

Kelly's Directory 1867

SEMLEY is a parish and railway station on the Salisbury and Yeovil line in the Southern division of the county, Chalk hundred, Tisbury union, Shaftesbury county court district, Hindon petty sessional division, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury and rural deanery of Chalk, 20 miles south west from Salisbury, 4 south from Hindon and 3 north from Shaftesbury.

Running nearly east and west, and lying in a beautiful valley, there is richly wooded country in the background on the north. The Dorsetshire hills are seen in the distance and stretching along its front on the south.

The church of St. Leonard's, an ancient cruciform structure, has a nave, chancel and transept, with a square tower, turreted and embattled, containing 4 bells. At each corner are pinnacles; in 1846 the church was repaired and beautified with a handsome font, made from Tisbury stone, presented by Miss Benett of Pyt House. The chancel, which is very beautiful, was entirely rebuilt at the expense of the present rector in 1866.

The earliest date of register is 1657.

The living is a rectory valued at £665, with residence, in the gift of Christ Church Oxford, and held by the Reverend Henry Hall M.A. of Christ Church Oxford, instituted into this rectory in 1856.

There is a National school for boys and girls.

Lord Arundell of Wardour is the lord of the manor. The principal landowners are Vere Fane Benett Esq and the Marquis of Westminster.

The soil is clay, subsoil gravel. The area is 2,945 acres and the population in 1861 was 699.

Parish Clerk - John Merchant

Post Office - John Rogers (receiver)
Letters arrive from Shaftesbury at 10.15am, dispatched at 2.45pm.
The nearest money order office is at Shaftesbury.

Schools
National - Miss Mary Anne and Miss Eliza Ann Ranger, Mistresses
Baptist - Miss Jane Reeks, Mistress

Carriers from Tisbury to Shaftesbury

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Brown, esq	Stephen	New Cottage
Brown, Mr	William	Cliff Cottage
Hall, Rev	Henry	Rector
King, Rev	Thomas	Baptist Minister
Scammell, Mrs		The Cottage
Arnold	George	Farmer, West Wood
Baker	Robert	Farmer, Chalcott's Farm
Bouren	Robert	Smith
Bracher	Henry	Farmer, Broad Oak Farm
Bracher	John	Malthouse Farm
Brown	Thomas	Farmer, Knipe's Farm
Burden	Jonah	Carpenter
Burden	Rice	Carpenter & Shopkeeper
Burt	Frederick	Farmer, Hook Farm
Burton	William	Farmer, Conduit Farm
Clark	Samuel	Farmer, Share & Savage Farm
Edwards	George	Farmer, Bowmarsh Farm
Ford	John	Farmer, Oysters Farm
Gray	John	Shoemaker
Harding	John	Benett Arms
Hull	Charles	East End Farm

James	George, jun	Butcher
Merchant	John	Wheelwright & Parish Clerk
Perry	George	Farmer, Hatt's Farm
Pike	Henry	Farmer, Amberleaze Farm
Pike	James	Farmer
Pike, Mrs	Jane	Farmer, Musters Farm
Pike	John	Farmer, Curtain Farm
Pike	William	Farmer, Whitebridge Farm
Ranger, Miss	Mary Anne	National Schoolmistress
Ranger, Miss	Eliza Ann	National Schoolmistress
Reeks, Miss	Jane	Baptist Schoolmistress
Rogers	Eli	Shopkeeper
Rogers	John	Shoemaker & Post Office
Shipman	John	Smith
Street	Jas	Farmer, Church Green Farm
Sutton	Joseph	Railway Hotel, Semley Station
Vincent	Charles	Senior's Farm
Woodford	John	Marsh Farm