Swindon county court district and petty sessional division, Swindon and Highworth union, rural deanery of Cricklade, archdeaconry of North Wilts and diocese of Bath and Wells. This 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 £1,200, and was re-seated and provided with the oaken roof and gift of one street nearly a mile long, named after the provisions of the "Local Government Act," 1894, it has been transferred to Hampshire.

**Wiltshire**

**MELKSHAM**

Melksham is a market and county court town, and head of a petty sessional division, and civil parish, with a station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western railway, 2 miles from London, 30 north-west from Salisbury, 6 north-east from Bradford, 5 north-east from Trowbridge, 7 west from Devizes, 12 from Bath, 10 from Chippenham, and 20 south-west from Corsham, in the Western division of the county, hundred of the same name, Trowbridge and Melksham union, rural deanery of Pottenne (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 given to an extensive farris. 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 1787 under the control of a Local Government Committee, under the name of "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 over the east of the town, and about 15 miles southward joins the Kennet and Avon canal, but is not now navigable.

Under the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1894," the District of Melksham Within, Melksham Without, the former within the area of the Urban District, and the latter without the area of the Urban District. There are two mineral springs, one saline and the other chalybeate, in the vicinity; and in 1816 a new saline was opened by boring to a depth of 250 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. The town has a public hall, 250 feet long, and 50 feet wide, 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, but is now chiefly in the Perpendicular style, and consists of Norman chancel, nave of five bays, Lady chapel, north and south porches, and a north-west 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 1897 the church was restored 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 rector was restored at considerable cost by the trustees of the late Sir R. Heneage, Bart., of Melksham House, and in 1895 a memorial window was placed by Mrs. Stewart, of Lowborne, in memory of her father, the late General Monle: the stained west window was erected in 1890, and in 1902 a memorial window was placed in the aisle to those parishioners who fell during the campaign in S. Africa 1899-1902: the organ was rebuilt in 1899, and an oak screen fitted at the west end; in 1907 a handsome alabaster font was provided: there are 600 sittings.

The register dates from the year 1500. The living is a vicarage, net income, £250; with residence, £250, of one street nearly a mile long, named after the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1894," it has been transferred to Hampshire.

**MELCHET PARK**

A parish formerly in Wiltshire, but by the "Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act, 1895," it has been transferred to Hampshire.
The manufacture of matting, masts, rope, twine, and sacking is also carried on here.

The Freemasons' Hall in Church street, was erected in 1857 by the brethren of the Lodge, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. The Cottage Hospital, established here in 1865, has been rebuilt in 1895, the cost being defrayed by H. G. White, esq. of Whitley; it contains 10 beds and 2 cot.

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, Mrs. Ludlow-Bruges, of Seend, Field Marshal, Sir Methuen G.G.B., R.C.V.O., C.M.G. of Corsham Court, Hon. Mrs. George Lopes, of Sandridge.

OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS &c.

MELKSHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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


POLICE.

Police Station, Market place, John Eeles, inspector. The police force consists of an inspector & 7 constables, placed as follows:-an inspector & 2 constables at Melksham, & a constable each at Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Melksham Forest, Semington & Seend.

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.

County Court, His Honor Gwynne James LL.D. judge; Alexander Gough Smith, register & 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, Beannace, Blackmore, Bowerhill, Broughton Gifford, The Forest, Littleton, Melksham, Red Stocks, Sandridge, Semington, Shaw, Whaddon, Whitley & Woodrow.

For bankruptcy purposes this court is included in that of Bath, Charles Harry King, Baldwin street, Bristol, official receiver.

Cottage Hospital, William Ingram Keir F.R.C.S. Edin. Charles Richard Burnett M.B., B.S., B.Ch. of Melksham; Dr. Ivan Cochrane Keir M.D., B.Ch. hon. medical officers; Charles William Maggs, hon. sec.

The police station is opened for the accommodation of the police, in the High street, Trowbridge & Melksham, & are supplied with keys kept at Joseph Jones's, Lowbourne; Henry Gifford, Lowbourne.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4th Battalion The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) (G Company), Capt. G. B. Blake, commanding, Market place.

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Assistant Overseer, Frank Usher Greenhill, North Bradley, King street.

Certifying Factory Surgeon, Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, Nos. 4 & 5 districts, Trowbridge & Melksham union, 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 Selwood, Lowbourne.

Collector of Poor Rates, Frank Usher Greenhill, King St. C. Custom & Excise Officer, Robert J. D. Davies, Box Distributor, Flax & Dore Set Bank, Frederick Smart, High street Inspector of Weights & Measures, P. Beardsmore, Warrant Medical Officer, No. 4 district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Charles Frederick Rumboll M.D. Lowbourne house.

Registrar of Births & Deaths, Charles Selwood Lowbourne.


Registrar of Marriages, Albert Edward Bigwood, Sandridge road.
PLACES OF WORSHIP, with times of Services.

St. Michael's Church, Church street, Rev. Canon Edwin George Wyld B.A. vicar; the Rev. Cecil John Maid Allen M.A. & the Rev. Henry John Trevor L.D. curates; Sunday prayer, 11 a.m.; daily prayer, 6.30 p.m.; evensong, 6 p.m.; holy communion, 1st Sunday at 8 & 11 a.m.; 2nd, 3rd & 4th at 8 a.m. ; last 7 & 8 a.m. & festivals, 7 & 11 a.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Forest, served from St. Michael's church; 6.15 p.m.; 3rd Sunday 11 a.m.; holy communion, 1st Sunday at 8 & 3rd Sunday at 11 a.m.

St. Barnabas Church, Beanacre, served from St. Michael's church; 6.15 p.m.; 3rd Sunday 11 a.m.; holy communion, and Sunday 11 a.m. & 4th 8 a.m.

Friends' Meeting House, King street; clerks to the meeting, Edward T. Simpson & 6 p.m.

Baptist, Bridgwater, Rev. J. W. Harry (Baptist), Mead Allen Rev. Semi11gton a.m.; 3rd Sunday 11 a.m. & 3rd Sunday 11 a.m.

Baptist, Forest, served from St. Michael's church; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.


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MELKSHAM. WILTSHIRE.

KELLY'S.

COMMERCIAL.

Early closing day, Wednesday.

Abbott Henry, rope maker, Bank street
Adams Brothers, bakers, City
Alford Elisha Charles J., colonial butcher, Lowbourne
Angel Arthur, auctioneer, Church street
Avery Percy Sinclair, chemist & druggist, Bank street
Archard George Howard, see Norris & Archard
Arnold Charles Henry, fried fish dealer, Church street
Arnott Robert, painter & decorator, Market place
Arom India Rubber Co. Limited, manufacturers of rubber tyres & goods, The Factory
Bacon William, grocer, Bank street
Baker Edward, butcher, Lowbourne
Bewen E. B. Co. dryers & outfitters, Bank street
Bigwood & Co. builders & contractors, Spa road
Bognor Mr., registrar of marriages, Sandridge rd
Bigwood Alice (Miss), milliner, Market place
Bigwood Lewin John, general, furnishing & builders' ironmonger, gasfitter, plumber, blacksmith, tinplate worker & agricultural implement agent & repairer, High street.

T N 14 Melksham

Bird Samuel & Harry, farmers, Lower Half way farm
Bolwell Wm. printer & stationer, Lowbourne & Bath rd
Bower, Philipps & Parne, Ltd. bacon curers, High st
Bristol Clothing Co. (Percy Edginton, proprietor), outfitters, Bank street
Burr Edward, farmer, Sandridge
Brooke George Alexander, haulier, Semington lane
Brown John, haulier, Canal wharf; postal address, Semington, Trowbridge
Butt George, carrier, Bank street
Burnett Motor Tyre Co. patentees of the "Burnett Patent Improved Suction Tyres" (non-skid), Bath rd. T. A. Johnson; T N 33 Melksham.
See advertisement.

Burry Harry, farmer, Woodrow farm
Bush Arthur E. A. surveyor & sanitary inspector to the Urban District Council, Bath road
Bush James Edward, dental surgery, Market place
Butt George, ladies' tailor & costumier, High street
Caddy James, boot repairer, Road
Canning James, poulterer & Forest road
Capital & Counties Bank Limited (branch) (Henry John Chandler, manager) (open daily, 10 to 3; wed. 10 to 1), Bank st. Draw on head office, 39 Threadneedle street, London E C
Carpenter Maud (Mrs.), dress maker, Union street
Chandler & Co. fishmongers, Bank street
Chandler Henry John, manager, Capital & Counties Bank, Bank street
Chard Emma (Mrs.), grocer, Old Broughton road
Clark Henry (Mrs.), watch & clock ma., High st
Clevery William J. cycle agent, Market place
Colbourn Frederica, plasterer, Lowbourne
Compton Mrs., private school, West end
Compton James, solicitor (firm, Beaven & Compton)
Cook William G. George inn, Bank street
Coombe Albert & Son, ginger beer makers &c. The Ark
Cooper Albert, beer dealer, King street
Cooper Joseph, coal dealer, King street
Cottle Frederick, farmer, Craymarsh
Cottle William James, house agent, Bank street
County Court (Alex. Gough Smith, registrar), Spa rd
Crock C. & Sons, dairymen, Sharnhold
Crock Charles & Sons, road & asphaltic contractors

Sharnhold

Crock Joseph & Son, contractors, New Broughton road
Crock Arthur Charles, farmer, Forest
Crock Mark, farmer, New Broughton road
Crock W. grocer, & sub-post office, Bath road
Crockman John, butcher, Bath street
Dallimore Mary (Mrs.), apothecaries, New Broughton rd
Dancey Luther William, collector of taxes for Melksham, agent
Davis George & Son, builders, Canhold
Day George E. tailor, Canon square
Deverall George, carpenter &c. Bower hill
Dewdney Mr. & Mrs., Market place
Diffey Frederick B. furniture dealer, King street
Dix Edward, shopkeeper, King street
Dixton A., blacksmiths, High street
Dowdney William Henry, harness maker, Market place
Drew Louisa (Mrs.), farmer, Southbrook farm
Earie Joseph, carpenter, King street
Easton G. R., butcher, Forest
Eddows Edward (Mrs.), shopkeeper & sub-postmistress, Beanacre
Egley John, inspector of police, Market place

Ellis William, farmer, Bower hill
England Arthur Percy, beer retailer, City
Escott Arthur J. poulterer &c. Bower hill
Fennell & Albert, grocer & farmer, Sandridge lane; postal address, Chippenham
Fennell John, farmer, Wilds farm, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)
Ferris Charles, farmer, Forest
Fire Engine Station (Henry Jones, cap.), Market yard
Floons & Manng, family & commercial stationers, news agents, booksellers, librarians, almanacs, fancy goods & toys, puzzles, toys & games; agents for Goss heraldic coins; cash discount checks given, High street. T N 11 Melksham
Floons & Co. family & world family wine & spirit merchants (established 1872); bottled & cask ales, cider & perry, tobacco & cigars, High street. T N 11 Melksham
Freedman's Chalet (Chuloner Lodge, No. 2,604 (R. Parker, see Fry John), farmer, Queenfield
Gas Light & Coke Co.Lim. (Wm. Buuck, see & mgr.), Bath rd
Gerrish Albert, gasfitter, King street
Gerrish Kate (Miss), dress maker, King street
Gibbs Edward, carrier, Market place
Gibbs Harry O. motor engineer, Market place
Gibbs Henry, King's Arms family & commercial hotel & posting house, jobmaster & furniture remover & storer, Market place
Gibbs Joseph, Bell inn, Bath road
Godfrey Arthur William, butcher, High street
Golledge Frederick G. farmer, Congre farm
Gowen Frank (Mrs.), draper, High street
Gowing & Son, grocers, High street
Hawker Gray & Son, clock makers, High street
Greenhill Frank Usher, collector of general district rates, sanitary inspector & surveyor to the Rural District Council, deputy registrar of births & deaths, assistant overseer for Melksham within & assistant overseer & collector of poor rates for Southwick, North Bradley, King street
Gregory Ernest, market gardener, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)
Gregory Frederick, farmer, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)
Halsey Nanny (Mrs.), tailors' 3 Coburg place
Halsey William, insurance agent, Forest place
Hancock Emily (Mrs.), dress maker, Bath road
Hancock John, teacher of music, Bath road
Harding Gilbert W. manager Wills & Dorset Bank & treasurer to the Urban District Council, Market place
Harris & Co. (Smiths, Blackmore) (inns, bakers, &c.), Church street
Harrold Brothers, bakers & grocers, Bath road
Harrold Charles, baker & grocer, Forest
Harrold John, farmer, gardeners' hold
Hawkins Fredk. farm bailiff to Mr. John Fry, Queenfield
Hayter Charles, tailor, breeches maker & gentlemen's hosier, High street. T N 15 Melksham
Hawyard Hubert, farmer, Sandridge farm, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)
Hayward Fredk. hairdresser, Market place
Hayward William, farmer, Blackmore
Hedges Archibald, The Grapes P.H. Bank street
Helyar William A. L.D.S.R.C.S.Eng. dentist (attends saturdays 10.30 till 12.30), High street
Hilberd Alfred, sewing machine agent, Market place
Hill John Marcus, butcher, Church street
Hill John, butcher, Union street
Hill Mr., butcher, Church street
Hollaway & Fogg, architects (attend tues.), High street
Holloway William, farmer, Snartor lane
Holloway William C., butcher, Bank street
Hughes Ernest James M.P.S. chemist & druggist; surgical & invalid requisites supplied; patent & cash medicinal commodities, Kodak Limited; all photographic materials stocked, Market place. T N 19 Melksham
Hunt William Henry, farmer, Outmarsh farm, Semington road
Hunt Mr., address, Town hall
Hurn Brothers, timber merchants, The Ark; sawmills, Melksham station
Hurn John, shopkeeper, Lowbourne
International Tea Co.'s Stores Ltd. (The), Market place
Jarris John E. shopkeeper, King street
Jones Joseph & Son, smiths & wheelwrights, Spa road
Jones James, solicitor, Lowbourne
Jordan George, shopkeeper, Forest
Junior Imperial League Club (Herbert Williams, hon. sec.), Church street
Keir, Rumboll, Ken, Poulson, Parfitt, Locket, Petty, Perrett, Penny, Parker, Knee, William Ingram.

Kelson Thomas Alfred, cabinet maker.

Lock Henry John, cabinet maker.

Lewington Joseph, apartments, Bank street.

Lemay Henry.

Moule George Henry, cabinet maker, Bath road.

Manning Arth. Herbt. draper &c. see Flooks.

Mortimer (Mrs.), dress maker, King street.

Mutual Improvement Society (William Henry House, Melksham) Limited, hempen 

tapestry, &c. Town hall.

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Taylor Arthur G., carpenter, Acre street.

Sweet, Charles.

Tayler Walter Henry, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Robinson.

Texas Edward, draper, Bath road.

Tilke George F. restaurant, High street.

Waight Edwin (Mrs.), servants' registry office, King street.

Watts, Amos, draper, Bath road.

White George, cabinet maker &c. High street.

Whone Henry, farmer, Manor farm, Lowbourne.

Wright, Alfred J. tailor, Bath road.

Wentworth Wm., farmer, Manor farm, Lowbourne.

Wickham, Geo., solicitor, Commissioner.

William Henry, solicitor, Commissioner.

William James, solicitor, Commissioner.

William John, solicitor, Commissioner.

William Robert, solicitor, Commissioner.

William Thomas, solicitor, Commissioner.

Wylde, Frederick, surgeon, The Limes.

Zebedee, J. & Son, contractors, Bath road.

Zimmern, Charles.

Zimmerman, Geo. C.

Zirbe, Henry.
MERE is a union town and parish on the borders of three counties—Wiltshire, 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 Great Western Railway, and 1 mile south of the South Western main line 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, Wiltshire, rural deanery (Beytonbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The town is lighted with gas from works erected in 1866. The water supply for the whole district is provided by the Rural District Council.

The church of St. Michael the Archangel is a building of the Perpendicular style, with traces of Early English and reputed Saxon work, consisting of chancel with chapels, clerestoried nave of five bays, aisles, north and south porches, which is a parish church 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, the upper part of which has been restored at the cost of Mrs. A. Morrison of Fonthill; there are two chantry chapels, and in the south chapel is a brass to John Battey, 4, 1390: 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 560 sittings; in 1813 the churchyard was levelled and planted with grass and flowers. The registers are in a good state of preservation, and date from 1572, and the churchwardens' books, still preserved, are dated from 1656. The living is a vicarage, and in 1839 was held in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1900 by the Rev. Francis Earle Trotman B.A. of Selwyn College, Cambridge. The vicarage consists of a house, 10 rooms, and a garden.

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