



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Avebury

AVEBURY is a parish on the Kennet, containing the village of Avebury, 6.5 miles west from Marlborough station on a branch of the Great Western railway, 9 north-east from Devizes, with the hamlets of Beckhampton and West Kennett, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Selkley, union and county court district of Marlborough, Marlborough and Hungerford petty sessional division, rural deanery of Avebury, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St James is a building of stone, in the Saxon, Norman and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays, aisles and south porch, with an embattled western tower with pinnacles containing 5 bells and a clock: the Saxon font, with Norman carving, is carved with the figure of a bishop holding the Gospels to his breast, and piercing, with his crozier, a serpent which lies coiled around: at the south entrance is a rich Norman doorway, and over the chancel arch a rood screen, beautifully painted, and which has been carefully restored: in the chancel is a monument to John Truslove, dated 1593: the church was thoroughly restored in 1883 at a cost of £3,000: there are 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1697. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £290, including 16 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Mrs W H Davis and held since 1901 by the Rev John Gill Ward MA., LTh. of Durham University. The Congregational chapel, erected in 1670 and since enlarged, will seat 150 persons; the Baptist chapel was built in 1873. Hawkins' charity of £5 yearly is for the poor of the parish. This place, since 1900, has given the title of baron to the Lubbock family, baronets. Major L C D Jenner JP Lord Avebury, Messrs Samuel Darling, George Brown esq. William Grose esq. and Miss Ashe are the principal landowners. The soil is loam and clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and roots. The area is 4,690 acres; rateable value, 33,634; the population in 1911 was 636.

BECKHAMPTON is 1 mile south-west; here are the training stables for race horses of Mr Fred Darling. West Kennett is 1 mile south-east, on the road from Marlborough to Calne.

On **WINDMILL HILL**, as well as on the surrounding downs, are numerous barrows. Silbury Hill, rising to the height of 130 feet, is 1 mile south. The remains of the Druidical temple at Avebury are crossed by two roads; it originally consisted of an outer and two inner circles of huge stones, some of which are still in position.

Sexton: Daniel Tapley

Post, M O & T Office: Mrs Lydia Hunter, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Marlborough for Avebury & Beckhampton at 7.55am & 2.10pm; Sundays, 9.05am; dispatched at 9.55am from Avebury & 2.25 & 6.40pm; Sundays, 9.55am (via West Kennett) to Marlborough.

Wall Letter Boxes: Little Avebury, cleared at 9am & 6.40pm; Sundays, 10am; West Kennett, 10.15am & 3.25 & 7pm week days; Sundays, 10.30am; Beckhampton, 8.55am & 2.45 & 6.50pm; Sundays, 10.15am.

Parochial School: (mixed), for 84 children; Mrs Sarah Tapley, mistress

Police Station: Sgt. John Bowyer, in charge

Conveyances

Motor omnibus: (Duck-Marlborough) from Marlborough to Devizes, Thursday only

Carriers: Edwin Gilbert, to Marlborough Tuesday & Saturday; to Devizes, Thursday.; Ernest Clarke, to Swindon, Monday

Gentry/Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|---------|-----------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Brown | Herbert A. | | | Galteemore Farm |
| Butler | | Miss | | West Kennett |
| Butler | William Stephen | | | West Kennett |
| Darling | Fred | | | Beckhampton |

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| Darling | Samuel | | | Willonyx, Beckhampton |
| Elford | Charles Edward | Reverend | Congregational | The Manse |
| Harvey | Thomas Reginald | | | Downside |
| Henly | Henry Crook | | | Truslowe Manor |
| Hughes | | Mrs. | | Wandyke |
| Jenner | Leopold Christian Duncan | Major, J.P. | | Manor House |
| Redman | James | | | Kennett Manor, West Kennett |
| Rix | | Misses | | |
| Viveash | Anne | Mrs. | | |
| Ward | John Gill | Reverend, M.A. | | Vicarage |

Traders

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
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| Arnold | William | | Farmer | West Kennett |
| Brown | George | | Farmer | The Grange |
| Brown | Herbert A. | | Estate Agent to Mr. S. Darling | Galteemore Farm telegrams to "Galteemore, Avebury" |
| Butler | William Stephen | | Brewer, Maltster & Insurance Agent | West Kennett Brewery |
| Butler | William James | | School Attendance Officer | |
| Caswell | Alice | Miss | Grocer | |
| Clarke | Ernest | | Butcher & Carrier | |
| Darling | Fred | | Horse Trainer & Farmer | Beckhampton |
| Dancey | Francis Henry | | Publican | Wagon & Horses Public House, Beckhampton |
| Farley | George | | Farmer | Westbrook Cottage |
| Fowler | John Tennant | | Blacksmith | |
| Gilbert | Edwin | | Farmer & Carrier | |
| Greaser | William | | Farmer | Manor Farm, Little Avebury |
| Harvey | Thomas Reginald | MRCSEng., LRCPLond. | Physician, Surgeon, Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator 2nd District Marlborough Union | Downside |
| Hunter | Lydia | Mrs. | Stationer | Post Office |
| Laws | Henry | | Publican | Red Lion Public House |
| Moon | James | Mrs. | Refreshment Rooms | |
| Paradise | Charles | | Blacksmith | |
| Pratt | Samuel | | Saddler & Harness Maker | |
| Pullen | William | | Farmer | West Kennett |
| Rickards | John Walter | | Grocer & Baker | |
| Robinson | Henry | | Boot Repairer | |
| Sheppard | M. | Miss | Dressmaker | |
| Shipway | Josiah | | Bricklayer | |
| Titcombe | Albert John | | Carpenter | |