

Kelly's Directory 1923

TISBURY is a parish and the head of a union and petty sessional division situated on the sharp declivity of a hill; in the valley below is the parish church and the river Nadder which rises in the parish of Donhead St. Mary and winds its way to Salisbury. It has a station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the Southern railway, 12.5 miles west from Salisbury, 8 north east from Shaftesbury and 19.25 miles from London.

It consists, for civil purposes, of three parishes, viz EAST TISBURY, WEST TISBURY and WARDOUR, which for ecclesiastical purposes form only one parish. It is in the Salisbury division of the county, hundred of Dunworth, County Court district of Shaftesbury, rural deanery of Tisbury and archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

The Rural District Council provided a water supply in 1911 at a cost of about £10,000. The town is supplied with electric light by a private company.

The church of St. John the Baptist, the earliest part of which dates from about 1180, is a fine old building in the Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular styles, in the form of a cross consisting of chancel, nave of four bays with aisles and transepts, with very ancient north and west porches, the north having over it a parvise or priests' chamber.

The central embattled tower, with pinnacles, contains a clock and 6 bells; there was once a lofty spire, destroyed by lightning in 1762, after which the present upper stage was built, one pinnacle of which was again struck in 1795.

In the private vault are interred many of the former Lords Arundell of Wardour. The helmet of the first lord of that name, who took a standard from the Turks at the Battle of Gran 1595, is affixed to the wall above the vault. The east window is stained, the south aisle has a carved oak ceiling, erected about 1650 and restored in 1888, the north aisle has a similar ceiling with the inscription "in the year Our Lord 1560 this Hele was set up".

In 1886 the south transept was restored throughout and an organ chamber and vestries built; the reredos, of alabaster, has figures in terra cotta by Tinworth. A memorial tablet of marble was placed on the south wall to the memory of those of the district who fell in the Great War 1914-1918. There are sittings for 600 persons.

In the churchyard is an immense yew tree measuring 30 feet in circumference and said by experts to be 1,300 years old. The registers date from the year 1563.

The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £241 with residence, in the gift of Charles Alleyne Hutchinson M.A., and held since 1922 by the Rev. George Temple Miller M.A. hon. C.F., late of Queens' College Cambridge and Chaplain to the Tisbury Union Poor Law Institution.

At Chicks Grove is a Church of England school chapel, built in 1878 in which divine service is held. At Newtown is a chapel of ease erected in 1911. In the High Street is a Roman Catholic Church, built in 1900 and dedicated to the Sacred Heart.

There is a Wesleyan chapel and schoolroom, erected in 1902 at a cost of £1,800 and seating 250 persons. The Congregational Chapel, erected in 1842, will seat 410 persons and has a Sunday school, built in 1726. There are two Primitive Methodist chapels, one at Tuckingmill in West Tisbury parish, built in 1877 to seat 100 persons and one at Hatch in West Tisbury parish, built in 1872 with 90 sittings.

The charities, amounting to about £161 yearly, are administered under a scheme drawn up by the Charity Commissioners.

A public hall was erected in 1887 by a company formed for the purpose and will hold 400 persons. A Police Station and Petty Sessions Hall were erected in 1889, when the headship of the petty sessional division was transferred from Hindon to Tisbury.

A large pile of buildings here, formerly a residence of the Abbesses of Shaftesbury, has for the last two centuries been occupied as farm buildings and includes a tithe barn of the 15th century, the largest but one in England, its dimensions being 188 feet 3 inches by 32 feet 3 inches. This is a fine agricultural district and there are excellent quarries producing good building stone.

Situated on an eminence and overlooking the surrounding country is Wardour Castle built in 1776 and the seat of Anne Lucy Lady Arundell of Wardour; incorporated with the mansion is a beautiful Catholic chapel dedicated to All Saints and about a quarter of a mile distant is an attached cemetery; the extensive park and pleasure grounds are flanked by plantations adorned with numerous groups of stately forest trees. In the vicinity are the ruins of the old castle of Wardour, built in 1392 and the earthworks thrown up by the Parliamentary forces when they laid siege to the fortress still remain.

Pyt House, the property of Lt. Col. J.M. Benett-Stanford J.P. is a fine old mansion with heavy porticoes at the principal entrances; the house stands on high ground within a park of 150 acres.

Anne Lucy Lady Arundell of Wardour is a lady of the manor.

The principal landowners are:

Anne Lucy Lady Arundell of Wardour

Lt.Col. J.M. Benett-Stanford J.P.

Hugh Morrison Esq M.P., D.L., J.P.

Walter Richard Shaw-Stewart Esq., M.B.E., D.L., J.P.

The soil is various, some light loam, clay and stone and light chalk; subsoil, clay and gravel, chalk and flint and green sandstone. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley and some land in pasturage. The area, rateable value and population of the three parishes are as follows

	Area Acres	Rateable value	Population
East Tisbury	2718*	6073	730
West Tisbury	2803**	6899	691
Wardour	2015***	7019	780

*including 29 of water

** including 13 of water

*** including 4 of water

The population of the ecclesiastical parish in 1911 was 2,332

By an Order dated 25 March 1885, a detached part of Chilmark known as Chilmark Mill was amalgamated with East Tisbury; at the same date a detached party of Ansty known as Sangers was added to Wardour for civil purposes.

Parish Clerk, Walter Burt

OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS etc

Miss E.G. Thorn, Sub-Postmistress

County Magistrates for Tisbury & Mere Petty Sessional Division

Grove Sir Walter John bart., (Chairman), Sedgehill Manor, Shaftesbury

Arundell of Wardour Lord, Wardour Castle, Tisbury

Astley-Corbett Major John Dugdale Pelham, Tollard Royal

Benett-Stanford Lt Col John Montague, Hatch House, Tisbury

Benett Stanford Miss Evelyn, Hatch House, Tisbury

Combes Daniel, Dinton

Flower James, The Ridge, Chilmark

Gordon George Henry, The Barn, Sherborne, Dorset

Hill Major Henry Leonard Gauntlett, D.O.S., Donhead

Hoare Sir Henry Hugh Arthur bart, Stourhead, Zeals

Kennedy-Shaw Col Francis Stewart C.B.E., Teffont Evias

Morrison Hugh, D.L., J.P., Fonthill House, Ridge, Chilmark

Rutter Francis Burchett M.D., Dewes House, Mere

Sandeman Rear-Admiral Henry George Glas, C.M.G., Chicksgrove

Standerwick Thomas, Yewglen House, Castle Street, Mere

Shaw-Stewart Walter Richard M.B.E., D.L., Fonthill Abbey, Tisbury

Troyte-Bullock Lt Col Edward George C.M.G., D.L., Zeals House, Zeals

White Arthur Rabbits O.B.E., D.L., Charnage, Mere

The chairmen, for the time being, of the Tisbury and Mere Rural District Councils are ex-officio magistrates

Clerk to the Magistrates, John Alderson Mayo, Yeovil

Deputy Clerk, Geo. Edward Lush, High Street, Wardour

Petty Sessions: 2nd Thursday in the month at Tisbury and quarterly at Mere at 11.10am.

The following places are included in the petty sessional division:

Alvediston, Ansty, Berwick St. John, Berwick St. Leonard, Chicklade, Chilmark, Donhead St. Andrew, Donhead St. Mary, Fonthill Bishop, Fonthill Gifford, Hindon, Kilmington, East & West Knoyle, Mere, Lower Pertwood, Upper Pertwood, Semley, Sedgehill, Stourton, Sutton Mandeville, Swallowcliffe, Teffont Evias, Teffont Magna, East & West Tisbury, Tollard Royal, Wardour and Zeals.

Tisbury Rural District Council

The parishes in the district are the same as in the Union

Council meets at the Poor Law Institution every 4th Thursday immediately after the meeting of Guardians.

Chairman Daniel Combes J.P., C.C., Dinton

Clerk: R. Howard, Hiscott, Mere

Treasurer: Henry Bernard Howard, National Provincial Bank, Salisbury

Medical Officer of Health: John I.F. Knight, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond, Tisbury

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor: E. Plummer Davies

Public Establishments

County Police Station

Charles Townsend Superintendent & 2 constables

Sessions Hall adjoining Police Station

Victoria Hall: W.W. Kendall, Manager

Inland Revenue Collector of Taxes: Robert Lush

Ministry of Labour Employment Exchange Crown Buildings, High Street, Tisbury: John F. Fairlie, Manager

Tisbury Union

The area of the union is 43,561 acres, rateable value £65,225.

The population in 1911 was 7,803.

Board Day, Thursday fortnightly at the Poor Law Institution at 1pm

The union of Tisbury comprises the following places:

Alvediston, Ansty, Berwick St. John, Berwick St. Leonard, Chicklade, Chilmark, Donhead St. Andrew, Donhead St. Mary, Fonthill Bishop, Fonthill Gifford, Hindon, Semley, Sutton Mandeville, Swallowcliffe, Teffont Evias or Teffont Ewyas, Teffont Magna, East Tisbury, West Tisbury, Tollard Royal and Wardour

Chairman of the Board of Guardians

Daniel Combes: J.P., C.C., Dinton

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee: R.H. Hiscott, Mere

Treasurer: Harry Bernard Howard, National Provincial & Union Bank, Salisbury

Relieving & Vaccination Officer & Collector to the Guardians: Harold Edward Miles, High Street, Wardour

Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators

Donhead district: N.H. Hobart L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Shaftesbury

Hindon district: J.A.W. Webster L.S.A., Rose Cottage, Hindon

Tisbury district: John Iles Francis Knight M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., East Tisbury

The Poor Law Institution West Tisbury is a structure of brick and stone, built in 1868 and will hold 154 inmates.

Rev. G.T. Miller MA, Chaplain

John Iles Francis Knight, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Officer

Thomas Barrs, Master

Mrs. Mary Ann Barrs, Matron

Tisbury Registration District

Superintendent Registrar: John Freestone, Tisbury. Deputy: Thomas Barrs

Registrars of Births & Deaths

Donhead sub-district: Charles Blandford, Deputy Mrs. Blandford

Wardour sub-district: William Winter Kendall, High Street, Wardour

Registrar of Marriages: William Winter Kendall, High Street, Wardour

Schools

Elementary (mxd) with residence for Master, built 1834 and since enlarged, for 190 children: John Freestone, Master

Elementary (infants) built in 1873 for 95 children: Miss Nurdin, Mistress

Elementary Newtown (endowed) (mxd) with residence for Mistress, built in 1846, for 70 children & supported partly by an endowment of £45 yearly: Mrs Annie Hannam, Mistress

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Early closing day Wednesday - Marked * farm over 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
EAST TISBURY		
Bell, Rev	Arthur Henry MA	The Chantry
Combes, Miss		Quarry Farm, Chicksgrove
Davis	Arthur	Manor House, Chicksgrove
Fairlie	Fairweather, jun	
Giles, Miss		Italian Cottage
Hibberd	Arthur	High Street Villa
Hibberd	Ebenezer E	High Street
Hibberd, Mrs		Cleveland House
Knight	John Iles Francies MRCS	Tisbury House
Lush	Alfred E	Alexandra Cottage
Marks, Miss		Bella Vista
Miller, Rev	George Temple MA	Vicar, The Vicarage
Ogden, Miss		Astley Wood
Powney	Joseph	Prospect House
Parmiter, Mrs		Rose Cottage
Randall	Alfred Charles	Coombe-Warren
Rawlings	Albert Edward	Woodlands
Sandeman Rear Admiral	Henry G, CMG	Chicksgrove Mill
Shankland, Rev	Benjamin	Congregational Minister, The Manse
Stewart, Brig General	William Robert CB CBE	The Lodge
Turner	George G	Chicksgrove Close
Walsh	Charles Alfred	Glenside
Baker	Frederick	Farmer
Baker	Samuel Gilbert	Farmer, Vicarage Farm
Bevan	John D	Motor Engineer
Bristol, Miss	Mary	School for girls & boys
Brockway	Charles	Insurance Agent
Burt	Walter	Parish Clerk
Chivers	Ebenezer	Carrier
*Combes	Daniel, JP	Farmer, Chicksgrove
*Combes	John	Farmer, Manor Farm, Chicksgrove
*Dean	William Henry	Farmer, Place Farm

Fairlie	John Fairweather & Son	Auctioneers, Crown Chambers
Freestone	John	Elementary School Master
*Genge	Tom Chitty	Farmer, The Gables
Gray	Charles	Tailor
Green	Wyndham	Farmer
*Green	Wyndham, jnr	Farmer, Apshill
*Hannam	Allen H	Farmer
Hannam, Mrs	Annie	Newtown School Mistress
Hardiman	Henry, jnr	Compass Inn Chicks Grove
Howell & Son		Grocers
Hull	Tom	Carrier
Knight	John Iles Francis MRCS	Physician & Surgeon
Langdon, Mrs	Sidney	Beer Retailer
Lawrence, Miss	Kathleen	Teacher of Music
Layton	Charles	Shopkeeper, Fovant View
Lever	George	Chimney Sweep
Lever	George Henry Baker	Farmer, Chicks Grove
Lloyds Bank Ltd	Sub branch	High Street
Love, Miss	Louisa S	Dressmaker
Marshall	Uriah	Insurance Agent
Nurdin, Miss		Elementary School Mistress
Pannell	Horace	Bootmaker
Pickford	William	Hairdresser
Skene	George A	Est Agent to WR Shaw- Stewart
Smith, Mrs	Elizabeth	Shopkeeper, Chicks Grove
*Sweatman	William	Farmer, Ham Cross
Walsh	Charles Alfred & Son	Drapers
Wilton Co-operative	Society Limited	
Wiltshire	Robert G A	Motorcycle Agent, Cross Close
Yates	Walter	Blacksmith
Yeates, Mrs	Emily	Shopkeeper
WEST TISBURY		
Benett-Stanford, Lt Col	John Montague, JP	Hatch House
Bristol, Miss		West End Cottage
Giberne	Harold B	Red House
Shaw-Taylor, Mrs		Pump Court
Smith, Mrs		West Villa
Ashford & Sampson		Farmers, Tuckingmill
Barrs	Thomas	Master, Tisbury Union
Barrs, Mrs	Mary Ann	Matron, Tisbury Union
Bastable	William	Blacksmith
*Brain	William	Farmer, Linley Farm
Cox	Charles	Shopkeeper, Hatch
Crawford	Albert Edward Bredin	Private School, Pythouse
Fisher	Charles	Gamekeeper to J M Benett-Stanford
Gossling	Herbert	Farmer, Wick Farm
Green	William E	Quarry Owner
Higgins	George	Farmer, Dennis's Farm
James	Edwin	Farmer, Billhay
*Jukes	William	Farmer, Ruddlemore Farm
Marsh, Miss	Jean	Grocer, The Stores
Mathews, Mrs	Sarah	Shopkeeper, Tuckingmill
Sampson	William	Farmer
*Street	James	Farmer, Lawn Farm
Woods	Frederick	L S & W Railway Parcel Delivery Agent
Woods	Rowland	Thatcher
WARDOUR		
Arundell, Lady	Anne Lucy of Wardour	Wardour Castle
Arundell, Lord	of Wardour, JP	Wardour Castle
Bartlett	James Henry	Albany House
Cambell, Miss		Hillside
Jinks, Rev	George	S.J. (Catholic)
Launder, Rev	Joseph	S.J. (Catholic)
Langdon	Thomas Ernest Percival	Fairholme
Lush	George Edward	The Old Garden
Lush	Robert	
Osmond, Miss		Laurel Cottage
Ponton	George	
Pritty	Edward	Trellis
Rawlings, Miss		Red House
Ryan, Miss		Hillside

Staddon	John James	The Elms
Webb	Edward Doren	Gaston House
Webb-Howell	Aaron	Ronscot
Wolfe, Rev	Patrick	S.J. (Catholic)
Young	Edward	Arundell House
Alford	J & Co	Coal Merchants
*Alford, Mrs	James Everard & Sons	Farmers, Witheyslade Farm
Austridge	Henry	Gardener to Lady Arundell
Baker	Samuel Gilbert	Butcher
Ball Brothers		Plasterers
Bartlett	Francis Charles	Mechanical Engineer
Bartlett	Jas Henry	Miller, Flour Mills
Bluff, Miss	E	Butcher
Bull	G A & Son	Tailor, Outfitter, Draper & Boots
Burridge	Archibald	Builder
Burt	Frederick John	Farmer, Bridzor
Burt	Frederick John jnr	Assistant Overseer, Bridzor
Burt	Hugh George	Farmer, Wallmead
Burton	George	Hardware Dealer
Byrne	Peter Augustine	Clerk of Works to Lady Arundell
Crumpler	Percival Herbert	Farmer, Mill Farm
Cuff, Miss	Fanny	Dressmaker, Church Street
Davies	Edward P	Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor to RDC
Dominy	James Henry	Baker
Flexen	Philip	Stationer & Tobacconist
*Flower	Albert	Farmer, The Ark
Foyle	A & Son	Carpenters
Frisby	Joseph Ltd	Bootmakers
Gatehouse	Frank	Saddler
Gillingham	Charles Robert	Confectioner
Green, Mrs	Edith L	Crown Inn
Gundry	George	Tailor
Gurd	Henry	Shopkeeper
Gurd	Henry	Farmer
Harrison	Joseph William	Arundell Arms
Hayward	Harry Austin	Dairyman
Hitchings	Frank	Farmer
Howell	& Sons	Painters
International Tea Co	Stores Ltd	Grocers
Kendall	William Henry	Watchmaker & Jeweller
Kendall	William Winter	Registrar of B M & D, High Street
Leat	Archibald	Baker (see Stainer & Leat)
Lewis	Daniel	Chemist
Lush	George Edward	Deputy Clerk to Magistrates
Lush	Robert	Accountant
Maidment	Willie	Confectioner & Baker
Marsh, Warry & Broad		Solicitors
Martin	Herbert	Tobacconist
Mayo	& Sons	Solicitors
Mayo	John A	Solicitor & Clerk to Magistrates
Meaden	James Harold	Confectioner
Meadway	Richard, jnr	Benett Arms Hotel
Miles	Harold Edward	High Street
Moon	Lewis	Marine Store Dealer
Mullins	Albert W	Fishmonger
Mullins	Alfred	Hairdresser
Mullins	John	Coal Merchant & Hauling Contractor
National Provincial	& Union Bank of England	
Nodder & Trethowan		Solicitors & Commissioners
Northover Bros		Drapers & Clothiers
Northover	Henry & Son	Drapers
Northover	Ronald	Gents Outfitters
Oakley	Henry	South Western Hotel
Overhouse Laundries		New Street
Parmiter	P J & Sons Ltd	Agricultural Engineers, Station Works
Parmiter, Mrs	Charles	Farmer, Hazelden
Parsons	William George	Farmer, Squalls Farm
Penny	Henry James	Shopkeeper
Ponton	George & Son	Saddlers & Harness Makers
Randall	Andrew Charles	Ironmonger
Reading Room		E Plummer Davies, Hon Sec

Reid	John Henry James	Meter Car Hirer
Rutter & Rutter		Soliciotrs
St George's Hall		G A Bull, Hon Sec
St Mary's Convent		Sisters of Charity
Sanger	Charles	Motor Car Hirer, New Street
Southern Counties Agricultural	Trading Society Ltd	
Staddon	John James	Coal & Timber Merchant
Stainer & Leat		Bakers
Staplehurst	Frederick	Boot Inn
Thorn	John	Coach builder
Tisbury Electric Supply Co Ltd		
Tisbury Printing Works		Printers
United Dairies (Wholesale) Ltd		
Victoria Hall Co		W W Kendall, Manager
Webster, Miss	S	Fancy Repository
Wells	G Buist	Dentist

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