

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

(For T N's see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)

Hes Rev. Francis George Vernon M.A. (vicar), The Vicarage
Sharps Francis, Thorndale
Sharps Mrs. Yew Tree house
Tovey Norman, Gordon cottage
Van de Weyer Maj. Bates Grimston, Manor house
Williams Edgar, St. Mary's cottage

COMMERCIAL.

Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.
°Banwell Chas. farmer, Hunts coppice

Bourton S. F. basket mkr
Bowles John, frmr. St. Julian's farm
Brown Sydney F. grocer, & post office. T N Stratton St. Margaret 47
Collingborne Bernard James, farmer, Acorn farm
Collins Alan Geo. farmer, Quarry Fern farm
Eddolls Arthur, farmer, Burton Grove farm
Franklin George, grocer
Gorton Charles, farmer, Church frm
Greenaway Arthur, farmer, Home frm
Greenaway William Francis, farmer, Oxlease farm

Lewis Ernest David, farmer, Long-lease farm
Maistry John, haulier, Chapel lane
Morse Chas. Carpenters' Arms P.H
Morse Wm. farmer, South Marston fm
Rawlings Arth. Jacob, farmer, Manor farm. T N Stratton St. Margaret 4
Rivers F. & Son, farm implement reprs
Sansum Fredk. baker, Chapel la
Sansum Thos. coal mer. St. Marston
Smith Hy. farmer, Nightingale farm
Sutton Vivian, farmer, Marston farm
Tilling Jn. Carriers' Arms P.H
Wildern Fredk. Geo. farmer, Row-boro' farm & Priors Farley farm

MARTIN, a parish formerly in Wiltshire, was by Local Government Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act, 1895, transferred to Hampshire.

MELCHET PARK, a parish formerly in this county, was transferred to Hampshire by Local Government Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act. 1895.

MELKSHAM

MELKSHAM is a market and county court town, the head of a petty sessional division and civil parish, and gives its name to a rural district: it has a station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western railway, and is 100 miles from London, 30 north-west from Salisbury, 6 north-east from Bradford, 5 north-east from Trowbridge, 7 west from Devizes, 9½ from Westbury, 14 north from Warminster, 12 east from Bath, 7 south from Chippenham and 5 south-south-east from Corsham, in the Westbury division of the county, hundred of Melksham, rural deanery of Potterne (Bradford portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury.

During the West Saxon era this was a place of considerable note; at the period of the Norman survey and for several subsequent reigns it was held in royal demesne, and gave name to an extensive forest. The town is on the main road from London through Devizes to Bath, and consists principally of one street nearly a mile in length; it was from 1878 under the control of a Local Board, but under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894 (56 & 57 Vict. c. 73), it is now governed by an Urban District Council; it is well paved and lighted with gas by a company, and well supplied with water by the Trowbridge Water Company; the houses are built of soft freestone, but are irregularly placed. The river Avon divides the town and is crossed by a handsome bridge of four arches, with light and elegant balustrades. The Wilts and Berks canal passes on the east of the town, and about 1½ miles southward joins the Kennet and Avon canal, but is not now navigable.

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894, the ancient parish of Melksham was, by Local Government Board Order. No. 31,684, dated 30th September, 1894, divided into two parishes, which are known as Melksham Within and Melksham Without, the former being the area of the Urban District, and the latter included in Melksham Rural District.

There are two mineral springs in the vicinity, one saline and the other chalybeate; in 1816 a new saline spa was obtained by boring to a depth of 351½ feet; it was anticipated that Melksham would advance into note in consequence of the medicinal qualities these waters possessed, and every accommodation for visitors was provided, including a pump-room, hot and cold baths, a handsome crescent and an agreeable promenade; but after a very great outlay, the wells did not prove attractive and are not now used.

The church of St. Michael is a spacious edifice of freestone, which dates from the Norman period, but is now chiefly in the Perpendicular style, and consists of Norman chancel, nave of five bays, aisles, north porch, and an embattled tower with pinnacles, containing 8 bells: it was restored and enlarged in 1840, when the central tower was removed and the present tower built at the west end; and again restored in 1881: in 1891 the church was re-seated and new floored, the oaken roof opened, and a carved oak screen and brass lectern were then given by C. F. Rumbold esq. M.D. who also placed a rood, with attendant figures, upon the chancel screen in 1922: in 1894 the reredos was restored at considerable cost by the trustees of Sir John Awdry, and in 1897 a stained window was placed by Mrs. Stewart, of Lowbourn, in memory of her father, General Moule:

the west window was the gift, in 1899, of Mr. George White, who also gave the six clerestory windows in 1910: in 1900 a figure of St. Michael was erected in a niche over the north door to commemorate the new century: in 1903 a memorial window was placed in the aisle to those parishioners who fell during the campaign in South Africa, 1899-1902: the organ was rebuilt in 1903, and an oak screen fitted at the west end: in 1907 a handsome alabaster font was provided: in 1921 a painting representing the Transfiguration was erected over the chancel arch by Mrs. Swanborough, in memory of her husband: there are 600 sittings. The register dates from the year 1560. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £596, with 2 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held since 1919 by the Rev. Basil Aston D.S.O., M.A. of St. John's College, Oxford. St. Andrew's church, about 1 mile from the town, erected at the sole expense of the Rev. E. L. Barnwell, of Melksham House, for the use of the district of Sandridge and Melksham Forest, is a building in the Early English style, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch, and a western turret containing one bell: the reredos was erected in memory of Ralph L. Lopes esq. D.L., J.P.: the east window is stained and there are windows to the memory of Mrs. and Miss Lopes, Sir Massey Lopes, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Grist and Mrs. Tottenham: an oak tablet was erected in 1921, on which are recorded the names of those connected with the parish who fell in the Great War, 1914-18: there are 200 sittings.

The Society of Friends' meeting house, King street, erected in 1734, has 300 seats.

The Baptist chapel, Old Broughton road, founded in 1669, has 380 sittings. Ebenezer Particular Baptist chapel, Union street, erected in 1835, will seat 150 persons.

The Congregational chapel, Market place, founded in 1773, has 400 sittings.

The Primitive Methodist chapel, Forest, will seat 150 persons.

The Wesleyan chapel, Market place, erected in 1872, has 450 sittings, and that in Semington lane, built in 1896, will seat 100.

There is a non-sectarian chapel at Sandridge.

A cross was erected in Canons square, in 1921, in memory of the men of the parish who fell in the Great War, 1914-18; their names are inscribed on the base of the memorial.

The Town Hall, now the property of the Urban District Council, was erected in 1847 by a company at an expense of £3,350; it is a spacious and well-arranged edifice of white freestone, in the Italian style. The New Hall, in the Market place, erected by Miss Fowler, is a structure of Bath stone, and is used for lectures and meetings; it will hold 200 persons. The market is held on every alternate Tuesday for cattle, sheep and pigs. A fair for cattle, sheep and horses is held in the Market place on the 27th of July.

The principal industries are rubber works, iron foundry, leather works, saw mills, dairy factories; the manufacture of matings, mats, rope, twine and sacking is also carried on.

The Freemasons' Hall, in Church street, was erected in 1897 by the brethren of the Lodge, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

The Cottage Hospital, established here in 1868, was rebuilt in 1895, the cost being defrayed by H. G. White esq. of Whitley; it contains 21 beds and 2 cots.

Bruges' charity of about £5 yearly is distributed in blankets by the vicar and churchwardens at Christmas. There are also two small charities, left by the Rev. Bohun Fox and Mr. Pritchard respectively, for the benefit of the poor and distributed at the discretion of the vicar. J. and J. Usher's Blanket Fund, which produces about £90 a year, is used for the benefit of deserving and necessitous persons resident in the parishes of Melksham Within and Melksham Without.

Melksham House is now the club house of the Avon Sports Club, opened for their employees by the Avon India Rubber Co. Ltd.: the grounds are 27 acres in extent, 20 acres of which are used for cricket and football.

The principal landowners are Mrs. Ludlow-Bruges, Field-Marshal Lord Methuen G.C.B., G.C.M.G.,

G.C.V.O. Hon. Mrs. George Lopes, who is lady of the manor of Sandridge, and the trustees of the late Charles Selwyn Awdry esq.

The area of Melksham Within civil parish and Urban District is 597 acres of land and inland water; the population in 1921 was 3,556.

The population of the ecclesiastical parish in 1921 was 5,395.

The area of Melksham Without civil parish is 7,809 acres of land and inland water; the population in 1921 was 2,670.

The parish was originally divided into 7 tithings, Shaw and Whitley, Beanacre, Blackmore, Woolmore, Canhold, Woodrow, and the town tithing.

BEANACRE is a tithing, 1 mile north-west. Here is the mission church of St. Barnabas, built in 1887, and having 100 sittings, and a Baptist chapel, erected in 1839.

OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Post, M. O. & T. & T. E. D. Office, High street
Town Sub-Post & M. O. Office, Bath road
Post & Tel. Call Office, Beanacre. Letters through Melksham, nearest M. O. & T. office
Post Office, Woodrow. Letters through Melksham, nearest M. O. & T. office

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Meetings held in the Council chamber, Town hall, Market place, the second Monday in every month at 7.15 p.m.

Members.

Chairman, William Roy.

Vice-Chairman, James Frederick Lawrence.

Retire in April, 1931.

Mrs. Eva Alice Burton | Mrs. Swanborough
Herbert J. Fisher

Retire in April, 1932.

Jesse Samuel Green | Herbert Martin
Alfred Joseph Hillman | C. Whatley

Retire in April, 1933.

Percy Crook | Duncan Marley
F. G. Hurn | Alfred West

Officers.

Clerk, Alan Montague Smith, 5 Spa road
Treasurer, W. E. Beedell, Lloyds Bank Ltd. Market pl.
Medical Officer of Health, Douglas Leigh Spence M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Camb., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond. 26 Lowbourne
Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, Ralph Parnell Pearce, Town hall
Collector, A. S. Clarke, Town hall

COUNTY MAGISTRATES FOR MELKSHAM DIVISION.

(For addresses of magistrates see complete list at front of the book.)

Rumboll Charles Fredk. M.D., V.D., D.L. chair man	Harrall Frederick William Keir Ivan Cochrane M.D Lochhead Andrew Millard Mrs. R. A. L Newman James J. Tyler Sawtell Henry Stratton George Ward George
Bell Lt.-Col. William Cory Heward D.S.O	
Blake Lt.-Col. George Regi- nald T.D	
Browne Col. F. G. F	
Fuller Maj. Rt. Fleetwood	

The chairmen, for the time being, of the Melksham Urban and Rural District Councils are ex-officio magistrates.

Clerk to the Magistrates, Alan Montague Smith, 5 Spa road

Petty Sessions are held at the Town hall on the first Monday in each month, & daily for criminal business, commencing at 11 a.m.

The following places are included in the petty sessional division:—Melksham Within & Melksham Without, Shaw & Whitley, also Seend, Semington (with Littleton) & Whaddon

MELKSHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The parishes in the District are Hilperton, Seend, Semington, Melksham Without & Staverton. Area, 13,671 acres; population in 1921 was 5,040

Council meets at the Board room, Semington, first Wednesday in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Chairman, Frederick Henry Knee J.P. Sunnyside, Melksham

LOCAL INSTITUTIONS &c.

Officials.

Clerk, John T. Lloyd, 63 Fore street, Trowbridge
Treasurer, Haydn G. Phillips, Lloyds Bank Ltd. Trowbridge
Medical Officer of Health, Douglas Leigh Spence M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Camb., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond. 26 Lowbourne, Melksham
Sanitary Inspector & District Surveyor, Ralph Parnell Pearce, Town hall

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.

County Court, His Honor A. Gwynne James LL.B. judge; Alan Montague Smith, registrar & high bailiff; Richard S. J. Legg, chief clerk to registrar & acting high bailiff; Jesse Smith-Keen, Bath road, assistant bailiff. The court is held at the Town hall once in two months. The district includes the following places:—Atworth, Beanacre, Blackmore, Bowerhill, Broughton Gifford, The Forest, Littleton, Melksham, Red Stocks, Sandridge, Seend, Semington, Shaw, Whaddon, Whitley & Woodrow

For Bankruptcy purposes this court is included in that of Bath; Herbert Ashton, 26 Baldwin street, Bristol, official receiver; William Ormiston, assistant official receiver

Cottage Hospital, William Ingram Keir F.R.C.S. & L.R.C.P.Edin., J.P. hon. consulting surgeon; Charles Frederick Rumboll M.D., B.S.Durh., M.R.C.S.Eng., V.D., D.L., J.P. Ivan Cochrane Keir M.D., B.Ch. Edin., D.P.H.Oxon., J.P., C. J. E. Bennett M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H.R.C.P.S.Lond., A. Douglas Hamilton M.D.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond. & Douglas Leigh Spence M.A., M.B., B.Ch. Camb., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond. hon. medical officers; Edwin John Lee, hon. sec

New Hall, Market place, Mrs. Wilshire, caretaker
Police Station, Semington road

Town Hall (Urban District Council), Market place, William Bailey, caretaker

Volunteer Fire Brigade, Market yard

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Certifying Factory Surgeon & Medical Officer Nos. 4 & 5 districts, Trowbridge Area Guardians Committee, Claude John Eddowes Bennett M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond. 4 Place road

Clerk to Income & Land Tax Commissioners for Melksham Division, Arthur Wm. Angel, 34 Church st
Clerk to Parish Council, Melksham Without, Richard S. J. Legg, 5 Spa road

Collector of Inland Revenue, William H. Somerset, 9 Dunch road

Collector of Poor's Rates, Arthur S. Clarke, 17 Lowbourne

Collector of Tolls, Ernest George Arthur, Spa road
Distributor of Stamps, Matthew William Hunt, High st
Inspector of Weights & Measures for the Southern district, Aubrey Wallace Butlin, Trowbridge

Medical Officer, No. 3 district, Trowbridge Area Guardians Committee, Charles Frederick Rumboll M.D., B.S.Durh., M.R.C.S.Eng., V.D., D.L., J.P. Lowbourne house, Lowbourne

Registrar of Births & Deaths & Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Melksham sub-district, Arthur William Angel, 34 Church street; deputy, Arthur S. Clarke, 17 Lowbourne

Registrar of Marriages, Albert Edward Bigwood, 3 Sandridge road

Relieving Officer & Collector to the Trowbridge Area Guardians Committee, Robert H. Hudson, 34 Union street, Trowbridge
 Seaton, George Hill

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

St. Michael's Church, Church street, Rev. Basil Aston M.A., D.S.O., vicar; Rev. Theodore Robert W. Lunt & Rev. Charles Edward Wilkins, curates
 St. Andrew's Church, Forest, served from St. Michael's church
 St. Barnabas Church, Beasacre, served from St. Michael's church
 Chr. Mission Room, Bath road
 Friends' Meeting House, King street
 Baptist, Old Broughton rd. Rev. Philip B. Pullin, pastor
 Baptist, Beasacre
 Particular Baptist (Ebenezer), Union street
 Congregational, Market place, Rev. Henry Knowles M.A.

Primitive Methodist, Forest (Calne Circuit)
 Salvation Army, Church street
 Wesleyan (Wiltshire Mission), Market place & Semington lane, Rev. Thomas H. Howett

Railway Station, Bath road
 Motor Omnibus, Bath & Devizes.—The Bath Electric Tramway Co. Limited, daily
 Western National Omnibus Co. to & from Trowbridge & Chippenham, daily

CARRIERS.

Bath—Bath Electric Tramway Co. Ltd. daily
 Bristol—J. Crook & Sons, mon. wed. & fri
 Devizes—Bath Electric Tramway Co. Ltd. daily
 Devizes—J. Crook & Sons, tues. thurs. & sat
 London & all parts (by rail)—Great Western Railway Company, station, Bath road

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

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Angel Arthur Wm. 34 Church street
 Angel George, 25 Sandridge road
 Austin Mrs. 4 Beasacre road
 Archard George H. 21 Sandridge rd.
 Aston Rev. Basil D.S.O., M.A. (vicar), The Vicarage, Church st.
 Beedell William E. Bank house, Market place
 Bennett Claude Jn. Eddowes, Place rd
 Bryan Edw. R. Colburg ho. Spa rd
 Bigwood Albert Edward, 3 Sandridge road
 Bigwood Harold, Arlington, Spa rd
 Bigwood Lewin John, Fernmoor, Spa rd
 Blake Lt.-Col. George Reginald T.D., J.F. Beaschfield, Beasacre
 Bolwell William, King street
 Boscworth Charles, Road, Church road, Forest
 Briggs Miss Louisa, 17 Sandridge rd
 Burdidge Walter S. Church rd. Forest
 Clark Arthur Stanley, 17 Lowbourne
 Clarke Mostyn Walter, 4 Spa road
 Collett Chas. 35 Sandridge road
 Connor Alth. Chas. H., Elmhurst, Spa road
 Cook Mark, 16 Beasacre road
 Cook Walter John, Forest lodge, Sandridge road
 Colwick Thos. Wolfe craig, West end
 Davis Thomas, 20 Forest road
 Deane Henry Edward, King street
 Deane Miss Beadie, 2 Spa road
 Farrelle John, 25 Sandridge road
 Figgins Reg. Capt. John William O.B.E. R.N. (ret.), Sampford place, Sharnhold
 Fisher H. J. 1 Spa road
 Flocks Mrs. Mary Flora, 25 Sandridge road

Flocks Misses, 2 Place road
 Gibbons Thomas, 7 Canon square
 Gowen Mrs. 55 Spa road
 Green Mrs. 68 Lowbourne
 Hannaford John, 31 Sandridge road
 Harrall Frederick William J.P. 10 Western terrace
 Healy Joseph, 70 Lowbourne
 Hill George Samuel, 11 Canon sq
 Howett Rev. Thomas H. (Wesleyan), Leon house, Kimber st. West end
 Hughes Ernest James, 3 Place road
 Hughes Percy, 2 Forest road
 Hurn Albert, 64 Lowbourne
 Hurn Albert George, 17 Sandridge rd
 Hurn Frederick, 35 Market place
 Keir Ivan Cochrane M.D., J.P., The Walnuts, Beasacre
 Kelson Thomas A. 58 Spa road
 Kennedy J. F. P. 26 High street
 Kneeb Fredk. Henry, 39 Sandridge rd
 Kneeb Henry Nelson, 14 Forest road
 Knowles Rev. Henry M.A. (Congregational), 49 Sandridge road
 Lee Edwin John, 61 Spa road
 Lockhead Andrew J.P. Boxwood cott.
 Lopes Hon. Mrs. Geo. Sandridge park
 Lunt Rev. Theodore Robert W. (curate), 1 Spa road
 McBwan John, 66 Lowbourne
 Maggs Charles William, Sandridge lodge, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)
 Maggs Mrs. Bowerhill la. Bowerhill la
 Manning Arthur Herbert, 30 High st
 Marley Duncan, 11 Sandridge road
 Methuen Hon. Paul Ayshford M.A. Manor house, Beasacre
 Miller John, 6 Beasacre road
 Milne Benjamin, 29 Beasacre road
 Newman Mrs., St. Swithin's, Canhold
 Newton Mrs. 13 Sandridge road
 Noad Leonard J. Kimber st. West end

Parsons Mrs. Marie Emma, 9 Sandridge road
 Porter Stanley W. Shurnhold house
 Pullin Rev. Philip B. (Baptist), 3 Beasacre road
 Reid James, Enfield, The Spa, Devizes road
 Richards William Townsend, Westleigh, King street
 Rumbold Chas. Frederick M.D., V.D., D.L., J.P. Lowbourne ho. Lowbourne
 Sawtell Ernest Stanley, Belmont, Spa road
 Sawtell Henry J.P. The Chestnuts, Beasacre road
 Sawyer Fred, Sutherlands, West end
 Selfe Mrs. Mary Jane, 19 Sandridge rd
 Sharp Donald Claude, 27 Beasacre rd
 Smallpiece Humphrey George, 7 Beasacre road
 Smith Alan Montague, The Glade, Spa road
 Spackman William, Belmont, Spa rd
 Spence Douglas Leigh M.A., M.B. Camb. 26 Lowbourne
 Stratton Arthur D. 7 Sandridge road
 Stratton George J.P. 28 Lowbourne
 Stratton Miss C. Leaze cottage
 Stratton Mrs. F. H. Gray croft, Spa rd
 Swanborough Mrs. Amy, 7 Spa road
 Swanborough Oswald Fredk. Spa rd
 Taylor George, 5 Spa road
 Tildley Miss, Tillywhim, Beasacre
 Tucker Mrs. M. P. 1 Place road
 Tylee Charles George, The Grove, Coton square
 Viney Herbert, 62 Lowbourne
 Ward George J.P., Duncro road
 Watkins Fredk. J. H., Kingswood, 15 Sandridge road
 Wilkins Rev. Charles Edward (curate), The Avenue
 Worth Thomas William, 3 West end

COMMERCIAL.

Early closing day, Wednesday.

Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.

Adams Elsie Olive (Mrs. S. dressma. 31 Church st
 Alfred Elton Chas. J. butcher, Lowbourne
 Anderson-Yewle Leonard, dentist, Strathavon, Bank st
 Andrew Wm. Oswald, confectioner, 17 Bath rd
 Angel Arch. Wm. registrar of births & deaths & deputy registrar of marriages Melksham sub-district, clerk to Income & Land Tax Commissioners & branch mngr. Ministry of Labour Employment Exchange, 34 Church st. TN 61
 Aswell & Johns, chemists & druggists, Bank st. TN 102
 Atchard George Howard, grocer, see Norris & Atchard (see Ben). D. fishmngtr. 5 King st
 Atkin Ernest Geo. collector of tolls, Spa rd
 Bakerworth Frank Ltd. genl. engsrs. TN 139
 Bann India Rubber Co. Ltd. mfrs. of rubber tyres, The Factory, Bath rd. TNos. 120 to 125; TA "Rubber, Melksham"
 Bath Sports & Social Club (Miss B. S. Thomas, hon. sec.). Market pl. TN 65
 Bailey Frank John, café & commercial hotel, High street
 Bailey Fred G. draper, High st. TN 110
 Bennett Edmund Stanley, grocer, 14 Market pl. TN 134
 Bath Steam Laundry Co. Ltd.; receiving office, King st
 Beedell Stuart Horace L.D.S.Drisc. dental surgn. 33 Market pl. TN 32

Beedell William E. manager Lloyds Bank Ltd. & treasurer to the Urban District Council, Market place. TN 70
 Bennett Claude Jn. Eddowes M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., D.P.H.R.C.P.S.Lond. (firm, Locket, Bond, Bennett & Hamilton), physcn. & surgn. 4 Place rd. TN 36
 Bewley Herb. shopkpr. 61 King st. & antique dir. High st
 Bigwood & Higgins, gasfitters, plumbers, blacksmiths, implate workers & agricultural implement agents & repairers, Church street. TN 14
 Bigwood & Co. builders, Spa road. TN 68
 Bigwood Alth. Edwd. registrar of marriages, 3 Sandridge rd
 Bigwood Alice (Miss), milliner, 12 Market pl
 Bigwood Lewin John, general, furnishing, builders' ironmonger & poultry appliance agent, High street. TN Melksham 14
 Boddington Jas. farmer, Southbrook farm, Broughton rd
 Boddington Jn. hairdresr. 53 Bath rd
 Bolwell Wm. printer, 4 Lowbourne
 Bowyers (Wiltshire Bacon) Ltd. bacon curers, 15 High st. TN 75
 Box Wallace Geo. The Grapes P.H. Bank st
 Branson Robert William, motor engineer & agent, authorized Morris agent; car accessories stocked; repairer & garage proprietor; cars for hire, Market place. TN 96
 Brewer George, wheelwright, Semington road

London Central Meat Co. Ltd. 31 High st
 Long Albert, farmer, Bower hill. T N 46Y1
Loveridge W. W. & Co. (A. Hinseman, proprietor),
 colliery agents & coal & builders' merchants, 8 Bank
 street. T N 28
 Lucas Kate (Mrs.) L.O.S. midwife, 19 King st
 Lucas Marjorie (Miss), confctnr. 27 High st
 Maddock Gwyn Thos. M.P.S.chemist, 24 Bath rd. T N 140
 Maggs C. W. & Co. (Melksham) Ltd. manufacturers of
 car mat, matting, tarpaulins & waterproof covers,
 tents & marquees & tent & marquee contractors, Spa
 road. T A "Maggs, Melksham;" T N 37
 Manning Arth. & Co. house furnishers, Lowbourn
 Maslen Geo. confctnr. 3 Church st
 Mattingly George & Son, saddlers, High street
 Melksham Agricultural Society (Leonard Nood, hon. sec)
 Melksham Bowling Club (Wm. Gerrish, hon. sec)
 Melksham Constitutional Working Men's Club (Arth.
 Stanley Clark, sec.), 17 Bank st
 Melksham Cottage Hospital (for staff see Official sec-
 tion), Bank st. T N 7
 Melksham Cricket Club (George Hurn, hon. sec)
 Melksham Labour Club & Institute (Reg. No. 10242)
 (Herbt. Martin, hon. sec.), Market pl
 Melksham Liberal Club & Institute (Chas. Sidney
 Liddell, hon. sec.), Bank st
 Melksham Motor Works (J. F. P. Kennelly, propr.),
 motor engns. 28 High st. T N 38
 Melksham Pictures Ltd. (Mrs. Varley Higgins, mnggrs.),
 High st
 Midland Bank Ltd. (branch) (Alfd. Harold Cullwick,
 mnggr.) (open daily 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; sat. 9 a.m. to
 12 noon), 32 High st. (T N 24); head office, Poultry,
 London E C 2
 Miller Herbt. Geo. china & glass dr. 13 Bank st
 Mitchell Frank, fruiter. 1 Lowbourn
 Mizen Fred, farmer, Woodrow farm, Woodrow
 Moody Fredk. farmer, Sandridge la. Sandridge (postal
 address, Chippenham)
 Mutual Improvement Society (H. Knee, hon. sec.),
 Reading rooms, 12 Bank st
 National Deposit Friendly Society (Wm. Lawrence,
 agt.), 6 Semington rd
 New Hall (Mrs. Wilshire, caretaker), Market pl
New A. & Son (A. New A.M. Inst. B.E. proprietor),
 motor engineers, car accessories stockers, repairers &
 garage proprietors, Bear garage, Bath road. T N 15
 Norris & Archard, grocers, 5 Church st. T N 49
 Nowell Alb. E. hairdrrsr. 11 Bath rd
 Osgood Edwd. farmer, Townsend farm, Semington rd
 Paget Leonard, farmer, Hack farm, Forest
 Parfitt Thomas, baker, City
 Park Phillips (Mrs.), fried fish dr. 4 Church st
 Payne Walt. R. acctnt. 5 Spa rd
 Payne Ralph Parnell, surveyor & sanitary inspector to
 the Rural & Urban District Councils, Town hall.
 T N 21
 Pexid Photo Service (Ernest J. Hughes M.P.S.),
 Greystones. T N 19
 Perry Alb. Jn. shopkpr. 34 Forest rd
 Perry William, blacksmith, King street
 Pinner Sick Benefit & Provident Society (A. Gerrish,
 sec.), Semington road
 Potham Charles William, butcher, High street. T N 27
 Pound, Taylor & Collen Ltd. flour millers, Bath rd.
 T A "Flour, Melksham;" T N 3
 Pound Edith (Mrs.), shopkpr. Beanacre
 Pys E. & Son Ltd. motor haulage contrctrs. Spa rd.
 T N 14
 Reading Rooms (H. Knee, jun. hon. sec.), 12 Bank st
 Reeves Frank & Son, plumbers, Bath rd. T N 47
 Richards Bess, farmers, Semington road
 Richards Herbert, carpenter, Blackmore
RICHARDS WILLIAM TOWNSEND, metal
 merchant, Westleigh, King street. T N 56
 Rickick Wm. photographer, 23 Bath rd
 Roberts G. & Sons, bacon curers, 37 Bank st
 Robinson Wm. Jas. solctr. & commissioner for oaths,
 see Wansbrough, Robinson, Tayler & Taylor
 Rogers & Davis, shopkprs. Forest rd
 Rogers G. & Co. house furnishers, & sub-post office, 67
 Bath rd. T N 11
 Rumball, Keir & Spence, physcs. & surgns. Lowbourn
 Rumball Chas. Fredk. M.D., B.S. Durk., M.R.C.S. Eng.,
 F.R. D.L., J.P. (firm, Rumball, Keir & Spence),
 surgs. & medical officer No. 5 district, Trowbridge
 Area Guardians Committee, Lowbourn ho. Low-
 bourn. T N 80
 Saunders Geo. farmer, 41 Lowbourn
 Sewall B. & Sons Limited, wholesale leather purifiers,
 Old Broughton road. T N 23

Sawyer Fred, greengro. 33 & 35 High st
 Scott Edward & Sons, drapers, Bath road
 Scott T. & Son, painters, Bath rd
 Sheate James R. farmer, Woolmore farm, Bower hill
 Sheate William G. R. farmer, Blackmore
 Shurnhold Garage, motor car agents, engineers &
 garages. T N 78
 Sims Robert, farmer, Bowerhill lane
 Skinner Henry, dairy farmer, Lower Beanacre farm,
 Beanacre
 Slade Leslie, grocer, Forest
 Smith A. G. & Son, solicitors, 5 Spa road. T N 22
 Smith W. H. & Son Ltd. statnrs. High st. T N 21
 Smith Alan Montague, solicitor & commissioner for
 oaths (A. G. Smith & Son), registrar & high bailiff
 to county court, clerk to justices & Urban District
 Council & to the rating authority & agent to Alliance
 Assurance Co. Ltd. The Essex & Suffolk Equitable
 Insurance Society Ltd. The Car & General Insurance
 Corporation Ltd. & The Guardian Fire & Life Assur-
 ance Co. Ltd. 5 Spa road (T N 22); & at 7 High st.
 Devizes
 Smith Edith (Miss), private school, King street
 Smith-Keen Jesse & Son, boot dlrs. 43 Bath rd
 Smith-Keen Jesse, county court bailiff, 43 Bath rd
 Somerset Wm. H. collector of inland revenue, 9 Dunch rd
 Spence Douglas Leigh M.A., M.B., B.Ch. Camb.,
 M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond. (firm, Rumball, Keir &
 Spence), physician & surgeon, medical officer of health
 to the Urban & Rural District Councils & the Post
 Office & certifying factory surgn. 26 Lowbourn. T N 70
 Spencer Arth. music wareho. 21 Bath rd
 Spencer Hy. tailor, 50 Union st
 Spencers (Melksham) Ltd. engns. Beanacre rd. T N 9
 Spicer Edmd. H. grocer, 19 Bank st

STRATTON, SONS & MEAD LIMITED,

wholesale tea & provision merchants, High st. T N 6
 Summers Francis John, butcher, Bridge house, Seming-
 ton road (postal, Semington, Trowbridge). T N 51Y1
 Tayler Walt. Hy. solctr. & commissioner for oaths, see
 Wansbrough, Robinson, Taylor & Taylor
 Taylor Geo. motor engnr. Spa rd. T N 104
 Taylor Walter James, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Robin-
 son, Taylor & Taylor
 Terry Wm. Bell inn, Bath rd
 Town Hall (Urban District Council, proprs.), Market pl
 Townsend Alfd. furniture dr. 18 Market pl
 Trotman Herbt. Jas. confctnr. 25 Bath rd
 Trowbridge Co-operative Industrial Provident Society
 Ltd. (Wm. G. Pyne, branch mnggr.), 7 Bank st.;
 Church st. & Bath rd. T N 45
 Tylee's Motors, motor engns. Market pl. T N 16
 Venton F. W. & Sons, cycle reprs. Bath rd. T N 72
 Viner Vincent Alb. house furnisher, City
 Wall Hubert, Crow. P.H. Market pl
 Wansbrough, Robinson, Taylor & Taylor, solctrs. Market
 pl.; attend tues. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Wansbrough Hy. Reguld. solctr. & commissioner for
 oaths, see Wansbrough, Robinson, Taylor & Taylor
 Ward Albert, shopkeeper, Bath road
 Ward Kate (Mrs.), fried fish dr. 55 Bath rd
 Watson Arth. Chas. outfitter, 3 & 5 Bank st. T N 57
 Watson Harry, dairyman, Forest
 Watson Henry, J. farmer, Rhotteridge farm, Woodrow
 Watson John, farmer, Sandridge (postal address, Chip-
 penham)
Webb F. L. & Son, builders & contractors, 30 Union
 street & workshop, Lowbourn
 Webb Alfred, poultryer, Woodrow
 Webb Arth. shopkpr. & sub-postmaster, Beanacre
 Webb Frank, builder, Semington road
 Webb Wm. Jn. baker, 31 Bank st
 Webley Margt. Mary (Mrs.), draper, 29 Bank st
 Wells Sidney, beer retailer, Forest
 West Arth. J. & Sons, plasterers, West End ter
 West Alfred, baker & confectioner, 34 High street
 Western Electricity Supply Co. Ltd. electrl. engns. 5
 Bath rd. T N 63
 Weston Dorothy (Mrs.), fruiter. 27 Bank st
Whitcher Albert E. music, gramophone & wireless
 dealer, 12 High street. T N 135
 White Henry (Melksham) Ltd. drapers, High st. T N 77
 Whittle Jas. E. butcher, 44 Bath rd
 Wilcox & Overton, coal merchants, Station yard
 Williams & Son, farmers, Semington rd
 Williams Harry J. insur. agt. 7 West end
 Williams Louisa (Mrs.), shopkpr. 10 Forest rd
 Williams Rt. Edwin, boot & shoe dr. 15 Bath rd
 Wilts United Dairies Ltd. New Broughton rd. T N 5
 Wiltshire Agricultural Co-operative Society Ltd. agri-
 cultural implement agts. 6 Bath rd. T N 59

- Bristol Clothing Co. (Victor Jennings, proprietor), outfitters, Bank street
- British Legion (Melksham branch) (Rev. H. Knowles M.A. & P. P. Case, joint hon. secs.), Watsons court & (Beanacre branch) (Fred Webb, sec.), Beanacre
- Brown Samuel, beer retailer, Semington road
- Bull Hy. Albt. dentist, Market pl
- Burchell Tom, boot repr. 13 Bath rd
- Burnett Janet Findlay Martin (Miss) M.A., M.B., Ch.B. physician & surgeon
- Butler Arth. sign writer, 21 Market pl
- Butt Geo. tailor, 27 High st. TN 118
- Caddy J. & Son**, coal merchants, timber merchants, poultry appliance makers & firewood dealers, 18 Spa rd
- Caddy James, boot repairer, Bath road
- Canning Jas. farmer, Morthouse frm. Church rd. Forest
- Canning John, butter dealer, Church road, Forest
- Carpenter Maud (Mrs.), dressma. 24 Union st
- Chandler Stanley V. ladies' hairdrrsr. 26 Bath rd. TN 117
- Chard Thos. Bear P.H. Bath rd. TN 15
- Clarke Arth. S. deputy registrar of births & deaths Melksham sub-district & collector of poor rates, 17 Lowbourne
- Cleverly's Cycle Works (L. H. Cleverly), cycle agts. Market pl. TN 97
- Coleman Jesse, painter, 26 Union st
- Coombe A. & Son, mineral water mfrs. Old Broughton rd
- Cooper Albt. beer retr. King st
- Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd. (milk department), Shurnhold. TN 67
- Cottle Charles Richard & Son, dairy farmers, Manor farm, Sandridge
- Cottle Frederick, farmer, Craysmarsh
- County Court (His Honor A. Gwynne James LL.B. judge; Alan M. Smith, registrar), 5 Spa rd
- Coupland's Stores, grocers, 22 Bath rd. TN 131
- Cousins Lillian Mary (Miss), costumier, see Harrall & Cousins
- Crook Alfd. & Son, farmers, Cottage farm, Beanacre
- CROOK C. & SONS**, road & motor haulage & public works contractors, **Shurnhold**. TN 78
- Crook Joseph & Sons**, road contractors, carriers, hauliers, char-à-banc proprietors & furniture removers, New Broughton rd. TN 58
- Crook Arthur Charles, farmer, Forest
- Crook P. F. shopkpr. Beanacre
- Crook Wm. taxi propr. 22 New Broughton rd. TN 82
- Crook Wm. B. butcher, 23 Bank st
- Cullwick Alfd. Harold, mngr. Midland Bank Ltd. High st. TN 24
- Cuzner Alfd. beer retailer, Carpenter's Arms, Beanacre
- DAVIS H. & SON**, builders, contractors, sculptors & **monumental masons**, Church street. TN 95
- Derrick Witr. Hy. & Son, tobaccnsts. 11 Bank st
- Deverall Herb. Wm. grocer, 19 Bath rd
- Deverell Charles, painter & house decorator & glazier, Spa road
- Dicks Edwd. shopkpr. 2 King st
- Diffey Fredk. B. furniture dlr. 7 King st. TN 48
- Dixon R. H. & Son, boot mkr. High st. TN 2
- Dolman Edwd. farmer, Elm Tree farm, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)
- Drew Henry James**, joiner & undertaker, King street Eastmans Ltd. butchers, 3 King st. TN 107
- Edwards Geo. farmer, Sandridge farm (postal address, Chippenham)
- Edwards Rowland, George inn, Bank st
- Edwards Thomas, farmer, Blackmore
- England Mary Jane (Mrs.), beer retailer, City
- *Farthing Tom Arth. farmer, Halfway, Beanacre
- Fennell Geo. confctnr. Church rd. Forest
- Fennell John, market gardener, Wilds farm, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham). TN Devizes 223X4
- Ferris Charles, plasterer, Church road, Forest
- Finch Saml. Arth. oil dlr. 28 Spa rd
- Fire Engine Station (Arth. J. West, capt.), Market yard
- Fisher Herbert J.** builders' merchant, general & furnishing ironmonger & heating engineer, 9 Bank street. TA "Fisher, Ironmonger, Melksham;" TN 12
- Flooks & Manning**, old family wine & spirit merchants (established 1824); bottled & cask ales, cider & perry; tobacco & cigars, High street. TN 11 Melksham
- Freemasons, Mark Master Masons, Chaloner Lodge, No. 599 (E. J. Lee, 61 Spa rd. sec)
- Freestone Brothers, farmers, Bezzel farm, Forest
- Fricke Arth. E. coach bldr. Spa rd
- Frisby Ltd. boot & shoe dfrs. 15 Bank st
- *Fry Jn. (Mrs.), farmer, Queenfield, Forest
- Furnell Hy. farmer, Higheroft farm, Semington rd
- Gaisford Jas. bailiff to Hon. Mrs. G. Lopes, Sandridge Park farm
- Gaisford James**, carpenter, wheelwright & undertaker, Sandridge road
- Gale Mansel Gerald**, team owner, carter, cartage contractor, motor haulage contractor & cattle haulier; cars for hire, West End farm, Semington rd. TN 110
- Gale Wm. Jn. tailor, 16 Bank st
- Gas Light & Coke Co. Ltd. (Hugh Hughes, manager & Arthur G. Whittaker, sec.), 10 Bath road. TN 85
- Gea Wm. Jas. newsagt. 4 Bath rd
- Gerrish Ada Mary (Mrs.), watch & clock mkr. 9 High st
- Gerrish Albt. gasfitter, 43 King st
- Gerrish Kate (Miss), dressma. 23 King st
- Gowen Frank (Mrs.), draper, High street
- Gowing & Son, grocers, 6 High st. TN 13
- Gray & Son, watch & clock mkr. 17 High st
- Green Alfd. outfitter, 5 Market pl
- Green Jesse Samuel, temperance hotel, Bath road
- Gregory Harry E. hairdrrsr. 4 Church st
- Gregory Israel, market gardener, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)
- Guardians' Girls' Home (Miss Dorothy Harding, matron), 39 King st
- *Guley Wm. Thos. G. farmer, Conigre Farm ho. Semington rd. TN 150
- Gulliver Albert Edward**, tarpaulin, rope, twine, motor hood & side screen mkr. Broughton rd
- Hale Hy. Jn. basket mkr. Semington rd
- *Harding Robert Edward, dairy farmer, Lower Half Way farm, Beanacre
- Harrall & Cousins Misses, costumiers, 9 King st
- Harrison Audley T. farmer, Home farm
- Harrold Wm. Hy. baker, & steward to the Wiltshire Friendly Society, 91 Bath rd
- Harvey Reginald T. tailor, Church street
- Heiron Geo. Friday, dairy frm. Bower Hill frm. Bower Hill
- Hill Jn. Merrett & Son, butchers, Church st. TN 85
- Hill Fredk. baker, 47 Union st
- Hughes Alfd. market gardener, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)
- Hughes Elsie M. (Mrs.), florist, 35 Bath rd
- HUGHES ERNEST JAMES M.P.S.** chemist & druggist; surgical & invalid requisites supplied; patent & cattle medicine vendor; **KODAK SPECIALIST**; all photographic materials stocked, **Market place**. TN 10 Melksham
- Hunt Albt. Wm. Unicorn P.H. Bath rd
- Hunt Matthew Wm. postmaster, High st. TN 4
- *Hunt William Henry, dairy farmer, Outmarsh farm, Semington rd. (postal address, Trowbridge). TN 51Ya
- Hurn Brothers Ltd. timber merchants, The Ark, Bath road; saw mills, Melksham station. TN 25 Melksham
- Hurn John, grocer, Lowbourne
- Hutton Tom, farmer, 1 Woodrow
- Iles Herbert, farmer, Love's farm, Bower hill
- International Tea Co.'s Stores Ltd. (The), Market place. TN 43
- Jarvis Ida (Mrs.), shopkpr. 4 King st
- Jones Jn. tailor, 19 Forest rd
- Keen E. & Co. who. tobaccnsts. 21 Bath rd
- Keovil Lily (Mrs.), farmer, Up. Beanacre frm. Beanacre
- Keir Ivan Cochrane M.D., B.Ch. Edin., D.P.H. Oxon., J.P. (firm, Rumbold, Keir & Spence), physcn. & surgn. The Walnuts, Beanacre (TN 50); surgery, King st. TN 64
- Kelson Thos. Alfd. corn dlr. Church st. TN 13
- Kennelly Fred (Mrs.), spirella corset representative, 26 High st. TN 38
- *Kerton S. I. farmer, Westlands, Beanacre
- King Hall, ladies' outfitter, 20 Bath rd
- King Louisa (Mrs.), grocer & sub-postmistress, Forest rd
- King's Arms Hotel (Reguld. Wm. Snook, propr.), Market pl. TN 17
- Knee Albt. Jn. & Son, sign writers, 6 Union st
- Lawry Gladys (Miss), district nurse, Old Bank ho. Bank st
- Legg Rt. Hy. market gardener, 23 Market pl
- Le May Alice Mabel (Mrs.), confctnr. 107 Bath rd
- Lloyds Bank Ltd. (branch) (William E. Beedell, mngr.) (open daily, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; sat. 9 a.m. to 22 noon), Market place (TN 70); head office, 71 Lombard street, London EC3
- Lock E. & Son, boot mkr. High st
- Lock Henry John**, garage proprietor, motor & cycle dealer; car for hire; **accumulators charged here**, Bell garage, Bath road
- Lock Hy. Jn. carprt. 115 Bath rd
- Locket, Bond, Bennett & Hamilton, physcn. & surgn. 4 Place rd. TN 36

Wiltshire Working Men's Conservative Benefit Society (branch) (E. Scott, sec.), 7 Bath rd
 Wiltshire Jas. bldr. 26 Church st
 Wiltshire William dairy farmer, Semington road
 Winstow Fredk. Howard & Jas. Herbt.farmers, Berryfield

Woodman Rt. Jas. tailor, 35 Bank st
 Woodward Charles H. printer, bookbinder, advertising contractor & bill poster, Watson's court, High street; & at Devizes
 Woolley Jn. R. hairdressr. 10 Market pl

MERE is a parish on the borders of three counties—Wilts, Dorset and Somerset—which meet in the vicinity, and on the road from Salisbury to Taunton Dean, 4 miles north from Gillingham station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the Southern railway, 23 west-by-north from Salisbury, 7 west from Hindon, 7 east-by-north from Wincanton and 102 from London; it is the head of a rural district, in the Westbury division of the county, Mere hundred, Tisbury and Mere petty sessional division, county court district of Shaftesbury, rural deanery of Wylve (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 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 Bettesborne, 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 levelled 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, with West Knoyle annexed, joint net yearly value £737, including glebe and residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1927 by the Rev. Ian Grant Cameron M.A. of Selwyn College, Cambridge, who is a surrogate. 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. The Society of Friends have a meeting house here. The Cemetery, on the south side of the town, consisting of about 3 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. About 50 acres of arable and 28 acres of pasture land, mostly rented from the Duchy of Cornwall, are held as allotments under the Parish Council and let in small portions to parishioners to the number of 256. The Mere Smallholders' Association Ltd. one of the largest in England, rent about 2,000 acres from the Duchy of Cornwall and the Wiltshire County Council. The clock tower in the Market place occupies the site of the old market house and was erected in 1866 by King Edward VII. then the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall. A lecture hall adjoining the Friends' meeting house, built about 1870, will accommodate about 300 persons and is available for public meetings and concerts. The Victoria Hall is the property of the Mere Conservative Club Co. Ltd. A cross was erected in memory of the 48 men of Mere who fell in the Great War, 1914-18. About 11 acres of land were purchased from the Duchy of Cornwall in 1920 and laid out as a recreation and sports ground as a peace memorial. There is a public tennis ground in Pettebridge lane. The charities amount to £153 yearly: Gillingham Forest charity, arising from the inclosure of land at Gillingham Forest, produces £100 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. Woodlands Manor House

(ca. 1380-1400) includes a domestic chapel. The entire building has been restored. The chapel has been used as a dwelling room since 1540. 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 land-owners are H.R.H. the Prince of Wales K.G. who is lord of the manor, Lt.-Col. E. G. Troyte-Bullock C.M.G., T.D., D.L., J.P. and A. B. White esq. O.B.E., D.L., J.P. The soil is various, clay, chalk and flint; subsoil, chalk and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, 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; the population in 1921 was 1,847.

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

Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office (letters should have Wilts added)

MERE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The parishes in the District are:—Kilmington, Kings-ton Deverill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Maiden Bradley, Mere, Monkton Deverill, Sedghehill, Stourton & Zeals.

Council meets at the Institution, monthly, on thursday at 2.30 p.m.

Chairman, Arthur Rabbitts White O.B.E., D.L., J.P.
 ' Charnage, Mere

Officials.

Clerk, Reginald Howard Hiscott, Mere
 Treasurer, Wilmot Henry Knight, Lloyds Bank Ltd
 Medical Officer of Health, G. E. Ellis M.B., B.S.Lond.
 Bourton, Dorset
 Sanitary Inspector, William James Gallagher

WARMINSTER AREA GUARDIANS COMMITTEE.

(Comprising the former Union areas of Mere, Warminster & Westbury & Whorwellsdown.)

For particulars see under Warminster.

MERE REGISTRATION DISTRICT.

Superintendent Registrar, Reginald Howard Hiscott, Mere; deputy, Harry Thomas Harding, Castle street
 Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages, Frank Ford, Mere; deputy, Louis Henry Paul Delorme, The Deanery

Fire Brigade

Police Station, North street. T N 18

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Certifying Factory Surgeon, Robert Elliot Whitby M.B., Ch.B. Dewes house
 Clerk to the Burial Board & Parish Council, Frank Ford, North road
 Rating Officer, Louis Henry Paul Delorme, The Deanery

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Parish Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Rev. Ian Grant Cameron M.A. vicar, & surrogate
 St. Matthew's Church, Rev. Ian Grant Cameron M.A. vicar
 Society of Friends' Meeting House
 Congregational, Rev.
 Primitive Methodist, Rev. Walter Skelton

Conveyance.—Southern National Omnibus Co. Ltd. service No. 16, Wincanton, via Mere, to Shaftesbury, several times daily
 Motor omnibuses mon. wed. & sat. to Frome; alternate tues. to Bath; tues. & sat. to Salisbury