



Post Office Directory Extract 1859



Amesbury

AMESBURY is a union town, township and parish, formerly a market-town, 8 miles north from Salisbury, gives name to a hundred and union, in Salisbury county court district, in the diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and deanery of Amesbury, in South Wilts, and is situated in a small valley. The living is a perpetual curacy, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, value £133, with residence; the Rev. Fulwar William Fowle, M.A., is the incumbent, prebendary of Sarum, rural dean, and rector of Allington. The church is an ancient structure, apparently Norman, with nave, south aisle, chancel, organ, square central tower, 6 bells and clock; it was extensively repaired about 1853. Here is a Wesleyan meeting-house, a National school, an Infant school, and three Endowed charity schools. Here is the union workhouse. The river Avon here produces very fine trout. Here are fairs on the 17th May, 22nd June, and 18th December. This was a Roman settlement, and its present name is by some derived from Aurelius Ambrosius, a king of the Romano-Britons. The 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. Vespasian's Camp is to the westward of the town, and is intersected by the turnpike-road. It occupies the summit of an eminence on the banks of the Avon, and is surrounded by a single ditch and vallum, enclosing an area of 39 acres. The celebrated remains of a druidical temple, called Stonehenge, are situated on Salisbury plain, 2 miles west of Amesbury, and within the parish. In 1851 the population was 1,172; the area 5,433a. 1r. 18p. Sir Edmund Antrobus, Bart., is the lord of the manor. Amesbury House, the residence of Gay's patrons, the Duke and Duchess of Queensberry, was built by Mr. Webb, son-in-law of Inigo Jones, on the site of the nunnery.

RATFIN is 1 mile north-by-east. On the downs are numerous barrows.

POST OFFICE - George Leach, postmaster. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 7.30 a.m.; delivered at 8.

INSURANCE AGENTS - Royal Farmers Fire, Life & Hailstorm, William Cove Kemm.

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS

Inland Revenue Office, George Inn.

Union Workhouse - Rev. G. P. Lowther, chairman; Wm. Long, esq., vice-chairman; Charles Mussell, master; Mrs. Elizabeth Mussell, mistress.

Registrar of Births & Deaths, Joseph Browne.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Infant - Miss Matilda Hayes, mistress.

National - Edward William Flower, master; Miss Letitia Flower, mistress.

Rose's Charity - David Allison Barrymore, master.

Spratt's Endowed - Miss Zillwood, mistress.

POSTING HOUSE - George Hotel, Edward Davies

CARRIERS TO SALISBURY - William Wright, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; William Robert Cove, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, returning same day.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Antrobus	Edmund	Esq., M.P.		

Antrobus	Edmund	Sir, Bart		
Fowle	Edmund	Rev., B.A.	Curate	
Fowle	Fulwar William	Rev., M.A.		Parsonage
Harding	Stephen	Mr.		
Millner	Thomas Darnton	Rev., LL.B.	Incumbent of Bulford	
Pinckney		Mrs		
Robins	Joseph	Mr.		
Rooks		Mrs		West Amesbury
Sandell	William	Mr.		
Selfe		Miss		
Towsey		Miss		
Whitmarsh	Charles	Mr.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Abrahams	James		Watch & Clock Maker	
Andrews	Edward		Carpenter	
Barrymore	David Allison		Head Master	Rose's Charity School
Batho	George Best		Surgeon	
Bishop	Esther	Mrs.	Stonemason & Bricklayer	
Bishop	Henry		Wheelwright & Carpenter	
Browne	Caroline	Miss		Boarding School
Browne	Joseph		Illustrator of Stonehenge & Registrar of Births & Deaths	
Cove	William Robert		Carrier	
Creed	Elizabeth	Miss	Straw Bonnet Maker	
Davies	Edward		Commercial & Posting House	George Hotel
Edwards	Job		Maltster	
Eyres	John		Cooper	
Eyres	Philip		Dairyman	
Eyres	Robert		Bacon Factor & Shopkeeper	
Eyres	William		Boot & Shoemaker	
Eyres	William		Butcher	
Flower	Edward William		Master of the National School	
Flower	Letitia	Miss	Mistress of the National School	
Furniss	George		Farmer	New Inn
Gane	Alexander		Shopkeeper	
Gane	James		Blacksmith	
Gibbons	Hannah	Mrs.	Beer Retailer	
Gilbert	Charles		Plumber, Painter & Glazier	
Gilbert	James		Plumber, Painter & Glazier	
Haines	Thomas		Baker & Miller	
Harding	William		Draper & Hosier	
Hayes	Matilda	Miss	Infant Scholl Mistress	
Hopgood	John		Publican	Kings Arms
Kemm	William Cove		Maltster, Brewer, Beer Retailer & Insurance Agent	
Lake	Henry		Basket Maker	
Leach	George		Grocer, Draper, Baker & Post Office	
Long	William		Farmer & Vice Chairman of the Union Workhouse	
Lowther	G. P.	Rev.	Chairman of the Union Workhouse	
Merchant	Thomas		Hairdresser	

Mussell	Charles		Master of the Union Workhouse	
Mussell	Elizabeth	Mrs.	Mistress of the Union Workhouse	
Olding	Edmund		Farmer	
Payne	Daniel		Coal Dealer	
Polety	Joseph	Major	Wiltshire Yeomanry	
Pyle	Charles		Surgeon	
Rooke	Michael		Farmer	West Amesbury
Sandell	Thomas		Breeches Maker, Wholesale Glover, Woolstapler & Tanner	
Sandell	William, Jnr.		Miller	
Selfe	Henry		Farmer	
Sheppard	Samuel		Saddler & Harness Maker	
Silver	James		Shopkeeper	
Smith	Charles		Butcher	
Smith	Stephen		Carpenter	
Soper	Moses		Grocer & Baker	
Tanner	Thomas		Farmer	Earls Farm
Thornton	James		Plumber, Painter & Glazier	
Towler	Henry		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Truckle	Benjamin		Beer Retailer	
Turner	Deborah	Miss	Dressmaker	
Turner	Jane	Miss	Dressmaker	
Walters	James		Agent for Sir Edmund Antrobus, Bart.	
Wheeler	George		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Wright	William		Carrier	
Yarnham	Jane	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Yarnham	Sarah	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Zillwood	John		Day School	
Zillwood		Miss	Mistress of Spratt's Endowed School	