



Charity, Legacies and Donations for the Poor

*Melksham
1800-1849*

1824

Christmas Bounty On Christmas Day, Thomas Bruges, Esq., of Seend, gave a dinner, consisting of roast beef and plum pudding, to 85 poor children belonging to the Sunday School of Seend; and on the following day he gave a similar dinner to 210 poor children, belonging to the Sunday School of Melksham. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 5 Jan 1824**

1831

Thomas Bruges, Esq of Seend, has given £20 for the children at the Sunday School at Melksham, and general comforts of the poor of that parish; also £10 to be applied for similar purposes in the chapelry of Seend. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 29 December 1831**

1847

Melksham Agricultural Society. John Harris, 30 years in the same farm at Seend, 20s. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 9 December 1847**