



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Market Lavington



MARKET LAVINGTON or **EAST LAVINGTON** (formerly called Lavington Forum or Staple Lavington) is a parish and small town pleasantly situated in a fertile valley, at the base of the chalk hill which forms the northern boundary of Salisbury Plain, and consists principally of one street, and is about 2 miles from Lavington station on the Great Western railway, 6 miles south from Devizes, 19 north-west from Salisbury and 90 from London, in the Eastern division of the county, Swanborough hundred, Devizes petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Potterne (Potterne portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. A market was formerly held on Wednesday, but is now discontinued. The church of St Mary is an ancient structure of Bath stone in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, standing on an eminence west of the town and consists of chancel, clerestoried nave of two bays, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing a clock and 6 bells, recast in 1870 at a cost of £220: the east end of the north aisle was formerly a chantry chapel, founded in 1349 by Robert de la Mere, and dedicated to SS Mary, Katherine and Margaret, and its piscina still remains. Sir Walter Beauchamp kt. in his will, dated 1429, desires that his body shall be buried here: his son William Beauchamp, Lord St Amand, ob 1457, also in his will, makes a like request; the spiral stone stair, entered by a doorway from this chapel, anciently led to the rood-loft: in the vestry is a curious holy water stoup, now under a piscina niche: a quantity of Norman carving (now built into a string course in the south porch) was discovered in the east wall of the nave and the chancel arch in 1862; the chancel retains a credence and hagioscope; in 1878 a reredos of Caen stone, marble and alabaster was presented by Mrs Pearson, widow of the Rev T Pearson, formerly vicar of this parish; the east window and three others are stained, and there are mural tablets to the Salisbury family, including one to Thomas Salisbury esq. Lord Mayor of London 1786: the church was restored in 1862: in 1910 an organ chamber and choir vestry were erected and the chancel restored, the cost being borne by Christ Church, Oxford, and affords 380 sittings. The register dates from the year 1673. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £210, with 30 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, and held since 1906 by the Rev John Anthony Sturton BA of Oxford University. A parish room was erected in 1907. Here is a Congregational chapel, built in 1805, seating 160, and a Baptist chapel. Dr Thomas Tanner, Bishop of St Asaph was born here in 1674, his father having been vicar of the parish, and at his death, in 1733, he bequeathed £200 for the benefit of the poor. In 1795 Thomas Sainsbury esq. bequeathed £200 in the £3 per cent Consols, to be expended in bread for the poor of the parish at Easter and Christmas Eve; and in 1796 William Sainsbury esq. made a similar bequest: a like amount has been bequeathed by Miss Maria Sainsbury, a relative of the above. Sarah Stobbart left by will, in 1864, £360, the interest to be expended in fuel and on educational purposes. The Workmen's Hall was erected in 1865 in part with funds left by Edward Sanders esq. of Bath, and comprises a coffee room, a reading room well supplied with newspapers, and a small library. G Grant Stevenson esq. is lord of the manor, the Crown and Mrs Ludlow-Bruges are the principal landowners. East Lavington Manor House, now (1915) unoccupied, is a modern Elizabethan mansion of red brick, beautifully situated in extensive grounds. The soil is rich loam, with a subsoil of greensand, clay and some chalk. The land is largely pasture. There are excellent beds of clay, which are extensively worked as brick and pottery fields. The area is 3,804 acres of land and 2 of water; rateable value £5,564; the population in 1911 was 981 in the civil (including 39 in Fiddington House Private Asylum) and 855 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Parish Clerk: Alfred Mullings

Easterton tithing, three-quarters of a mile north-east, is now an ecclesiastical parish, and will be found under a separate heading.

Post, MO & T Office (letters should have Wilts added): Arthur M Walton, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive at 7am & 4.15pm; dispatched at 9.25am & 8pm; Sundays, letters delivered at 7am & are dispatched at 8pm. Money order and savings bank business transacted from 8am to 8pm

FIDDINGTON, formerly part of West Lavington, has been added to this parish for civil purposes by Local Government Board Order 16.452, dated March 24, 1884; it is in the ecclesiastical parish of Easterton.

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Wall Letter Box: Broadway, cleared at 8.30pm

Elementary School (mixed), erected in 1845, at a cost of £620 & enlarged in 1871, for 200 children; William S Laycock, master

Carrier to Devizes: Edwin Potter, omnibus, Thurs.

A motor omnibus runs to Devizes twice daily on Mon. Tues. fri & sun; three times on Thurs. & four times on sat

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barratt	Alfred	Reverend	Congregational	High Street
Benson	John R	FRCS Eng	Private Asylum	Fiddington House
Buchanan		Mrs		The Hawthorns
George	Albert John			Broadway House
Grist		Miss		Hill View
Heiron		Mrs		High Street
Laws		Mrs		Newlands
Lowe	Fred	Reverend		
Lush	John Selfe			
Lush	William Henry			Prospect House
Pleydell-Bouverie		Miss		The Old House
Saunders		Mrs		The Hollies
Seaborne		Mrs		Beech House
Sturton	John Anthony	Reverend BA	Vicar	Vicarage
Warrington	Thomas R	Hon Sir MA JP		Clyffe Hall
Webber		Mrs		The Hawthorns
Welch	James			Spring Villa

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Allen	Walter Victor		Watch Maker	
		Bath Electric Tramways Ltd		Motor Omnibus Depot
Benson	John R	FRCS Eng LRCP Lond	Private Asylum	Fiddington House
Burgess	Alfred	& Son	Photographers	
Burgess	George		Market Gardener	Fiddington
Chambers	Florence E & Eleanor	Misses	Poultry Farmers	The Villa
Chinnock		Miss	Private Day & Boarding School	
Coleman	William Henry		Boot Maker	
Cooper	George		Farmer & Coal Merchant	
Croome	Arthur		Dairyman	Freith Farm
Davis	John		Corn Merchant	
		Devizes Co-operative Society Ltd	Grocers etc.	High Street
Drury	William		Insurance Agent	Beech Cottage
Eldin	William		Butcher	
Elisha	William George		Tailor	
Ferris	Thomas William		Farmer, Prize Blood Stock Breeder & Shire Horse Owner	West Park
Gauntlett	Cedric O	Sec	Workmen's Hall	
Gye	Elizabeth	Mrs	Grocer	

Gye	Joseph Edward		Carpenter, Joiner etc.	
Hanny	Frederick Charles	Hall Keeper	Workmen's Hall	
Holloway	Alfred			King's Arms PH
Holloway	Frank H		Brick, Tile & Pottery Works & Haulier (steam)	
		Hopkins & Co	Acetylene Gas Apparatus Makers, Engineers & Fitters	
Hopkins	William	& Sons	Builders	
Hopkins	Edward		Florist	
Hurle	Albert		Market Gardener	
Hurle	James		Market Gardener	
Hussey	James		Upholsterer	
James	Walter		Baker	
King	John	& Son	Plumbers & Painters	
		Lavington Acetylene Gas & General Lighting Works	Acetylene Gas Apparatus Makers, Engineers & Fitters	
Lawes	Edward Henry		Auctioneer	Newlands
Lush	John Selfe	MRCS Eng LSA	Medical Officer for No 7 District, Devizes Union	
Lush	William Henry	MRCS Eng	Surgeon & Public Vaccinator, 7 th District, Devizes Union	
		Merrett Brothers	Shoeing Smiths	
Merrett	John Hampton		Cycle Maker	
Moore	Charles			Green Dragon Hotel
Moore	Samuel		Fruit Grower & Preserver	
Mullings	Alfred		Basket Maker	
Mullings	Mary	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Mundy	Emma	Mrs	Fruiterer	
Mundy	Frederick John		Boot Maker	
Neate	James		Brewer & Spirit Merchant	
Notton	Edward		Baker	
Oram	Robert		Bricklayer	
Oram	William			New Inn
Pike	George H		Butcher	
Potter	Edwin		Carrier & Farmer	
Saunders	Samuel	Mrs	Fruit Grower	
Sheppard	Elizabeth M	Mrs	Tobacconist	
Shergold	John		Market Gardener	
Smith	Charles John		Pond Maker	
Smith	Jacob		Pond Maker	
Spires	William		Market Gardener	Fiddington
Trotter	William Robert			Volunteer Arms
Wadman	Robert		Farmer	
Walton	Arthur Morgan		Draper & Post Office	
Ward	William		Pig Butcher	
Watts	James E		Farmer	Nap Farm
Welch	James	Sec	Wilts Agricultural Association	Spring Villa
Welch	James	Steward	Governors of the Dauntsey Charity	Spring Villa