



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Mere

MERE is a union town and parish on the borders of three counties – Wilts, Dorset and Somerset – which meet in the vicinity, and is on the road from Salisbury to Taunton Dean, 4 miles north from Gillingham station on the Salisbury to Yeovil branch of the South Western railway, 23 west-by-north from Salisbury, 7 west from Hindon, 7 east-by-north from Wincanton and 102 from London, in the Southern division of the county, Mere hundred, Tisbury and Mere Petty Sessional division, county court district of Shaftesbury, Wylde rural deanery (Heytesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The town is lighted with gas from works erected in 1866. The water supply for the whole district is provided by the Rural District Council. The church of St Michael the Archangel is a building of stone in the Perpendicular style, with traces of Early English and reputed Saxon work, consisting of chancel with chapels, clerestoried nave of five bays, aisles, north and south porches, over each of which is a parvise, and a western tower 100 feet high, with pinnacles, and containing a clock with chimes and 8 bells: the chancel is separated from the nave by a beautifully carved oak screen, the upper part of which has been restored at the cost of Mrs A Morrison: there are two chantry chapels, and in the south chapel is a brass to John Betteshorne, d.1398: the present chancel and the chapels were built in the 14th century, but the tower dates from about the middle of the 15th century: there are 580 sittings: in 1883 the churchyard was leveled and planted with shrubs and flowers. The registers are in a good state of preservation, and date from 1572, and the churchwardens' books, still preserved, date from 1556. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £342, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1909 by the Rev Francis Earle Trotman BA of Selwyn College, Cambridge. The mission church of St Matthew, about 1½ miles south of the town, and on the Shaftesbury road, was opened in 1882, and is an edifice of stone and brick, consisting of apsidal chancel, nave, north porch, and a turret containing one bell, and will seat 150 persons: the cost of erection was about £1,000, the site being the gift of the late Miss Chafyn Grove; it is served by the clergy of St Michael the Archangel. The Congregational chapel was founded in 1795; the present edifice, a large Gothic structure, was erected at a cost of over £8,000, defrayed by the late Charles Jupe esq.; there is also a Primitive Methodist chapel and one for the Brethren. The Society of Friends have a meeting house here. The Cemetery, on the south side of the town, consisting of about three acres, was opened in 1856, and has two mortuary chapels; it is under the control of a committee of the Parish Council, acting as a burial board. The market, formerly held on Tuesday, has now become extinct; also the annual fairs that were held on the 17th of May and the 10th of October. The clock tower in the Market Place occupies the site of the old market house and was erected in 1866 by His late Majesty King Edward VII, then the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall. The charities amount to £158 yearly: Gillingham Forest charity, arising from inclosure of land at Gillingham Forest, produce 3100 yearly, and is distributed in shares: the allotment charity, derived from land in Gillingham parish, yields £20 annually, and is distributed to the poor. John Phillips, of Charnage, left by his will the sum of £800, the interest of which is devoted to the repair of his tomb and the support of the Sunday school, the surplus is distributed by the churchwardens; there are a few minor charities now amalgamated under a scheme of the Charity Commissioners. The ancient manor House, now used as a farm house, includes a domestic chapel, called "Woodlands" south of the town. Mere constitutes a part of the Duchy of Cornwall: in the year 1253 permission was given to Richard, Earl of Cornwall, to build a castle on the hill, now known as Castle Hill, and afterwards to fortify it; some traces of this castle were found during excavations in 1887. The principal landowners are HRH the Prince of Wales KG who is lord of the manor. Lieut-Col EG Tryte-Bullock DL JP, George Hildyard Bankes esq. JP and AB White esq JP. The soil is various, clay, chalk and flint; subsoil, chalk and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, beans and oats to the north; and on the south of the town(which is principally clay) fine grazing land. The Ashfield water rises from a chalk hill in the neighbourhood, and after turning several mills joins the river Stour. The parish contains 6,055 acres of land and 4 of water; rateable value, £9,394; the population in 1911 was 1,919, including 7 officers and 51 inmates in the Poor Law Institution.

Sexton: William Norris

Chaddenwicke is a tithing, 1½ miles north-east; **Woodlands**, a tithing, 1 mile south; **Bush Hayes**, 1½ south-east; **Manor House, Barrow Street**, 1 south-east, and **Burton**, half a mile east, are adjacent places.

Zeals, a tithing in this parish, has been formed into a civil parish, and will be found under a separate heading.

Post, MO, T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office: Duncan B Walton, sub-postmaster (letters should have Wilts added). Letters are delivered at 7am & 2 & 5.15pm; dispatched at 11am & 2.50 & 7.25pm; Sundays at 7.25pm

Wall Letter Box, Salisbury Street: cleared at 10.10am & 6.45pm; Sundays, 12.05pm

MERE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The parishes in the District are the same as in the Union
Council meets at the Poor Law Institution, monthly, on Thursday at 1pm.

Chairman: Arthur Rabbitts White JP, Charnage, Mere

Officials:

Clerk: Reginald Howard Hiscott, Mere

Treasurer: Alfred D'Angibau, Lloyds Bank

Medical Officer of Health: Benjamin Pope Bartlett MRCS Eng, Bourton, Dorset

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector: Henry Charles Phillips M. Inst M & CE Mere

MERE UNION

The following is a list of places in Mere union: Kilmington, Kingston Deverill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Maiden Bradley, Mere, Monckton Deverill, Sedgehill, Stourton & Zeals. The population in 1911 was 51,173; area 32,309 acres; rateable value in 1915 £34,267.

Board day, alternate Thurs. at the Poor Law Institution at 11am.

Chairman of the Board of Guardians: Arthur Rabbitts White JP, Charnage, Mere, Wilts

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee: Reginald Howard Hiscott, Mere

Treasurer: Alfred D'Angibau, Lloyds Bank

Relieving Officer & Vaccination Officer for the Union: Frank Ford, Wellhead

Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators, No 1 district: Francis Burchett Rutter MD FRCS, BS Dewes House, Mere; No 2 district, Benjamin Pope Barlett MRCS Eng, Bourton, Dorset

Poor Law Institution, Castle Street, a building of stone, built about 1839, to hold 150 inmates; Harry T Harding, master; Mrs Emma E Harding, matron

MERE REGISTRATION DISTRICT

Superintendent Registrar: Reginald Howard Hiscott, Mere; deputy, Harry Thomas Harding, castle Street

Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages: Thomas Hall Woodford, Church Street; deputy, William T Edmunds, Castle Street

Police Station: North Street, Frederick Perrett, sergeant in charge

PUBLIC OFFICERS

Assistant Overseer & Collector of Poor Rates: Thomas Taswell, Shaftesbury Road

Certifying Factory Surgeon: Francis Burchett Rutter MD, BS, Dewes House

Clerk to the Burial Board & Parish Council: Thomas Taswell, Shaftesbury Road

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Parish Church of St Michael the Archangel: Rev Francis Earle Trotman BA vicar; Rev William Chell MA & Rev Albert Victor Sullivan, curates; 10.30am & 6.30pm; daily at 10am & 6pm; holy communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays of month after morning prayer & all Sundays at 8am & holy days 8 & 10am

St Matthew's Church: Rev Francis Earle Trotman BA vicar; 2.30 & 6.30pm every Sunday; holy communion, 4th Sunday 10am

Society of Friends' Meeting House: 11am & 6.15pm

Congregational: Rev Edmund Roe; 10.30am & 6pm; Monday 7.45pm; Tuesday 7.30pm

Brethren: 10.30am & 6pm

Primitive Methodist: Rev William Robson; 10.30am & 6pm; Monday 8pm; Tuesday 7.30pm

SCHOOLS

Elementary (mixed); erected in 1841 and enlarged in 1892, for 540 children; Louis HP Delorme, master; Miss Sarah W Stephens, infants' mistress

Elementary (mixed): built in 1853 for 400 children; Frank D Raymond, master

Infants: built in 1909 for 100 children; Miss Gladys L Kilby, infants' mistress

Conveyance: Butler's omnibus, in connection with South Western railway, leaves Mere daily (except Sundays) for Gillingham station at 7.55 & 11.25am & 3 & 7pm returning from Gillingham at 9.25 am & 12.50, 4.10 & 8pm from May 1st to September 30th. During the winter months the last journey is omitted

CARRIERS

Mrs Butler, agent for Sutton & Co & South Western railway, leaves Mere daily for Gillingham station
Arthur Hooper, from Mere to Wincanton, on Wednesday; to Warminster, on Thursday; to Frome, on Monday; to Shaftesbury, on Saturday

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baverstock		Mrs		Church Street
Bean		Miss		Burton
Berkeley	Edmund Comyns			Church Street
Bird		Mrs		Shaftesbury Road
Borradaile	Bernard WG			Castle House
Chell	William	Rev MA	Curate	Church Street
Collins	Isaac			Wiltshire Villa, Shaftesbury Rd
Coward	Richard			The Square
D'Angibau	Alfred			Bank House
Farley		Mrs		Castle Street
Finlay	Thomas Elder			The Square
Gifford		Mrs		Townend House
Graham		Miss		Burton
Hartgill	Henry John Cuthbert			Layfield House
Herrington		Mrs		Church Street
Hooper	Thomas			North Street
Hopkins	Alfred			The Bungalow, Castle Street
Lander	Ernest			Salisbury Street
Lander		Miss		Lordsmead
Law		Mrs		The Limes
McLaughlin		Misses		The Chantry
Osborn		Mrs		The Beeches
Pickford		Miss		Church Street
Robson	William	Rev	Primitive Methodist	The Manse, North Street
Roe	Edmund	Rev	Congregational	The Manse
Rutter	Francis Burchett	MD JP		Dewes House
Standerwick	Thomas	JP		Yewglen, Castle Street
Steven		Mrs		The Grange, Water Street
Sullivan	Albert Victor	Rev Curate		Castle Street
Thompson	FH			Avondale House
Trotman	Francis Earle	Rev BA	Vicar	Vicarage
Walton	Duncan B			The Square
White	Arthur B	JP		Charnage
Wickham	Elon			North Street
Wickham		Miss		Salisbury Street

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Applin	Arthur		Grocer	The Square
Arnold	Thomas		Fishmonger	Church Street
Avery	Albert Henry		Builder	
Barber	John		Builder	Castle Street
Barker	Rosa	Miss	Laundress	Water Street
Baverstock	James Samuel		Shipping Agent	Castle Street
Baverstock	Samuel		Tailor	Castle Street

Bealing	William		Beer Retailer	Shaftesbury Road
		Boden & Co Ltd	Lace Menders	Castle Street
Brice	George		Butcher	Church Street
Bristow	Fred		General Dealer	
Bristow	Solomon		Tailor	Salisbury Street
Broadway	Kate S	Mrs	Farmer	Barrow Street
		Burden & Sons	Nurserymen & Seedsman	North Street
Burden	Walter		Market Gardener	North Road
Burfitt	Joseph		Dairyman	Water Street
Burfitt	William		Cowkeeper	Burton
Butters	Fanny	Mrs	Apartments	Salisbury Street
Charlton	Frank		Shopkeeper	Salisbury Street
Coggan	Reginald		Cattle Dealer	Salisbury Street
		Conservative Club		The Square
Coombs	Frank		Farmer	Park Corner
		Coward Brothers	House Decorators	Castle Street
Coward	Frank	Sec	Mere Liberal Club	Salisbury Street
Cowley	Enos	& Son	Cycle Agents	The Square
Cowley	Frank		Insurance Agent	North Road
Croome	Roger James		Asst Overseer & Clerk to Zeals Parish Council	Castle Street
D'Angibau	Alfred	Manager	Lloyds Bank Ltd, open 10am to 3pm; wed 10am to 1pm	London Head Office: 71 Lombard Street EC
Day	Elizabeth	Mrs	Draper	Salisbury Street
Day	Sidney		Farmer	Woodland Farm
Dean	John		Carpenter	Shaftesbury Road
Dewey	James Charles		Cattle Medicine Maker	Salisbury Street
Dodd	George		Miller (water)	Mere Mill
Down	Andrew		Farmer	Malperton Hill
Down	Frank		Coal Dealer	Old Manor
Down	Tom		Farmer & Haulier	Burton
Edmunds	Henry H	& Son	Chemists	Castle Street
Edmunds	William T		Shopkeeper & Deputy Registrar of Births & Deaths & Tax Collector	Castle Street
Farnfield	William Walter	MRCS Eng. LRCP Lond.	Physician & Surgeon (attends daily 2-2.30pm)	Castle Street
Finch	Alfred George		Butcher	Castle Street
Finlay	Thomas Elder		Accountant	The Square
Ford	Frank		Relieving & Vaccination Officer for Mere District & Collector to the Guardians	Wellhead
Ford	Fred		Tailor	North Street
Ford	Henry		Blacksmith	Castle Street
Frisby	Joseph	Ltd	Boot Makers	Castle Street
Gatehouse	Kate	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Shaftesbury Road
Gifford	Ema	Mrs	Dairy	Townsend House
Gough	Wilfred		Watch Maker	Salisbury Street
Gray	Edgar		Builder	Salisbury Street
Gray	Frank		Shopkeeper	Salisbury Street
Gray	Oliver		Saddler	Salisbury Street
Green	Albert Edward		Baker	
Harding	Harry Thomas		Deputy Supt Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages	Castle Street
Hiscott	Reginald Howard		Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee Of Mere Union & Clerk to Mere Rural Council & Supt Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages	
Hole	W B	Manager	Mere & District Co-operative Society Ltd	Salisbury Street

Holmes	Frederick		Photographer	Castle Street
Hooper	S	& Son	Watch Makers etc.	Salisbury Street
Hooper	Annie	Mrs	Dress Maker	Castle Street
Hooper	Arthur		Carrier	Castle Street
Hooper	John		Billposter	Salisbury Street
Hooper	John		Mason, Builder & Contractor	School Road, Castle Street
Howell	Sidney		Smith	South Brook
Humphries	William		Hairdresser	Castle Street
Jeans	Edwin Robert		Baker	Salisbury Street
Jordan	Christopher		Chimney Sweep	Castle Street
Lander	Edgar		Farmer	Park Corner
Lander	SI		Ironmonger & Plumber	Castle Street
McLaughlin	LJ & MS	Misses	Girls' Boarding School	The Chantry
		Maidment Edwin & Perman	Wheelwrights	Burton
Maidment	Albert		Boot Repairer	North Road
Maton	Charles Edward			Angel Inn, The Square
Milner	Robert George			Butt of Sherry PH, Castle Street
Mitchell	Arthur H		Farmer	Manor Farm
Mitchell	Bernard		Farmer	Higher Park Farm
Mitchell	Mervyn		Farmer	Mere Park Farm
Morgan	John		General Dealer	Steep Street
Norris	Charles		Tailor	North Road
Norris	Cornelius Frank		Cowkeeper	Burton
Norris	Edgar		Baker	Salisbury Street
Norris	Tom J		Brewer, Wine & Spirit Merchant	Talbot Commercial Hotel & Posting House; every accommodation for motorists & commercial gentlemen; post horses & motors let on hire & garage
Norris	William		Baker	Edge Bridge
Parfitt	George		Shopkeeper	Castle Street
Parsons	George		Painter & Decorator	Castle Street
Perrett	Alfred Edward		Farmer	Wet Lane
Perrett	William Albert		Farmer	White Hill Farm
Phelps	Frank		Grocer	The Square
Phillips	Henry Charles	M Inst M & CE	Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector to the Rural District Council	
Pickford	Sidney		Hair Dresser	Castle Street
		Pitman Bros	Farmers	Bush Hayes
Priddle	Mary	Mrs	Apartments	Salisbury Street
Prideaux	C & G	Ltd	Milk Contractors	Salisbury Street
Read	Walter Henry		Wheelwright	Ship Inn, Castle Street
Reynolds	A	Mrs, Proprietress	Private apartments & parties catered for – moderate charges	Reynolds' Temperance Family & Commercial Hotel, The Square
Rossiter	Emily	Mrs	Monthly Nurse	Salisbury Street
		Rutter & Rutter	Solicitors	Salisbury Street, & at Shaftesbury & Wincanton
Rutter		Mrs, Hon Sec	Girls' Club & Guild Home	Salisbury Street
Rutter	Clarence Edwin		Solicitor	Salisbury Street
Rutter	Clarence Edwin	Sec	Mere Gas, Coal & Coke Co Ltd	
Rutter	Francis Burchett	MD BS FRCS Eng	Physician & Surgeon & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, No 1 District, Mere Union & Medical	Dewes House

			Officer to the Poor Law Institution & Certifying Factory Surgeon	
Sims	Edwin Corp		Farmer	Prospect Farm
Skeats	Leonard		Artist	The Studio, Church Street
Spiller	Albert Arthur		Baker	Barrow Street
Stone	W & G		Harness Makers	Castle Street
Stone	Emily	Miss	Dress Maker	Salisbury Street
Taswell	Thomas		Asst Overseer, Collector of Poor Rates & Clerk to the Burial Board	Shaftesbury Road
Taylor	Austin		Coal Haulier	The Island
Taylor	Harry		Cowkeeper	Shaftesbury Road
Taylor	Henry Edwin		Farmer	Old Manor
Thompson	John		Leather Cutter	Salisbury Road
Toogood	Charles		Cowkeeper	Shaftesbury Road
Trevis	John Thomas		Cowkeeper	Hindon Road
Walton	John	& Co Ltd	Family Drapers, Tailors, Grocers, Ironmongers, Furniture Dealers & Removers, Carpet Warehousemen, Glass, China & Earthenware Dealers, Bacon Curers & Cheese Factors, & Post Office	Branches: Maiden Bradley, Zeals & Bourton, Dorset
Ealton	Algernon Thompson		Farmer	East Swainsford
Welch	James		Motor & Cycle Engineer	Salisbury Street
Wells	Jessie E	Miss	District Nurse	The Lynch
White	Arthur R	JP	Farmer & Landowner	Charnage
Whitmarsh	Ernest		Blacksmith	Castle Street
		Wilton Royal Carpet Factory Co Ltd	Carpet Manufacturers	
Woodford	Thomas Hall		Registrar of Births & Death & Marriages for Mere District & School Attendance Officer	Castle Street
Yeoman	Thomas Harding		Farmer	Breaches Farm