



# Kellys Directory Extract 1931



## Amesbury

**AMESBURY** (originally Ambresbury or Ambrosebury) is a parish, formerly a market town, which gives name to a hundred and is the head of a rural district; it is in a small valley on the river Avon, with a station on the Southern, 8 miles north from Salisbury and 79½ from London, in the Salisbury division of the county, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, county court district of Salisbury, rural deanery of Amesbury (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The town is well supplied with water from wells. A scheme of drainage and sewage was carried out in 1907 at a cost of about £4,000. The church of Sts. Mary & Mellor is an ancient structure of flint and stone, originally Norman, and consisting of chancel, transepts, nave of three bays, south aisle, and a central tower containing a clock and 6 bells: the north transept has a chapel at the east end called the Jesus chapel, which was restored in 1910 and is used for daily services, and a double piscina: overhead is a parvise or priest's chamber: the chancel has a stone credence supported by two angels: the church was repaired in 1853, and during 1903-6 the nave and tower were restored and the bells rehung at a total cost of £2,500: in 1907 the roof of the chancel was restored and other repairs carried out at a cost of about £600, by the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury: a new clock with Westminster chimes was installed in the tower as a memorial to those who fell in the great War, 1914-1918; the church affords 656 sittings. The register of baptisms dates from 1570 and of marriages and burials from 1599, but is continuous as to baptisms only from 1624, and for marriages and burials from 1610. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £287, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, and held since 1927 by the Rev. Harold Moxon, A.K.C. There is a Wesleyan chapel. In 1860 an acre of land was laid out and consecrated as an addition to the churchyard, and a mortuary chapel built at the sole expense of the late Sir Edmund Antrobus, bart. Harrison's charity was founded by Richard Harrison in 1725, and consists of 21 acres of land in Allington; the proceeds of this charity are added to the residue of Rose's and Spratt's charities, to provide scholarships. West of the town is the site of a British village, commonly called "Vespasian's Camp", and intersected by the road to Stonehenge: it occupies the summit of an eminence on the banks of the Avon and is surrounded by a single ditch and vallum, inclosing an area of 39 acres. The celebrated remains of a supposed pre-historic temple, called "Stonehenge", purchased by Sir Cecil Chubb and presented to the nation, are situated on Salisbury plain, 2 miles west-north-west of Amesbury and within the parish: these consist of two circles of monolithic blocks of sandstone and greenstone, with an inner horseshoe of five trilithons, some retaining their original upright position and others prostrate. On the 31 December 1899, two of the stones fell, and the precarious condition of others being strongly recognised by archæologists, steps were taken in 1901 for the future preservation of the remains. The greatest of the fallen stones, which leant at an angle of 60 degrees was fixed securely in a vertical position under the superintendence of Prof. W. Gowland, F.S.A., F.I.C.; the various excavations made on the spot yielded some flint and more than 100 stone implements, quantities of chippings of the stones, a deer's horn pick, two of three Roman and a few English coins. Mr. Gowland considered these remains to belong to the latter part of the Neolithic age, the period of transition from stone to bronze, the approximate date of which for this country would be about 1800 B.C. and that they probably formed "a place of sanctity dedicated to the observation or adoration of the sun". A nunnery was founded here by Queen Elfrida to expiate the murder of King Edward: it was once in such repute that Queen Eleanor, widow of Henry III retired to it, and there, in the year 1284, took the veil, as did also, subsequently, the Princess Mary, daughter of Edward I carrying with her a train of thirteen noble young ladies. The Abbey, the residence of Sir Cosmo Gordon Antrobus, bart., stands in a finely-timbered park, on the site of the monastic house: it was once the residence of the Duke and Duchess of Queensbury, the patrons of the poet Gay. On the further bank of the Avon, opposite the abbey, is a lawn called the "Diamond" in the centre of which is a large cave, where, it is stated, Gay wrote several of his celebrated fables. Antrobus House is a private museum, below which is a hall used for village entertainments; in the grounds are tennis courts and a bowling green. Boscombe Aerodrome is in this parish. Sir G. C. Antrobus, bart. is lord of the manor and the principal landowner. The soil is light; subsoil, chalk. There are many downs in the neighbourhood affording good pasturage for sheep, of which large flocks are kept. The chief crops are barley, wheat and oats and some land in pasture. The area is 5,894 acres of land and 41 of water; in 1921 the population was 1,530.

COUNTESS, half a mile north; West or Little Amesbury, 1 mile west; and Ratfyn, 1 north-east, are hamlets. On the downs are numerous barrows.

Post, M. O. T. & . T. E. D. Office. Letters through Salisbury.

## AMESBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Parishes in the District are:- Allington, Amesbury, Boscombe, Bulford, Cholderton, Durnford, Durrington, Figheldean, Idmiston, Maddington, Milston, Newton Toney, Orcheston St. George, Orcheston St. Mary, Rollstone, Shrewton, Tilshead, Wilsford & Lake, Winterbourne Dauntsey, Winterbourne Earls, Winterbourne Gunner, Winterbourne Stoke & Woodford.

Council meets at Amesbury Institution every fourth Wednesday at 1.45 p.m.

Chairman: R. E. Macam, Boscombe, Salisbury

Vice Chairman: H. C. James, Amesbury

Clerk: Arthur M. Wilson, 12 Bridge Street, Salisbury

Treasurers: Lloyds Bank, Market Place, Salisbury

Medical Officer of Health: Arthur H. Wilson, L.R.C.P. & S.Edin

Surveyor: Robert G. Vincent, Amesbury

Sanitary Inspector: Brinley Lewis, High Street, Amesbury

## SALISBURY AREA GUARDIANS COMMITTEE

(Comprising the former Union areas of Amesbury, Salisbury, Tisbury & Wilton)

For particulars see under Salisbury.

## AMESBURY REGISTRATION DISTRICT

Superintendent Registrar: R. P. Heath, 12 Bridge Street, Salisbury

Registrar of Births & Deaths & Marriages, Orcheston, Amesbury & Winterbourne sub-districts, Thomas Scott Cooper, Amesbury

Registrar of Marriages for Amesbury District, Thomas Scott Cooper, Amesbury

Fire Brigade (Volunteer): There is one motor engine.

Police Station: Telephone Number 9

Railway Station.

Railway Agents, Chaplins Ltd.

Carriers to Salisbury: Harold Eyres, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday & Wilts & Dorset Motor Services, daily.

## Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish	Telephone No.
Antrobus	Cosmo Gordon	Sir, bart., D.L., J.P.		Amesbury Abbey	
Browne	James Stark	Flight Lieutenant, A.F.C.		Hayesfield	
Cameron	O. S.	Brigadier, D.S.O.		Earls Court Farm House	
Chant	Harry John				
Fildes	Denis Quintin	Commander, R.N.		Antrobus House	
Garrett	Humphry Stone	Captain, M.C.		Redworth House	
Hughes	Geoffrey Wallace Grainger	D. S. O.		Comilla House	5
James	Harry Courtney			Kingswood	
Johnson	William Ewart			Midland Bank House	
Langley		Mrs.		Littlefield	
Laurie	John	Captain		Cranleigh	

	Raymond				
Leese	William H.	Sir, bart.		West Amesbury House	
Lewis	John Llewellyn David			Fovant House	
Lillingston	Edward George Gray	Captain		Red House	
Moxon	Harold	Rev., A.K.C.	Vicar	Vicarage	
Pitt	Herbert Norman				
Raynes	Nelson John			Bank House	
Sandell	Charles	J.P.		Ratfyn House	
Smyth	Joseph	Pastor	Wesleyan Minister	71 Salisbury Street	
Stevenson	George Lowther			Kent House	
Walker	Edwin Evan			Otterton	
Waters	G. F.	Miss		Millmead	31
Wheeler		Misses			

### Commercial - Early closing day, Wednesday

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish	Telephone No.
			Avon Valley Supply Co.; Coal Merchants		53
			Chaplins Ltd.; Southern Railway Goods Agents		15
			Lloyds Bank Ltd.; Treasurers to the Rural District Council	Market Place, Salisbury	
			Wilts & Dorset Motor Services, Carriers to Salisbury Daily		129
			Hamilton Fulton, Sant & Jones, Solicitors (9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)		
			Hodding, Jackson & Bentham, Solicitors	Salisbury Street	
			James & Crockerell, Builders (Enquiries, see Durrington)		33
			Jennings & Kent, Motor Engineers		49
			Little Theatre (Amesbury) Ltd.		
			Salisbury Steam Laundry Ltd.	School Lane	128
			Wort & Way, Farmers ***	Red House Farm	23
Attwater	Edward H.		Dairyman		
Baker	John Henry		Chimney Sweeper	Parsonage Lane	
Barnes	John George		Beer Retailer	Smithfield Street	
Bascomb-	Hugh Walt.	M.P.S.	Chemist	Salisbury Street	88

Harrison					
Billett	Clement George		Refreshment Room	Stonehenge	
Bishop	Hedley		Carpenter		
Buckland		Bros.	Hardware Dealers	High Street	65
Bugden	Rowland		Cycle Agent	High Street	
Cavanagh	Kathleen	Miss	Refreshment Rooms	Station Road	
Chivers	W. E.	& Sons Ltd.	Sand & Gravel Pits (Enquiries to Bulford Camp)	Bulford Camp	Bulford Camp 47
Clark	E.	Miss	Gramophone Distributor	Station Road	108
Clough	Lilian Alice	Mrs.	Midwife & District Nurse	17 Lynchetts Road	
Cockle	Ernest William		Tea Rooms		
Cockle	Frederick J.		Coal Merchant		
Cooper	Frederick		Coal Merchant		85
Cooper	Thomas Scott		Registrar of Births & Deaths & Marriages for Orcheston, Amesbury & Winterbourne Sub-Districts, Amesbury Registration District & Relieving & Vaccination Officer & Collector for Amesbury District, Salisbury Area Guardians Committee	19 Lynchetts Road, Amesbury	
Crook	Isaac Charles		Farmer ***	West Amesbury	
Diss	Frank		Newsagent	Station Road	
Eyres	Harold		Carrier		
Eyres	Kathleen	Miss	Newsagent	Salisbury Street	
Feltham	Charles		Shopkeeper	Cold Harbour	
Fownes		Misses	Hoteliers	Avon Hotel, High Street	12
Fuller	Thomas Lionel		Photographer		10
Golding	Arthur		Innkeeper	Kings Arms	
Harbour	Harry		Electrician	High Street	
Hardy	Arnold William		Poultry Farmer	Holdings Road	
Heath	R. P.		Superintendent Registrar	12 Bridge Street, Salisbury	
Hinxman	May	Miss	Shopkeeper		
Hinxman	Sidney		Gardener to Sir Cosmo Gordon Antrobus, bart.		
Hopton	Bernard		Refreshment Rooms	Station Road	
Hough	William		Watch & Clock Maker		
Hughes	Geoffrey Wallace Grainger	D.S.O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Physician & Surgeon	Comilla House	5
Hunt	Reginald		Butcher		
James	H. C.		Vice Chairman of the Rural District Council	Amesbury	
Jeans	Mary Lilian	Mrs.	Fruiter		28
Johnson	W. E.		Manager, Midland Bank Ltd.	Head Office, Poultry, London, EC2	16
Keynes	G.	Mrs.	Honorary Secretary, Amesbury Nursing Association		

Lane	Arthur William		Smallholder	13 Holders Road	
Latham	William John Garfield	Manager	Outfitter	Salisbury Street	
Latimer	George		Dining Rooms. Caterer, &c.		
Lewis	Brinley		Sanitary Inspector to the Rural District Council	High Street, Amesbury	
Lewis	John L. D.	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	Surgeon & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator for Amesbury & Winterbourne District, Salisbury Area Guardians Committee	Fovant House	48
Leyland	Benjamin		Boot Repairer		
Macam	R. E.		Chairman of the Rural District Council	Boscombe	
Marles	A.		Honorary Secretary, Amesbury Bowling Club		
Matthews	Thomas		Builder	Cold Harbour	
Mence	Archibald Cookes	L.D.S.Glas.	Dentist (Attends Wednesday)		
Miles	Frederick		Branch Manager under Unemployment Insurances Act.		46
Mogg	Howard		Grocer, Baker & Military Caterer	Salisbury Street	35
Moore	Ernest		Boot Repairer	Earls Court Road	
Moore	S. H.		Secretary; British Legion		
Newberry	Victor George		Poultry Farmer	The Homestead	70
Noyce	Arthur Thomas		Baker	High Street	71
Perks	Frank	Captain	Private School	Avondale	73
Pethen	Charles		Boot Maker		
Pitt	H. Norman	& Co.	Auto Engineers		13
Raynes	Nelson John		Branch Manager, Lloyds Bank Ltd.	Head Office, 71 Lombard Street, London EC3	7
Robbins	J. H.		Manager, Co-operative Society Ltd.; Grocers, Drapers &c.		29
Robinson	Arthur Leslie	M.P.S.	Chemist	High Street	93
Rowley	Arthur George		Printer	Flower Lane	132
Sandell	Charles		Director, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries	Amesbury Farm Settlement, Ratfyn	34
Sandell	Edmund Charles		Farmer ***	Ratfyn House	34
Sandell	Thomas		Corn Merchant		
Sant	Frederick		Draper	High Street	52
Scowen	Lottie	Mrs.	Honorary Secretary, Womens Institute	7 Lynchetts Road	
Sloan	Andrew		Motor Engineer &c.	High Street	24
Tambling	Sydney C.		Grocer	High Street	..
Tucker	Frank		Stationer	Salisbury Street	
Tucker	T. B.	Miss	Private Hotelier	Salisbury Street	37
Tucker	W. E.	Miss	Private Hotelier	Salisbury Street	37
Underwood	Frederick William		Plumber		
Underwood	Percy		Hotelier	Bell Hotel	80

Vincent	Robert G.		Surveyor to the Rural District Council	Amesbury	
Waters	G. F.	Miss	Honorary Secretary, Wilts County Association for the Care of the Blind	Millmead	31
Weston	John William		Gramophone Dealer		
Weston	Philip		Confectioner		
Wheeler	Arnold		Hotel Manager	George Hotel	8
Whibley	Jack		Innkeeper	New Inn	
Wilson	Arthur H.	L.R.C.P, & S.Edin	Medical Officer of Health to the Rural District Council		
Wilson	Arthur M.		Clerk to the Rural District Council	12 Bridge Street, Salisbury	
Witt	W.		District Secretary, National Deposit (Approved) Friendly Society	High Street	
Witt	William Rd.		Hairdresser	High Street	142
Witt	William Rd.		Confectioner	Church Street	142
Wood	T.		Proprietor, Gravel & Sand Pits Co., Builders Merchants		
Wordsell	William T.		Cars For Hire		32
Wright	A. W.	Mrs.	Motor Engineer		43
Yapp	Arnold K.		Secretary, Y.M.C.A., Divisional Office and Stores	Station Road	26
Yapp	Richard Thomas Edward		Baker & Grocer		
Zebedee	Albert		Butcher, General Smith & Plumber	High Street	55

Marked \*\*\* Farm 150 acres or over.

**OPC Note:**

Please Note that the Residents List does not include telephone numbers which are recorded in another section of the original directory. At some stage these will also be transcribed.