M E L K S H A M.

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 miles north-east from Salisbury, 6 miles east from Bradford, 5 miles north-east from Trowbridge, 7 miles west from Devizes, 11 miles west from Wilmot, 12 miles east from Bath, 7 miles south from Chippenham and 5 miles south-east from Corsham, in the Western division of the county, hundred of the same name, rural deanery of Trowbridge Water Company, archdeaconry of Wilts, and diocese of Salisbury.

During the West Saxen era this was a place of considerable importance at the period of the Norman survey, it is 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 has been governed by a Local Board from 1875, until the "Local Government Act, 1894." establishes the present Urban District Council, and it 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 first partly placed. The river Avon divides the town and is crossed by a handsome bridge of four arches, with light and elegant towers. The houses and Berke canal pass on the east of the town, and about 1/2 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 350 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 handkerchief and an elegant and spacious promenade; but after a very great outlay, the wells did not prove attractive and are now little used.

The church of St. Michael a spacious structure of freestone, chiefly of Perpendicular work, dates from the Norman period, consisting of a Norman chancel, nave of five bays, and aisles, and a central tower surmounted by pinnacles and containing 6 bells: it was restored and enlarged in 1840, when the central tower was removed and replaced by a smaller one, its height surmounted by a spire, the original spire having been removed and the present tower built at a cost of £6,175; the population in 1891 was 4,152.

Toadv Farm, and Aldenford, formerly extra-parochial, now form a parish near this place, in the union of Fordbridge; the area is 947 acres; rateable value £2,480; the population in 1891 was 475.

Tidpit is a hamlet a quarter of a mile south.

Parish Clerk, Frederick Frumpton.
Post & M. O. O. & S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—John Tilt, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 8.30 a.m.; dispatched at 4 p.m.; Sunday, 9.55 a.m. The nearest telegraph offfice is at Cranborne National School, built at a cost of £320, of which £123 was contributed by the Committee of Council, the remainder being a subscription of £200; average attendance, 50; John McCullum, master.

Carriers to Salisbury.—Thomas Cannings & Charles Fleming.

MARTIN is a parish on the borders of Hampshire and Dorsetshire, 5 miles north-west from Fordingbridge station on the Salisbury and Dorchester section of the London and South Western railway, 4 miles north-east from Cranborne (Dorset) and 94 south-west-by-south from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, South Damerel, 100 miles north-east from Salisbury and 104 miles south-east from London, 27 miles north-east from the coast of Dorset, and 5 miles west of the coast of Hampshire.

The church of All Saints is a remarkable structure of stone, rubble and brick, in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, transepts and north aisle under separate roof. It has a large tower surmounted by pinnacles and plate glass windows and has 225 sittings. The register dates from the year 1590. The living is a vicarage, average tithe rent-charge £100, gross yearly value £400, net £75, including 2 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of South Damerel, and held since 1893 by the Rev. Edward Wilmott Mitchell, jun., M.A. of Corpus Christi college, Cambridge. Here are Congregational and Primitive Methodist chapels. There is a charity here bequeathed by William Talk, of Salisbury, between the years 1621 and 1623, of £2 a year.

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Wall Letter Box cleared at 7:15 p.m.; sun. at 7:45 a.m. National School (mixed), with residence for mistress, erected in 1883, at the cost of Lord Ashburnham, consisting of 5 classes for children; average attendance, 61; & supported partly by Miss Bell & private subscription; mistress, Miss M. Vidler.

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There is a handsome chapel (St. Andrew's) about 1 mile from the town, built in the Early English style, at the sole expense of the late Rev. E. L. Barnwell, of Melksham. For the use of the district of Sandridge and Melksham Forest: it consists of chancel, nave and south porch, and western bell turret containing one bell: there are 200 sittings: adjoining the chapel there is a building for the use of school-room, and house for the use of the sexton, built in the year 1890, from plans given by the late G. E. Street esq. R.A. holding 50 children.

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

The Baptist chapel, Broughton road, founded in 1669, has 450 sittings. Edward Lowndes chapel, Union street, erected in 1835, will seat 150 persons. The Baptist chapel, Forest, erected in 1825, has seats for 170 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 seats.

The Town Hall and Cheese Market were erected in 1837 by a gift 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, erected 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 Saturday, and is also an India Rubber Co. Limited.

OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS &c.

County Court, His Honor Camille Felix Desiré Caillard, judge; Alexander Gough Smith, registrar & acting high bailiff; George James Boniton, Lowbourne, acting assistant bailiff. The court is held at the Town hall once in two months. The district includes the following places:—Atworth, Beaumarche, Blackmore, Bowerhill, Broughton Gifford, The Forest, Littleton, Melksham, Red Stocks, Sandridge, Seend, Semington, Shaw, Whaddon, Wiltshire, and Wolvercote. The Baptist chapel, erected in 1839, Blackmore, a mile north-east of the town, was added in 1887, capable of holding 100 persons. A school-room adjoining was added in 1890.

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.


Dispatch of Letters.—Day Mail.—London, Bath, Bristol, North of England, North Wales, Ireland & Scotland, 9.20 & 11.10 a.m.; North of England, 2.25 p.m.; local, 9.15 p.m.; South Wales, 6 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 9.20 a.m.; London & all parts of the United Kingdom 6.10 a.m.

Money Order, Savings Bank & Annuity business transacted daily from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. & on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wall Letter Boxes at Spa, Devizes road, Forest, Station road & Beaumarche.

County Magistrates for Melksham Division.

Lopes Ralph Lowndes esq. M.A., D.L. Sandridge park, Melksham, chairman; Wm. Lucke, caretaker.

Awdry esq. Shop hill, Shaw, Melksham.

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

Chaloner Capt. Richard Godolphin Walmesley, Melksham, chairman.


Locke Wadham esq. Cleeve house, Seend, Melksham.

Lowndes-Bruges H. Hungerford esq., M.A., Melksham.

Mary Charles esq. Bower Hill, Melksham.


Clerk to the Magistrates, Ernest Dalton Burroughs, Lockes, 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 sessions district:—Within & Without: Atworth, Beaumarche, Blackmore, Bowerhill, Broughton Gifford, The Forest, Littleton, Melksham, Red Stocks, Sandridge, Seend, Semington, Shaw, Whaddon, Wiltshire, and Wolvercote.

Urban District Council.

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

Clerk, Alexander Gough Smith, Spa road.

Treasurer, F. Christopher Taylor, F.R.C.S.Edin., Capital & Counties Bank Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.H.C.P.Edin. The Limes.

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, Edwin Gunston, High St, Collector, Joseph Williams, Bath road.

Police.

Police Station, Market place, Albert Millard, inspector. Meetings at the police station, & all police inspectors, are placed as follows:—An inspector & 1 constable at Melksham, & a constable each at Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Melksham Forest, Semington & Seend.

alterate Tuesday in the month for cattle, sheep and pigs. A fair for cattle, sheep and horses is held in the Market place on the 2nd Thursday in May.

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

A Cottage Hospital was established here in 1858, containing 7 beds.

Bruges, 1 mile north-east. Here is a Baptist chapel, erected in 1830, Blackmore, 1 mile south-east of the town, was added in 1887, capable of holding 100 persons. A school-room adjoining was added in 1890.
WILTSHEM.


Friends' Meeting House, King street; registering officer, William Frederick, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; sundays, holy communion 10 a.m.; holy days, holy communion 8 a.m.

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

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

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

Registrar of Marriages, Frederick Smith, Bank street, Melksham; deputy, Frank Usher Greenhill, King Street, Melksham; John Merrett, 14 Hill Street, Trowbridge; deputy, J. H. Brown, West street, Trowbridge. Workhouse, Semington, a building of stones, erected in 1825, to hold 250 inmates. Rev. Stephen Murray Chapman, D.A., chaplain; George Mayris Syvester, medical officer; George Childe, master; Miss Mary Childe, matron; Miss Mary A. Heidelberg, schoolmistress.

School Attendance Committee.

Meet at the Town hall, Melksham, monthly.

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

Rural District Council.

Meet at the Board room, Semington, every fourth Monday at 12.30 p.m.


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

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor, Frank Usher Greenhill, King Street.

District Surveyor, J. E. Wilsher, Semington.

PUBLIC OFFICERS.


Clerk to Land Tax Commissioners, Charles Geo. Moulton, Lowbourne.

Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham Division & to Deputy Lieutenants of Sub-Division of Melksham & Tinhead, Charles Geo. Moulton, Lowbourne.

Collector of Poor Rates, Frank Usher Greenhill, King St., at the Board Room, Semington, every fourth Monday, 10 a.m.


Inspector of Police, Albert Millard, Police station Sub-Distributor of Stamps, Alfred William Joliffe, Bank Street.

TOWN Crier, William James Barton, Lowbourne.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Allwood Gideon, Market place.


Baines John, Forest villa.

Barnes Miss, The School House, Union street.

Barnes Thomas, Bath road.

Bartlett Mrs. Cokespring, Market place.

Barton Rev. William Dawson (Wesleyan), Lowbourne.

Bath John, Church street.

Barnes Mrs. Coburg place.

Barnes Mrs. Bath road.

Beard Miss, Gower Place, Bath road.

Beard Rev. John Arliss, King street.

Blake Lewis Henry, Bath road.

Bliss John, King street.

Bolton Thomas, Union street.

Breath James, Bowden view.

Buckland Mrs. King street.

Bulmer Mrs. King street.

Burges Misses, St. Andrew's, villa.

Burgess Frederick, King street.

Carpenter William, Canon square.

Chaloner Major Richard Godolphin Walmesley J.P. Melksham house.

Chandler Mrs. Bath road.

Clarke Henry, Canon square.

Colbourne Mrs. Lowbourne.

Colbourne Mr. Lowbourne.

Collette Joseph, Bower hill.

Copmon Mrs. The Spa.

Coombes Albert, Forest vill., Lowbourne.

Coome Henry John, Union street.

Courts Miss, Coburg place.

Crisp James, Lowbourne.

Dawson Barton, Church street.

Dawson Mrs. Bath road.

Dixon Robert Henry, Mulberry cottage, Church street.

Dobson William Bippin, St. Andrew's villa.

Elmer Mrs. King street.

Floods Edward Gane, Linden house, Bath street.

Flower Mrs. Coburg place.

Fowle Mrs. King street.

Fry Mrs. Coburg place.

George Thomas, Lowbourne.

Gerrish Mrs. Bath road.

Glass Mrs. Bank street.

Gower Thomas, School ho., Union street.

Green Mrs. Union street.

Green Walter, Bowden view.

Gross Samuel D.M. Westbourne.

Hall Fred, Bath road.

Harris Miss, Market place.

Haughton Rev. Alfred G. (Wesleyan), The Croft, Bencane road.

Hawke Rev. Philip (Wesleyan), West street.

Hayter Charles, King street.

Holbrook Isaac, The Cabin, Memorial Place.

House William Henry, Union street.


Hurn Albert, Bath road.

Hurn Mrs. Bath road.

Hurn Walter, Bath road.

Hutton Geo. Alprie villa, Lowbourne.

Hutcheson Rev. George C.A. (curate of St. Michael's)

J. E. Selman, infant's mistress.


Keevil Mrs. Coburg place.

Keir William Ingram, The Limes.

Kingston Rev. Edward M.A.

Lowe Robert, Market place.

Lowther Edward, James, Shurholdho.

Maggs Charles J.P. Bowerhill lodge.

Manning Arthur Herbert, High street.

Manning Frederick Webb, Shurholdho.

Margesson J. Asa, Avon bridge.

Marley Duncan, Spero lodge.

Matthews Alfred, Canon square.

Merton Mrs. Lowbourne.

Milward Alfred, Beechfield.

Moore Moses, Manoria villa.

Moule George, Lowbourne.

Moule Fredk. John Falkiner.

Newman Thomas, Coburg place.
COMMERCIAL

Abott John, rope maker, Bank street
Adams Alfred, bak. City
Alford Edwin, butcher, Lowbourne
Ames Robert, farmer, Forest
Andrews Florence (Miss), private school, Martinghy o. street
Angel Arthur, sexton, church st.
Arney Thomas, tailor, Bank street
Arter Sidney, beer retailer, Semington road
Atkins John, house decorator, Semington street
Arthur Charles Perkins, painter &c. Market road
Avon India Rubber Co. Limited, The Factory
Ayres J. W., solicitor &c. Church street
Bailey Sydney, harness maker, Bank street
Barton William, town crier & bill poster, Lowbourne
Beaver & J. M., auctioneers, Lowbourne
Besant George, builder, Bath road
Bigwood & Co. builder & contractor, undertaker & cabinet maker; plans prepared & estimates given, Market.pl.
Bigwood John, ironmonger & tinplate manufacturer, High street
Bolwell Edward, coal merchant, Semington road
Bosie John, bootmaker, High street
Bower Albert Edward, boot maker, Bath road
Box John, grocer, Bath road
Brooke Edwin, farmer, Sandridge
Brown Frederick, solicitor &c. Union street
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
Campbell John, boys’ school, Semington road
Canning James, poulterer &c. Woodrow
Cannon William, auctioneer 
(Rev. William Littledew, miller) (Frederick John Falkner Moule, manager), Bank street; draw on head office, 30 Threadneedle street, London E
Carr George, farmer, Overton
Carriker William, contractor &c. High street
Cheap George, shopkeeper, Lowbourne
Chivers Alfred, beer retailer, & bicycle stores, King st.
Chivers Henry, miller (water & steam), Challymead
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Church street
Chivers William, greengrocer, Bath road
Cleaver John, watch market yard, High street
Colbourne & Sons, joiners &c. Lowbourne
Colborne & Sons, carpenters &c. Lowbourne
Cole Color-Sargent, Frederick James, drill instructor, Spa rd
Collett Albert Henry, farmer, Beanae race
Cole Charles, farmer, Beanae
Collett Edward, farmer, Bower hill
Collett Joseph, auctioneer &c. Bower hill
Collett William, miller, Semington road
Compton James, solicitor (firm, Beaven & Compton)
Cook William G., George inn, Bank street
Coombes Albert, ginger beer maker &c. The Ark
Coombes Henry, jobbing gardener, Union street
Cooper Joseph, dyerman, King street
Co-operative Stores (Geo. Randall, manager), Church street
Cottrell Charles, butcher, Bath road
Cotter Frederick, farmer, Craymarsh
Cottle William, house agent, Church walk
Cottle William Newman, farmer, Conigree farm
Cottle William, solicitor (Geo. Cole, solicitor, registrar), Spa rd
Creighton Sidney, farmer, Snarlton
Crew Mary (Mrs.), greengrocer, City
crook Worthy, shopkeeper, Beaneac

Sufficient for the residents of Wiltshire, as listed in the Kelly's Directory of 1882.
MELKSHAM,

The town of Melksham is situated in Wiltshire, England. It is located on the River Kennet, and is a market town and civil parish. The town is part of the Swindon district of Wiltshire, and is about 20 miles southwest of Stonehenge.

The town has a rich history, and is known for its historic buildings and landmarks. Some of the notable landmarks include the Melksham Abbey, the Melksham House, and the Melksham Museum.

The town has a lively community, with a range of shops, restaurants, and leisure facilities. It is also home to a number of schools and colleges, including Melksham College and Melksham School.

The town is well-connected by road and rail, with good access to the A417 and A46 roads. The nearest railway station is at Westbury, which is about 5 miles away.

In summary, Melksham is a vibrant and historic town, with a rich past and a bright future.