

MELKSHAM,

WITH THE CHAPELRY OF SEMINGTON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

MELKSHAM is a market town and parish, in the hundred of its name; 96 miles w. by s. from London, 30 n. w. from Salisbury, 12 E. from Bath, between 6 and 7 s. from Chippenham, and 5 s. s. E. from Corsham—the three last named places are stations on the Great Western Railway. The town lies on the main road between Bath and the metropolis, on the banks of the Avon; and consists principally of one street nearly a mile in length, paved and gas-lighted. The houses are in general good, and built of free-stone. Its name is derived from *melch* or *milch*, 'milk,' and *ham*, 'a dwelling,' and was formerly spelt *Millnsham* and *Milsham*. The lower part of the town is denominated 'the city,' a presumptive proof of its ancient superiority; and this is farther confirmed by the *tailage* it paid in the reign of King John, which amounted to twelve marks—Salisbury paying only forty shillings. Two mineral springs, one saline, the other chalybeate, were discovered in the vicinity some years ago, and in 1816, a new saline spa was obtained by boring: from this period it was anticipated that Melksham would advance into note as a watering place, and every accommodation for visitors was provided, including a pump-room, a handsome crescent, an agreeable promenade, a reading-room and a library, but, with all these inducements, success was not commanded, and a very considerable outlay has been made without a return. The manufactures comprise superfine broad-cloths, and flat and round ropes; there is also some business done in malting. A petty sessions, for the division of Melksham, is held here, by the justices of the peace for the county, on the last Wednesday in every month; a court leet is held half yearly by

Walter Long, esq. the lord of the manor; and a court of requests, for the recovery of debts under £5, every third Tuesday, at one of the principal inns. Melksham is a polling station at elections for North Wilts.

The parish church of St. Michael, is a large and spacious cruciform edifice, built of freestone, with a handsome embattled tower rising from the transept: the living is a vicarage, in the patronage of the dean and chapter of Salisbury cathedral: the present vicar is the Rev. George Hume. The Baptists, Independents, Wesleyan Methodists, and the Society of Friends have places of worship here. There are British, national, and infants' schools; and a 'provident district society,' for relief of the sick, the aged, and the infirm poor. The Melksham union comprises six parishes—the poor-house is a substantial stone building, situated near the pleasant village of Semington. The scenery, within the circuit of a few miles round Melksham, is very beautiful; there are several elegant seats, and the walks on the banks of the Avon are remarkably pleasant. A market is held every alternate Monday, which is well attended, and an annual fair on the 27th of July, both chiefly for cattle. The parish of Melksham (including the chapelry of SEEND) contained, in 1831, 5,866 inhabitants, and at the last census (1841) 6,234.

Three miles from Melksham, and the like distance from Trowbridge, situated on the road between the two towns, is the chapelry of SEMINGTON, in the parish of Steeple-Ashton. There is a place of worship for Wesleyan Methodists in the village, and near the latter is the Union Workhouse before mentioned. The chapelry contains about 350 inhabitants.

POST OFFICE, High-street, Maria Nalder, *Post Mistress*.—Letters from LONDON and various other parts arrive (from CHIPPENHAM) every morning at half-past three, and are despatched thereto every night at a quarter before ten.—Letters from BRADFORD, FROME, &c. arrive (by mail cart) every night at a quarter past nine, and are despatched thereto every morning at four.

GENTRY AND CLERGY.

- Bond Mrs. —, Spa
- Braine Rev. John Josiah, King st
- Bruges Mrs. Elizabeth, Church st
- Bruges Mr. Thomas, Semington
- Bruges Mr. William, Semington
- Courtis Mrs. Mary, Semington
- Eyles the Misses, Shurnold
- Eyles Mr. Thomas, Grove cottage
- Finch Mrs. —, Spa road
- Fox William, esq. Market place
- Heathcote Mr. Thos. Shaw-hill house
- Hume Rev. George, Vicarage
- Lloyd Mr. Isaac, King st
- M'Ewen Rev. —, Semington
- Mason Rev. John, Canon square
- Miles Mr. Thomas, Market place
- Miller Mrs. Harriet, Semington
- Moore Mrs. Hannah, Devizes road
- Osborn Rev. William, Spa
- Powell Mrs. Mary, Spa road
- Redman Mr. William, King st
- Russell Rev. Joshua, the Ark
- Simpson Mrs. —, Devizes road
- Watson Mr. James, Broughton road
- Wilshere Miss Sarah, Canhold

ACADEMIES & SCHOOLS.

- BRITISH SCHOOL, Lowbourne—Thomas Harris, master; Miss Roberts, mistress
- Ferris Thomas, Devizes road
- Honywill Ann, King street
- INFANTS' SCHOOL, Lowbourne—Jane Woodman, mistress
- Miles Ann, Canhold
- NATIONAL SCHOOL, Church yard—William Mansfield, master; Elizabeth Paul, mistress
- Orman Henry (boarding) Spa
- Smith Richd. (boarding) Shaw house
- Tanner Harriet, High st
- Tarrant Misses, Canhold

AGENTS.

- (See also *Fire, &c. Office Agents*.)
- Aust Charles (for the Wilts & Berks Canal Company and wharfinger) Devizes road
- Beard Edward (for the Kennet and Avon Canal Company) Semington
- Giller George (general agnt) Bank st
- Phelps Philip (land) Market place

ATTORNEYS.

- Awdry Henry Goddard, Spa
- Daniel Edward M. Canhold
- Moule Frederick & Charles, Bank st

AUCTIONEER & APPRAISER.

- Giller George (and general agent) Bank street

BAKERS & FLOUR DEALERS.

- Barton Benjamin, Church st
- Breach Henry Geo. Caroline buildgs
- Dicks James, Semington
- Ruddle Henry, Lowbourne
- Shepherd Joseph, King st
- Vincent Mary, Market place
- Watson Thomas, Market place
- Watson Thomas, High st
- Young Stephen, High st

BANKERS.

- NORTH WILTS BANKING COMPANY—(draw on Drewett & Fowler)
- SAVINGS' BANK, Lowbourne—Chas. Moule, secretary

BLACKSMITHS.

- Bendy James, Semington
- Jordan John, Devizes road
- Jordan Richard, Lowbourne
- Jordan Richard, City
- Oatley John, King st

BOOKSELLERS & STATIONERS.

- Cochrane John (and printer & dealer in patent medicines) Bank st
- Nalder Maria (& toy dealer) High st

BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.

- Bayly Michael, King st
- Buckland Abraham, Union st
- Buckland William, Canhold
- Davis Abraham, Bath buildings
- Edwards William, King st
- Hale John, Caroline buildings
- Knee John, Church st
- Little Abraham, City
- Shaul Robt. (& leather seller) Bank st
- Stokes Singer, Bank st
- Sumner John, High st
- Sumner Thomas, Bank st
- Jennings William, City
- Usher William, King st

BRAZIERS AND TINMEN.

- Chandler George, Broughton lane
- Coombe Joseph, Market place
- Simpson Robert, High st

BREWERS.

- Giller George, Bank st
- Hazeland & Manning, Shaw

BUTCHERS.

- Brewer Henry, Church st
- Harris Joseph, Bath buildings
- Harriss Elizabeth, Canhold
- Haynes George, Watson's passage
- Lye Thomas, Bath buildings
- Newman Thomas, Bank st

CARPENTERS AND WHEELWRIGHTS.

- Bolwell William, King st
- Cottle James, the Bridge
- Holder Jasper, Devizes road
- Knapp James, Bath road
- Stokes George, High st
- Webb Henry, King st
- Webb William, King st
- Wilshere Robert, Semington
- Wilshere William, Semington

CHINA, GLASS, &c. DEALERS.

Davis Benjamin, City
Gane Elizabeth, High st [bourne
Wheeler Cs. (& basket maker) Low-
Woodman Jeremiah, Bank st

CLOTHIERS.

Phillips & Smith, City
Pollard Andrew, Broughton lane

CONFECTIONERS.

Breach Henry Geo. Caroline bldngs
Ruddle Henry, Lowbourn
Shaul Benjamin, Bath buildings
Young Stephen, High st

FIRE, &c. OFFICE AGENTS.

ALLIANCE, Fredk. Moule, Bank st
BRITANNIA (life) J.B. Cadby, High st
CLERICAL, MEDICAL & GENERAL
(life) Philip Phelps, Market place
COUNTY, Henry Mansfield, Bank st
FARMERS' AND GENERAL, Charles
Moule, Bank st [ket place
PHENIX (fire) Philip Phelps, Mar-
SUN, Robert Shaul, Bank st, and
Henry Goddard Awdry, Spa
WEST OF ENGLAND, Jno. Cochrane,
Bank st [Bank st
YORK & LONDON, William Gillett,

FURNITURE BROKERS.

Hinder Samuel (& sheriff's officer)
Lowbourn [st
Honywill James (& appraiser) King

**GROCERS AND DEALERS IN
SUNDRIES.**

(See also Linen Drapers; Shop-
keepers, and also Tea Dealers.)

Marked thus * are also Linen Drapers.

Allen Henry, High st
*Cooper Thomas, High st
Davis Benjamin, City
*Hayward Reuben, High st
Jones William (& tallow chandler)
King street High st
*Redman & Stratton (wholesale)
Shepherd Joseph, King st [City
Stow Richard Davis (& corn dealer)
Woodman Jeremiah, Bank st

HAIR DRESSERS.

Oram Samuel, High st
White Charles, Union st

HOP MERCHANTS.

Cooper Thomas (& brandy) High st
Fowler & Mallinson, Bank st
Ranger Josiah, King st
Redman & Stratton, High st

INNS.

(See also Taverns & Public Houses.)
Bear (commercial) George Giller,
Bank st

Bell, William Granger Hulbert, City
George, James Newman, Bank st
King's Arms (& posting) James Bird

LEATHER DEALERS.

Shaul Robert, Bank st
Widgery William, King st

LINEN DRAPERS.

(See also Grocers, &c.)

Brooks Edmund, Bank st
Butterworth Ann, King st
Woodbridge William, City

MALTSTERS.

Bruges Thos. Church st & Semington
Hazelard & Manning, Shaw
Matravers William, Semington
Tayler William, Melksham forest

MILLERS.

Jeffereys Samuel, City
Jeffereys Thomas, City

**PAINTERS, PLUMBERS AND
GLAZIERS.**

Berry & Son, Church st
Butler James, Union st
Combe William Webb, King st
Webb Hannah, Cobourg square

POST MASTERS

AND OWNERS OF FLYS, HORSES, &c.
FOR HIRE.

Bird James, Market place
Fry Thomas, Market place
Giller George, Bank st

PRINTERS & BOOKBINDERS.

Cochrane John (& dealer in patent
medicine) Bank st
Waight George, Lowbourn

ROPE & TWINE MANUFCTRS.

Maggs Charles & Co. (flat and round
rope) Market place
Maggs Joseph Herbert (and sack &
tarpauling) High st

SADDLERS.

Borland George, High st
Buckland John, Bank st
Crook Thomas, Market place
Cross William, High st

**SHOPKEEPERS & DEALRS IN
GROCERIES & SUNDRIES.**

Arter William, High st
Dicks James, Semington
Gane Eliz. (& earthenware) High st
Hughes John, Old Broughton lane
Hutchins John, Caroline buildings
Mitchell Richard, City
Paradise Lucy, Bank st
Rixson Peter, High st
Wilshere Robert, Semington
Witts Thomas, City

SLATERS & PLASTERERS.

Colbourn Henry & Nelson, Market
place [place
Spragg James (& builder) Cobourg

STONE MASONS.

Deverill John, City
Harrison George (& marble) Bank st
Spragg Jas. (& builder) Cobourg pl
Witts Thomas, City

SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Cooper Thomas (brandy) High st
Hayward Reuben, High st
Redman & Stratton, High st
Sidnell Thomas (& porter) King st

SURGEONS.

Kenrick George C. Lowbourn
King Jaspar, Market place
Plimmer George, Canon square

TAILORS AND DRAPERS.

Fricker & Hunt, High st
Gerrish Isaac, King st
Hutchins John, Caroline buildings
Matthews John, High st
Scott Thomas, Market place
Selman R. Canon square

TAVERNS & PUBLIC HOUSES.

New Crown, William Cross, High st
Old Crown, John Buckland, Market place
Royal Oak, Charles Miles, High st
Unicorn, Thomas Rowlings, City [ton
Waggon & Horses, Hanh. Gulliver, Seming-
White Hart, Albert Ashley, King st

Retailers of Beer.

Berrett J. Semington road
Butler Thomas, City
Deverill John, City
Down William, City
Miles Job, Semington
Webb Dennis, Semington lane
Witts Thomas, City

TEA DEALERS.

(See also Grocers, &c.)

Fowler & Mallinson, Bank st
Ranger Josiah, King st
Woodbridge William, City

TEAZLE GROWER & DEALER.

James Thomas, Melksham Forest, &
at the Woolpack Inn, Trowbridge

WHITESMITHS.

Eyres William (and ironfounder and
engineer) Union street
Keen Charles, City

Miscellaneous.

Attwood Thomas, pawnbroker, Bank st
Bullock John, watch maker, Market place
Cadby Joseph Bayly, chymist, &c. High st
Dash William, wheelwright, King st
Flocks George, relieving officer, Shurnold
Fowler John, wine merchant, Bank st
Harding Henry, cooper, City
Ingram Edward, governor of Union work-
house, near Semington
Keen John, shuttle maker, Shurnold
Legg Charles, excise officer, Devizes road
Maggs Chas. coal merchant, Market place
Mansfield Henry, corn & flour dlr. Bank st
Marks Thos. cutler & brazier, Church st
Moon John, fellmonger, near the Bridge
North John, coach painter, Church st
Phillips Edward, dyer, City [lane
Pollard Andrew, woolstapler, Broughton
Rixson Peter, wood turner, High st
Simpson Robert, ironmonger, High st
Simpson Wm. brush maker, Devizes road
Spragg James, builder, Cobourg place
Theobalds John, collector for the Wilts &
Berks Canal Company, Semington Lock
Theobalds John, jun. boat builder and
timber merchant, Semington Lock
UNION WORKHOUSE, near Semington—
Philip Phelps, clerk to the board of
guardians; Edward Ingram, governor

REGISTRARS

OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.
Philip Phelps, *superintendent*, Market pl
John Knee, *of marriages*, Church st
George Flocks, *of births & deaths*, Shurnold

COACHES.

To LONDON, the *Age* (from Bristol) calls
at the Bear, every evening (Sunday ex-
cepted) at nine; goes to Chippenham,
and thence by Railway.
To BATH, a *Coach* (from Devizes) calls
at the King's Arms, every morning
(Sunday excepted) at nine.
To BRISTOL and BATH, the *Age* (from
London) calls at the Bear, every morn-
ing (Monday excepted) at six—and the
Star (from Reading) calls at the same
inn and the King's Arms, every after-
noon (Sunday excepted) at a quarter-
past four.
To CHIPPENHAM STATION, on the
Great Western Railway, *Coaches* from
the George, every morning (Sunday ex-
cepted) at half-past ten, and from the
King's Arms at eleven.
To DEVIZES, a *Coach* (from Bath) calls
at the King's Arms, every evening
(Sunday excepted) at half-past six and
at a quarter past ten.
To FROME, a *Coach*, from the George,
every evening (Sunday excepted) at
half-past four; goes thro' Trowbridge.
To READING, the *Star* (from Bristol)
calls at the Bear and the King's Arms,
every morning (Sunday excepted) at a
quarter past ten.
To TROWBRIDGE, a *Coach*, from the
King's Arms, every evening (Sunday
excepted) at half-past six.

CONVEYANCE BY RAILWAY.

The nearest Stations are CORSHAM, 5
miles distant, and CHIPPENHAM between
6 and 7, both on the GREAT WESTERN
line. From these stations passengers may
proceed to LONDON & intermediate places,
and to BATH, BRISTOL & other parts west.
There are regular conveyances to CHIP-
PENHAM as above stated.

*Particulars of the various Railways are
furnished by the Railway Tables.*

CARRIERS.

To LONDON, Thos. Poulson's *Waggon*,
from the New Crown, every Thursday.
To ATWORTH, Thos. Poulson's *Waggon*,
from the New Crown, every Tuesday.
To BATH, Martha Taylor, from Canon
square, every Wednesday & Saturday—
Shadrach Taylor, from King st, and —
Hibberd, from the New Crown, every
Tuesday.
To BATH & BRISTOL, — Sutton, from
the Bear, every Monday & Thursday—
and Fras. Smith, from the New Crown,
every Monday.
To BRADFORD & CALNE, — Spack-
man, from the George, every Monday.

To BROMHAM, — Gee's Van, from the Royal Oak, every Monday and Friday.
 To CHIPPENHAM, and forwards goods by Railway to LONDON, BATH & BRISTOL, — Lawe's Van, from the King's Arms, every evening (Sunday excepted) & — Parker's Waggon, from the George, every Monday, Wed. & Friday evening.
 To CORSHAM & DEVIZES, — Dowse's Van, from the George, every Thursday.
 To DEVIZES, — Sutton, from the Bear, every Wednesday and Saturday.
 To FROME & TROWBRIDGE, Parker's

Waggon, from the George, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
 To GLOUCESTER, — Applegate's Van, from the Bell Inn, every Tuesday morn.
 To MARKET LAVINGTON, — Smith, from the New Crown, every Wednesday
 To SALISBURY, Francis Smith, from the New Crown, every Wednesday.
 To TROWBRIDGE, — Canning, from the Royal Oak, daily; — Gee's Van, every Monday & Friday morning—and — Applegate's Van, from the Bell, every Thursday.

To WOODBOROUGH, — Hibberd's Van, from the New Crown, every Wednesday evening.

CONVEYANCE BY WATER.
 To LONDON & ABINGDON, Hopkins' Boats, weekly.
 To BATH & BRISTOL, Boswell & Co.'s Boats, twice a week, & — Sandars' once
 To BATH, BRISTOL and ABINGDON, George Heskin's Boats, weekly.
 To SHRIVENHAM, — Sandars' Boats, weekly.

MERE

IS an inconsiderable market town, in the parish and hundred of its name; 102 miles w. s. w. from London, 22 w. from Salisbury, and 7 n. n. w. from Shaftesbury (Dorset), the like distance west from Hindon, and 10 s. from Warminster; situated on the high road from Salisbury and Amesbury to Wincanton. The principal manufacture is that of dowlas and bed-ticking; there is likewise a silk-throwing mill. The magisterial business of the town is transacted at Hindon.

The parish church of St. Michael is a spacious and handsome structure, with a tower. The screen, which separates the nave from the chancel, is rich open work, and the belfry has a beautiful carved oak ceiling. The living is a vicarage, in the patronage of the dean of Salisbury, and incumbency of the Rev. Henry Wake:

the Rev. Thomas Blundell is his present curate. There is a place of worship for Independents. An endowment, left by Dr. Tateham, of £10. per annum, is appropriated to the education of poor children. In 1840 a national school was established; and the premises, a neat stone structure, erected by voluntary contributions. The Union Workhouse is a handsome building, constructed of the like material, and is for the reception of the poor of twelve parishes. The Duke of Somerset's seat 'Bradley,' and 'Zeals' house,' that of — Grove, Esq. are the principal objects of attraction in the vicinity. The market is entitled to be held on Tuesday, but few persons avail themselves of the privilege of attending it. Fairs, May 17th and October 10th, for corn and cattle. The population of the parish is about 3,000.

POST OFFICE, Samuel Hayter, *Post Master*.—Letters from all parts arrive every morning at eight, and are despatched every afternoon at half-past five.

NOBILITY, GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Blundell Rev. Thomas, Vicarage
 Coomb Mr. Jno. Hy. Chantry house
 Ford Mr. John, Mere
 Grove —, esq. Zeals' house
 Hoare Sir Hugh, bart. Stourhead
 Jupe Mr. John, Church yard
 Lattimore Mrs. —, Mere
 Little Mrs. Elizabeth, Mere
 Rose Mr. Christopher
 Snook Mr. Henry, Castle cottage
 Somerset His Grace the Duke of, Bradley
 White Mrs. Rebecca, Mere
 White Mr. Robert, Zeals
 Whitlock Mrs. —, Mere

BANKERS.
 WILTS & DORSET BANKING COMPANY—(draw on the London & Westminster Bank and Williams, Deacon & Co. London)—Mr. Charles Card, manager

PROFESSIONAL PERSONS.
 Newman Matthias, surgeon
 Rumsey Charles, surgeon
 Seymour Francis, attorney & superintendent registrar

ACADEMIES & SCHOOLS.
 Baverstock Mr. (boarding and day)
 INFANTS' SCHOOL, Elizabeth Westcott, mistress
 Lander John (boarding and day)
 NATIONAL, William Sisson, master; Miss Fry, mistress

INNS AND PUBLIC HOUSES.
 Angel, James Ailes
 Ship Inn (commercial and excise office) Esther Dowding
 Swan, William Down
 Talbot, James Cousins
 White Hart, Christopher Rose

SHOPKEEPERS & TRADERS.
 Alford Edward, blacksmith
 Baverstock James, tailor

Baverstock John, tailor
 Bioletti Albert, hair dresser
 Butt & Jupe, silk throwsters, HINKS MILLS [monger, &c.
 Card Charles, draper, grocer, iron-Coleman Hannah, butcher
 Coleman Thomas, butcher
 Coward Jas. carpenter & shopkeeper
 Coward Jno. carpenter, wheelwright and shopkeeper
 Cowley Joseph, porter dealer
 Creighton George, governor of the union workhouse
 Curtis John, grocer and draper
 Dean Edward, shoe maker
 Dowding Robert, maltster [keeper
 Down Jas. edge tool maker & shop-Down Robert, baker
 Down William, shoe maker
 Foot John, cooper
 Glover Andrew, painter and glazier
 Glover John, plumber and glazier
 Glover Wm. collar & harness maker
 Godwin William, registrar of births and deaths and relieving officer
 Hayter Samuel, watch maker and organist
 Jupe Henry, tick manufacturer
 Keates William, shopkeeper
 Lander Charles, maltster & brewer
 Lander Edmund, miller
 Lander William, brass founder
 Larkam Eliza Amelia, spirit dealer
 Lawrence Charles, butcher
 Light Thomas, carpenter
 Maidment Edmund Ford, baker and mealman
 Maidment Peter, blacksmith
 Matthews Henry, shoe maker
 Matthews John P. shoe maker
 Melhuish William, saddler
 Moger Uriah, plumber and glazier
 Moore James, baker
 Moore Thomas, butcher
 Parsons William, shoe maker
 Phillips John, maltster

Sheppard James, shoe maker
 Sheppard Sarah, dress maker
 Standerwick Thomas, saddler
 Standerwick Wm. Thomas, carrier
 Thompson Edwin, shoe maker
 Tippet William, excise officer
 Toogood Tabitha, baker
 Top John, tailor
 Wardlow Henry & John, carpenters
 Webb James, baker
 Westcott Benjamin, straw-hat maker
 Westcott Elizabeth, straw-hat maker
 White Jno. cheese factor, Town's end
 White Wm. shoe maker & superintendent of Gas Works

COACHES.

To LONDON, the *North Devon* (from Barnstaple) calls at the Ship, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 12 at noon, to Southampton Station, and thence by Railway—and the *Defiance* (from Exeter) calls at the same house, every morning at one; goes to the Andover-road Station, thence by Railway.
 To BARNSTAPLE, the *North Devon* (from London) calls at the Ship, every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday evening at four.
 To EXETER, the *Defiance*, from London, calls at the Ship, every morning at three.

CARRIERS.

To LONDON & BARNSTAPLE, Whit-mash & Co. every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.
 To BATH and BRISTOL, — Coward, every Thursday.
 To POOLE, — Coward, every Monday.
 To SALISBURY, — Knighton, from the White Hart, every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; — Stone's Van, from the Talbot, every Wednesday night—and — Jay, from his own house, every Tues.
 To SHAFTESBURY, — Jay, every Sat.
 To WARMINSTER, — Jay, every Fri.
 To WINCANTON, — Knighton, from the White Hart, every Monday, Wednesday & Saturday—and — Stone, from the Talbot, every Wednesday morning.