hill
 Hawes Walter John, outfitter, Bank street
Hayter Charles, tailor, breeches maker & woollen draper, High street. **See advertisement**
 Hayward Frank, hair dresser, King street
 Hayward William, farmer, Forest
 Heathcote James Edward, relieving officer No. 2 district, registrar of births & deaths, Melksham sub-district, collector to the guardians & vaccination officer for Melksham district, Town hall
 Hedges Archibald, The Grapes P.H. Bank street
 Helyar William L.D.S.Irel. dental surgeon
 High School for Boys (The) (Rev. Rowland Taylor-Warren B.A. head master), Semington road. See advert
 Hiscock Charles, beer retailer, Semington road
 Hiskins Annie (Mrs.), coal merchant, Spa road
 Holloway William, farmer, Snarlton lane
 Hosier William, farmer, Snarlton lane
 Hughes Henry (Mrs.), market gardener, Sandridge; postal address, Chippenham
 Hurn Walter & Albert, timber merchants, The Ark; saw mills, Melksham station
 Hurn John, shopkeeper, Lowbourne
 Hutton Bros. John & George, butchers, High street, & farmers, Woodrow, Forest
 Hutton Tom, market gardener, Union street
 Hyland Wm. Andrew, inland revenue officer, Canon sq
 Jacks Richard H. manager Capital & Counties Bank & treasurer to the urban district council, Bank street
 Jarvis Eliza (Mrs.), shopkeeper, King street
Jolliffe Alfred William & Co. printers, stationers, booksellers, fancy repository, lending library, **advertising contractors** & bill posting, Winchester house, Bank street
 Jones Joseph & Son, smiths & wheelwrights, Spa road

Jolliffe Alfred William, postmaster & distributor of stamps, Bank street
 Jones James, grocer &c. Forest
 Jordan Samuel, smith & farrier, Broughton road
 Keen James Smith, general dealer & beer retailer, City
 Keir William Ingram L.R.C.P. & F.R.C.S.Edin. surgeon, medical officer of health to the urban & rural district councils, & medical officer Nos. 4 & 5 districts, & public vaccinator Melksham district, & certifying factory surgeon, The Limes
 Kelson Thomas Alfred, beer retailer & grocer, Church st
 Knee Albert John, sign painter, Union street
 Knee William Charles, watch maker &c. Bank street
 Larcombe James, King's Arms hotel
 Lee Edwin John, grocer &c. Bank street
 Legge George, fishmonger, High street
 Lewington William, jun. dairyman, King street
 Little Thomas, Unicorn inn, Bath road
 Lock Edward & Son, boot makers, King street
 Lock Henry John, cabinet maker & carpenter, Acre
 Lock Louisa Jane (Mrs.), apartments, Railway view
 Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, solicitor, clerk to magistrates & commissioner to administer oaths, Bank st
 Maggs Charles, hempen & cocoa nut fibre works, Spa rd
 Manning Arthur & Co. furniture, china & glass & toy dealers & ironmongers, Lowbourne
 Manning Arthur Herbert, draper, see Flocks & Manning
 Manning Cecil Stanley, surveyor & sanitary inspector to the urban district council, High street
 Marti John, hair dresser, High street
 Maslen Jane (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Church street
 Mattingly George & Frederick, saddlers, Market place
 Melksham Agricultural Society (Thomas Newman & A. Blake, joint hon. secs)
 Melksham Cottage Hospital (Richard H. Jacks, treas.; Charles William Maggs, hon. sec.; Miss F. E. Driver, matron), Bank street
 Melksham Liberal Club (William Sweet & George Butt, joint hon. secs.), High street
 Melksham Technical School (A. G. Smith, treas. & sec.), Bath road
 Melksham Working Men's Club (Arthur Deadman, mgr.), King street
 Milford Andrew, farm bailiff to Mrs. Lopes, Manor farm, Sandridge
 Miller George Henry, cabinet maker, Bath road
 Missen James, general dealer, Beanacre
 Moule Charles George, clerk to the income & land tax commissioners, Lowbourne
 Mutual Improvement Society (John Muggleworth, hon. sec.), Reading rooms, Bank street
 Nash Martha (Mrs.), ladies' outfitter, Church street
 New Hall (William Harris, caretaker), Market place
 Newman James, butcher, Bank street
 Newman Thomas, insurance agent, 3 Coburg place
 Oatley William, smith & farrier, King street
 Offer Albert James, printer, Lowbourne
 Ogle Charles Henry, teacher of music, Church street
 Paisey Julia (Miss), dress maker, Chapel court
 Parker John, man. of Wilts & Dorset Bank, Market place
 Parker Robt. Jn. auctioneer, see Collett, Parker & Collett
 Parry Herbert, saddler & harness maker, Church street
 Perrett William, greengrocer & pork butcher, High st
 Pocock Samuel Johnson, farmer, Westlands
 Ponting William, shopkeeper, Bath road
Porter Sydney, photographer (attends tuesdays 10.30 to 4.30), Bank street
 Protene Company Lim. (The), patent food mfs. Bath rd
 Raines Frederick Thomas, builder, West street
 Rawlings Thomas, farmer, Snarlton lane
 Reading Rooms (John Muggleworth, hon. sec.), Bank st
 Redman Frederick, farmer, Shurnhold
 Reeves Frank, plumber, painter &c. Bath road
 Reeves John, china dealer, Bath road
 Richards Fred, wholesale iron & metal merchant, Lowbourne. See advertisement
 Richards Walter, carpenter, Blackmore
 Ritchens George, shopkeeper, King street
 Rowlett John Thomas, grocer & draper, Market place
 Ruddle Clare James Gee, Bell inn, Bath road
 Rumboll Charles Frederic M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S.Eng. surgeon & medical officer, No. 3 district, Melksham union, Lowbourne house
 St. Swithin's Home for Girls (Miss Esther Jackson, lady superintendent), Church walk
 Salter Alfred, butcher, King street
 Salter Alfred John Thomas, baker, Old Broughton road
 Sawtell & Sons, who. feather purifiers, Old Broughton rd
 Sawyer William, farmer, Halfway
 Scott Edward, draper, Bath road
Scott Tom, painter, glazier, house decorator, paper-hanger &c.; estimates given; Union st. See advert

Self Frederick, farmer, Forest farm
 Sheate James, farmer, Forest farm
 Simmonds Frederick Allen, beer retailer, Beanacre
 Skillen Samuel, Bear hotel, Bath road
 Smith Alexander Gough, solicitor, commissioner for oaths & perpetual commissioner, registrar of county court & acting high bailiff, clerk to the urban district council, & agent to Imperial Fire office, Guardian Fire & Life Assurance Co. & Norwich & London Accident Association, Spa road
 Smith Frederick, draper & hatter, & registrar of marriages for Melksham district, Bank street
 Smith Jesse, boot maker, Bath road
 Smith Thomas, chimney sweeper, King street
 Smith Walter, engineer, see Tilke & Smith
 Spencer & Co. Limited, engineers & millwrights, manufacturers of steam engines, patent grain & warehousing machinery, hydraulic & other lifts & general machinery, Melksham foundry
 Spencer Frederick, tailor, Union street
 Stokes Charles, carpenter, Canhold
 Stokes Edward, carpenter, King street
 Stratton James & Sons Limited, wholesale tea dealers, grocers &c. High street
 Summers James, cattle dealer, Semington road
 Taplin Walter Henry, hair dresser, Union street
 Tayler John, steam & water miller on the Roller system, corn merchant &c. Town mills
 Taylor & Cray, coach builders, Spa road
 Taylor Sarah E. (Mrs.), agent to West of England Sack Hiring Co. Limited, Bath road
 Taylor William, boot maker, King street
 Tilke & Smith, engineers, iron founders, hot water fitters, cycle agents, manufacturers of hand-travelling & other cranes, winding drums & every description of quarry machinery, High street & Bath road
 Town Hall & Cheese Market (Charles George Moule, sec.), Market place
 Volunteer Battalion (2nd) Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment (H Company, C. F. Rumboll, captain; H.

MERE is a union town and parish 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, 4 miles north from Gillingham station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the South Western railway, 23 west-by-north from Salisbury, 7 west from Hindon, 7 east-by-north from Wincanton and 102 from London, in the Southern division of the county, Mere hundred, Tisbury and Mere petty sessional division, county court district of Shaftesbury, Wylde rural deanery (Heytesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The town is lighted with gas from works erected in 1866. The church of St. Michael the Archangel is a stone building with traces of Early English and reputed Saxon work, consisting of chancel with chapels, clerestoried nave of five bays, aisles, north and south porches, over each of which is a parvise, and a western tower 100 feet high, with pinnacles, and containing a clock with chimes and 6 bells: the chancel is separated from the nave by a beautifully carved oak screen: there are two chantry chapels, and in the south chapel is a brass to John Betteshorne, d. 1398: the present chancel and the chapels were built in the 14th century, but the tower dates from about the middle of the 15th century: there are 580 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, net yearly value £210, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1890 by the Rev. John Augustus Lloyd M.A. of St. John's College, Oxford, and surrogate. The mission church of St. Matthew, about 1½ miles south of the town, and on the Shaftesbury road, was opened in 1882, and is an edifice of stone and brick, consisting of apsidal chancel, nave, north porch, and a turret containing one bell, and will seat 150 persons: the cost of erection was about £1,000, the site being the gift of Miss Grove; it is served by the clergy of St. Michael the Archangel. The Congregational chapel, a large Gothic structure, was erected at a cost of over £5,000, defrayed by Charles Jupe esq.; there is also a Primitive Methodist chapel and one for the Plymouth Brethren. The Society of Friends have a meeting house here. The Cemetery, on the south side of the town, consisting of about two acres, was opened in 1856, and has two mortuary chapels; during the excavations necessary in its formation an earthen vessel was discovered containing 400 Roman coins; it is under the control of a burial board of 9 members. The market, formerly held on Tuesday, has now become extinct, also the annual fairs that were held on the 17th of May and the 10th of October. The clock

W. Tayler & C. Willaggs, lieuts.; Color-Sergeant W. R. Yardley, drill instructor); drill hall, Church street
 Wade Ernest Henry, assistant overseer & clerk to the parish council for Melksham Without, King street
 Waight Edwin, house decorator, King street
 Waight Edwin (Mrs.), servants' registry office, King st
 Walker Adlett, colporteur, Union street
 Wall James C. (exors. of), Great Western railway goods agents, Railway station
 Ward Ernest, shopkeeper, City
 Watson Edwin, farmer, Snarlton
 Watson Henry, farmer, Woodrow
 Watson James Mizen, dairyman, Forest
 Watson Thomas Truman, farmer, The Spa
 Webb Amos, stone mason & builder, Beanacre
 Webb John, farmer & dairyman, West End farm
 Webb Thomas, farmer, Forest
 Webley Jesse, draper, Lowbourne
 West of England Sack Hiring Co. Limited (Mrs. Sarah E. Taylor, agent), Bath road
 Westgate King George, farmer, Bowerhill
 White George, cheese merchant, Market yard
White Henry John, outfitter, draper, millinery & mantle-warehouseman, tailor, hatter, hosier, ironmonger &c. juvenile outfits, High street & Market place
 White James Maslen, farmer, The Spa
 Wilcox Annie Gould (Miss), coal merchant, Union street
 Wilts & Dorset Banking Co. Limited (branch) (John Parker, manager), Market place; draw on London & Westminster Bank Limited, Lothbury, London E C
 Wiltshire George, farmer, Hack farm
 Wilts United Dairies Limited, Spa road
Winslow John, grocer & baker, Bank street
 Winslow Martha (Mrs.), farmer, Berryfield
 Withey Albert, painter &c. West end
 Wootten Edwd. farmer, Sandridge; postal add. Chippenham.
 Wootten Elizabeth (Mrs.), farmer, Sandridge; postal address, Chippenham
 Yardley Color-Sergt. Wm. Revel, drill instructor, Spa rd

tower in the Market place occupies the site of the old market house and was erected in 1866 by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall. 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 is devoted to the repair of his tomb and the support of the Sunday school, the surplus is distributed by the churchwardens; there are a few minor charities now amalgamated under a scheme of the Charity Commissioners. The ancient Manor House, now used as a farmhouse, includes a domestic chapel, called "Woodlands," south of the town. 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; some traces of this castle were found during excavations in 1887. The principal landowners are H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is lord of the manor, George Troyte-Chafyn-Grove esq. F.S.A. of North Coker, Somerset, the trustees of the late Meyrick Bankes esq. and A. R. White esq. 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 5,792 acres; rateable value, £7,997; the population in 1891 was 749 in the civil and 2,279 in the ecclesiastical parish, including 49 officers and inmates in the workhouse.

Sexton, Arthur Norris.

Chaddenwicke is a tithing, 1½ miles north-east; Woodlands, 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.

Zeals, a tithing in this civil parish, has been formed into an ecclesiastical parish, and will be found under a separate heading.

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