MELKSHAM,
WITH THE CHAPELARY 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 m. s.w. from Salisbury, 12 m. from Bath, between 6 and 7 m. from Chippenham, and 5 s.w. from Corsham—some 3 m. e. of the Bristol road, and about 8 m. from Devizes over the 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 furlong length, and of great breadth. It is, in general good, and built of free-stone. Its name is derived from melch or mich, 'mill,' and ham, 'a dwelling,' and was formerly spelt Millesham and Mellesham. The lower part of the town is denominated 'the city,' and the proof of its ancient superiority is farther confirmed by the tailage it paid in the reign of King John, which amounted to twenty marks—Salisbury paying only forty shillings. Two mineral springs, one saline, the other claryheat, 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 tourists 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 adequate returns. The manufacture of fine 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 Wiltshire. The parish church of St. James, 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. Some distance in the vicinity is the Rev. George Hunke. 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 the aged, and other 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, is chiefly for cattle. The parish of Melksham (including the chapelery of Send) contained, in 1831, 5,866 inhabitants, and at the last census (1841) 6,534. Three miles from Melksham, and the like distance from Frome bridge, situated on the road between the two towns, is the chapelery of Semington, in the parish of Stevele Ashton. There is a place of worship for Wesleyan Methodists in the village; and the latter is the Union Workhouse before mentioned. The chapelery contains about 350 inhabitants.

POST OFFICE, High-street, Maria Nahker, Post Mistress.—Letters from London and other places 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.
Braie Rev. John Josiah, King st.
Bruges Mrs. Elizabeth, Church st.
Bruges Mr. Thomas, Semington.
Bruges Mr. William, Semington.
Copies Mrs. Mary, Semington.
Eyles Mrs. — Cottage grove.
Fitch Mrs. — Spa road.
Fox William, esq. Market place.
Heathcoat Mr. Thos. Swan-hill house.
Hills Mr. Hannah, Market place.
Hoy Mr. Isaac, King st.
MEwen Rev. — Semington.
Mason Rev. John, Canalsquare.
Mills Mr. George, Market place.
Miller Mr. Harriet, Semington.
Moore Mrs. Hannah, Devizes road.
Osborn Rev. William, Spa road.
Perrell Mrs. Mary, Spa road.
Redman Mr. William, King st.
Russell Rev. Joshua, the Ark.
Simpson Mrs. —, Devizes road.
Watson Mr. James, Broughton road.

ACADEMIES & SCHOOLS.
BRITISH SCHOOL, Lowbourne—Thomas Harris, master; Miss Roberts, mistress.
Ferris Thomas, Devizes road.
Hemy R. Craig.
INFANTS' SCHOOL, Lowbourne—Jane Woodman, mistress.
Niles Ann, Canhold.
Noble George, Church yard.
William Mansfield, master; Elizabeth Paul, mistress.
Orman Henry (boarding) Spa.
Nickle (boarding) Shaw house.
Taunton (boarding) High st.

AGENTs. (See also Fire, &c. Office Agents.)
Aust Charles (for the Wills & Berks Canal Company and wharfinger) Bank st.
Beard Edward (for the Kennet and Avon Canal Company) Semington.
Giller George (general agent) Bank st.
Phillips Philip (land) Market place.

ATTORNEYS.
Awdry Henry Goddard, Spa.
Daniel Edward M. Cauhol.
Moore Frederick & Charles, Bank st.

AUGER & APPRAISER.
Giller George (and general agent) Bank street.

Bakers & Flour Dealers.
Baron Benjamin, Church st.
Breach Henry Geo. Caroline builders.
Dickes James, Semington.
Ruddle Henry, Lowbourne.
Shepherd Joseph, King st.
Vincent Mary, Market place.
Watson Thomas, Market place.
Young Stephen, High st.

BANKERS.
NORTH WILTS BANKING COMPANY—Jordan Geo. &c.
Savings' Bank, Lowbourne—Charles Moule, secretary.

BLACKSMITHS.
Bendy James, Semington.
Jordan John, Devizes road.
Rutter Henry, Lowbourne.
Jordan Richard, City.
Outley John, King st.

BOOKSELLERS & STATIONS.
Cochrane John (and printer & dealer in patent medicines) Bank st.
Nulder 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.

BRAZIERS AND TINMEN.
Chandler George, Broughton lane.
Coombe Joseph, Market place.

BREWERS.
Giller George, Bank st.
Hazelaud & Mannings, Shaw.

BUTCHERS.
Brewer Henry, Church st.
Harris Joseph, Bath buildings.
HARRIS Elizabeth, Canhold.
Haynes George, Watsows passage.
Newman Thomas, Bank st.

CARPENTERS AND WHEELwrights.
Bovell William, King st.
Cottle James, the Bridge.
Holmes Alexander, Pack end.
Knap James, Bath road.
Stokes George, High st.

WEBB Henry, King st.
WEBB William, King st.
Willsphere Robert, Semington.
Wilsphere William, Semington.
MELKSHAM, &c.

CHINA, GLASS, &c. DEALERS.

Davis Benjamin, City

Gane Elizabeth, High st

Wheeler Cs. ( & basket maker) Low

Woodman Jeremiah, Bank st

CLOTHIERS.

Phillips & Smith, City

Pollard Andrew, Broughton lane

CONFECTIONERS.

Breath Henry Geo., Caroline ldkings

Ruddle Henry, Lowbourne

Shaw Benjamin, Bank buildings

Young Stephen, High st

FIRE, &c. OFFICE AGENTS.

Alliance, Fredk. Moule, Bank st

BRITANNIA (life) J.B. Cadby, High st.

Clayton John, Tonnys (life) Philip, Marketplace

County, Henry Mansfield, Bank st

FARMERS & GENERAL, Charles

Stoue, Bank st

[place Paris] Philip Philips, Market sun,

Henry Goddard Awdry, Spa

WEST OF ENGLAND, Jno. Cochrane, Bank st


FURNITURE BROKERS.

Hinder Samuel ( & sheriff's officer)

Lowbourne

Honywill James ( & appt.'s officer) King

GROCERS AND DEALERS IN

(See also Linen Drapers; Shop

keepers, and also Tea Dealers.)

Market st, are also Linen Drapers.

Allen Henry, High st

* Cooper Thomas, High st

David Benjamin, City

* Hayward Reuben, High st

James Charles ( & tallow chandler)

King st

High st

* Redman & Straton (wholesale)

Shepherd Joseph, King st

[City Stow Richard Davis ( & corn dealer)

Woodman Nathan, Bank st

HAIR DRESSERS.

Oram Samuel, High st

White Charles, Union st

HOP MERCHANTS.

Cooper Thomas (brewer) High st

Fowler & Mallinson, Bank st

Ranger Josiah, King st

Redman & Straton, High st

INNS.

(See also Taverns & Public Houses.)

Bear (commercial) George Gillier,

Bank st

Bell, William Granger Hubbert, City

George, James Newman, Bank st

King & Arms ( & posting) James Bird

LEATHER DEALERS.

Shaw Robert, Bank st

Wildgut William, King st

LINEN DRAPERS.

(See also Grocers, &c.)

Brooks Edmund, Bank st

Butterworth Ann, King st

Woodbridge William, City

MALTORS.

Bruges Thomas Church st & Semington

Haze & Manning, Shaw

Miles William Semington

Taylor William, Melksham forest

MILLERS.

Jeffreys Samuel, City

Jeffreys Thomas, City

PAINTERS, PLUMBERS AND

Burr & Son, Church st

Butler James, Union st

Combe William Webb, King st

WEBB Hannah, Cobourg square

POST MASTERS

AND OWNERS OF ELYS, HORSES, &c.

FOR HIRE.

Bird James, Market place

Pry Thomas, Market place

Gill Geo., Bank st

PRINTERS & BOOKBINDERS.

Cochrane John ( & dealer in patent

medicines) Bank st

Wright George, Lowbourne

ROPE & TWINE MANUFACTURERS.

Maggs Charles ( & Co flat and round

rope) Market place

Maggs Joseph Herbert ( & sack &

tarpauling) High st

SADDLERS.

Borland George High st

Buckland John, Bank st

Crook Thomas, Market place

Cross William, High st

SHOPKEEPER & DEALERS IN

GROCERIES & SUNDRIES.

Arter William, High st

Dicks James, Semington

Gane Eliz. ( & earthenware) High st

Hughes John, Old Broughton lane

Hutchins John, Bank buildings

Mitchell Richard, City

Paradise Lucy, Bank st

Rixson Peter, High st

Willsere Robert, Semington

Witts Thomas, City

SLATERS & PLASTERERS.

Colbourn Henry & Nelson, Market

place

James Spragg ( & builder) Cobourg

STONE MASON.

Deverill John, Market place

Harrison George ( & marble) Bank st

Spragg Jas. ( & builder) Cobourg pl

Witts Thomas, City

SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Cooper Thomas (brand) High st

Hayward Reuben, High st

Redman & Straton, High st

Sidnell Thomas ( & porter) King st

SURGEONS.

Kennock George C. Lowbourne

King Jaspar, Market place

Powers George, Cobourg square

TAILORS AND DRAPERS.

Frickett & Hunt, High st

Gerrish Isaac, King st

Hutchins John, Caroline buildings

Matthews John, High st

Trelawny Thomas, Market place

Selman R. Canon square

TAVENS & PUBLIC HOUSES.

New Crown, William Cross, High st

Gostowan, John Cross, Market place

Royal Oak, Charles Miles, High st

Unicorn, Thomas Rowlings, City

Yong's Horse, Bank Gillaire, Seming-

White Hart, Albert Ashley, King st

Retailers OF Beer.

Berry J., Semington road

Booth Thomas, City

Deverill John, City

Down William, City

Mills Robert, Semington

Webb Dennis, Semington lane

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 King's Arms, Semington

WHITE SMITHS.

Eyes William (and iron founder

& engineer) Union street

Keen Charles, City

Miscellaneous.

Atwood Thomas, printer, Bank st

Bollock John, watch maker, Market place

Cady Joseph Bayl, chymist, &c. High

Daw Williams, Bank st

Floods George, relieving officer, Shurnoll

Fowler John, wine merchant, Bank st

Hart King, mercer, Bank st

Ingram Edward, governor of Union

house, near Semington

Keen John, shoemakers, Shurnoll

Legg Charles, excise officer, Devizes road

Mags Charles coal merchant, Market place

Matthews John, Bank st

Marks Thos. enter & brazier, Cheech at

noon John, fellmonger, near the Bridge

North John, journeyman painter, Cheech

Phillips Edward, dyer, City

[place Pollard Andrew, woad spiller, Broughton

Rixson Henry, Bank st

Simpson Richard, ironmonger, High st

Simpson Wm, brush maker, Devizes road

Spragg James, builder, Cobourg pl.

Theobalds John, collector for the Wilts &

Berks Canal Company, Semington Lock

Theobalds John, corn timber merchant, Semington Lock

Union Workhouse, near Semington

Philip Phillips, churchwardens

guardians; Edward Ingram, governor

REGISTERS

OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Philips Philip, superintendent, Market pl

John Knee, mar., of marriages, Church at

George Flocks, of births & deaths, Shurnoll

LINES.

To LONDON, the stage from Bristol calls

at the Bear, every evening (Sunday excepted)
at nine: goes to Chippenham, and there

thence by Railway.

To BATH, a Coach (from Devizes) calls

at the King's Arms, every morning (Sunday

excepted) at half-past ten, and from the

King's Arms, a Coach, to the board

guardians; Edward Ingram, governor

CONVEYANCE BY RAILWAY.

The nearest Station is COBHAM, miles distant, and CHIPPEHAM

between 6 and 7, both on the GREAT WESTERN

line. From these stations go by

Railway, to proceed to LONDON and intermediate places, and to BATH, and other parts west

of them. From these stations go by

Train, to proceed to Chippenham 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, Semington

To ATWORTH, Thos. Poulson's Waggon

from the New Crown, every Tuesday

To BATH, Martha Dyer, from Cobourg

square, every Wednesday & Saturday—

Shobruce Taylor, from King st, and

Hibberd, every Wednesday and

Thursday, every Tuesday.

To WINDSOR & 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.
Gee's Coward, Knighton, from the annuals' observance, to Market Lavington, Smith, from the New Crown, every Wednesday.

To SALISBURY, Francis Smith, from the New Crown, every Wednesday.

To WAGGON, from the George, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

To GLOUCESTER, Applegate's Van, every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

To LOUGHBOROUGH, — 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 steamboats, weekly, with standard companies.

To BATH, BRISTOL and ABINGDON, George Heskin's Boats, weekly.

To SHREWSBURY, — Sandars' Boats, weekly.


dr. Tatcham, 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, but not strictly of the model of the kind, and is for the reception of the poor of twelve parishes. The Duke of Somerset's seat, 'Bratley,' and 'Zeals' house,' that of 'Grove,' are the principal objects of description 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, GENREY AND CLERGY.
Blundell Rev. Thomas, Vicarage Coomb Mr. Jno. Hy.Chantry house Ford Mr. John, Mere

Wills & Dorset Banking Company—(draw on the London & Westminster Bank and the London, or the London & Abingdon.)—Mr. Charles Card, manager

PROFESSIONAL PERSONS.
Newman Matthias, surgeon

ACADEMIES & SCHOOLS.

INNS AND PUBLIC HOUSES.

Jas. Ailes & Dorset Banking Co. London)—Mr. William Down, headmaster.

Sheppard James, shoemaker
Sheppard Surah, dress maker
Standerwick Thomas, saddler
Standerwick Wm. Thomas, currier
Thompson Edwin, shoe maker
Tippett 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 the Exeter calls at the same house, every morning at one; goes to the Andover-road Station, thence by the Great Western, and arrives at Exeter, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

To EXETER, the Defence, from London, calls at the Ship, every morning at three.

CARRIERS.
To LONDON & BARNSTAPLE, Whitmore & Co. every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.

To BATH & BRISTOL, — Coward, every Thursday.

To POOLE, — Coward, every Monday.

To SALISBURY, — Knighton, from the White Hart, every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; — Stoney Van, from the Talbot, every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.— and — Jay, from his own house, every Tuesday.

To SHAFESBURY, — Jay, every Saturday.

To WARMINGTON, — Jay, every Friday.

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

To BATH & BRISTOL, Boswell & Co.'s steamboats, weekly, with standard companies.

To BATH, BRISTOL and ABINGDON, George Heskin's Boats, weekly.

To SHREWSBURY, — Sandars' Boats, weekly.