

Kelly's Directory 1855

SEMLEY is a township and parish 20 miles south-west of Salisbury, 4 south of Hindon and 3 north of Shaftesbury, running nearly east and west and lying in a beautiful valley. There is richly wooded country in the background on the north and the Dorsetshire hills are seen in the distances stretching along its front on the south. It is in Chalk Hundred, Tisbury Union, Hindon Division, South Wilts, containing 699 inhabitants and 2,646 acres of corn and pasture land.

The church, an ancient cruciform structure, has a nave and chancel, with a square tower, turreted and embattled, containing 4 bells. At each corner are pinnacles; in 1846 the church was repaired and beautified when a handsome font, made from Tisbury stone, was presented by Miss Bennet of Pyt House.

The living is a rectory, valued at £665, in the diocese of Sarum, the gift of Christchurch Oxford. The incumbent is the Rev Ralph Ord. M.A., instituted into this rectory in 1812.

There is a National School for boys and girls.

Lord Arundel of Wardour is lord of the manor.

Colleaze is a quarter of a mile south, Gouge Common half a miles south, Broad Oak half a mile east, Cage House half a mile north-east, Great Moat half a mile north, Bale Bridge 1 mile north-east, Pyt House 2 miles north-east, Linley 3 miles north-east, Newtown 3 miles north-east, Hook 2 miles east, East End 1½ miles south-east, Church Green half a mile west, Boundmarsh or Bowmarsh 2 miles south-west, Amberleaze half a mile north-west, Chalcot 1 mile west.

Billy, Knipe's, Chaffey, Conduit, Share, Savage, Westwood, Oysters, Old House, Copse, Halls, Rixon's, Curtain, Glebe, Globe, Seynear's, Marsh and Parham are farms.

Post Office - Edward Bradshaw, Receiver.

Letters arrive from Shaftesbury at 11am and are dispatched at ¼ past 3pm. The nearest money order office is at Shaftesbury

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Names	Industry/Occupation
Ord, Rev	Ralph	The Rectory
Baker	Robert	Chalcot's Farm
Baker	Thomas	Farmer, Bowmarsh Farm
Boring	Robert	Blacksmith
Bowles		Farmer, Billy Farm
Bracher	John	Farmer, Malthouse Farm
Bracher	William	Farmer, Broad Oak Farm
Bradshaw	Edward	Receiver, Post Office
Brown	Thomas	Farmer, Knipe's Farm
Burden	Jonah	Carpenter
Burton, Mrs	Sarah	Farmer, Conduit Farm
Burt	Hugh	Farmer, Chaffey & Hook Farm
Clark	James	Farmer, Share & Savage Farm
Combes, Mrs	James	Farmer, West Wood Farm
Ford	John	Farmer, Oyster's Farm
Fowler	Frederick	Mason
Fowler	Robert	Mason
Fowler	William	Mason
Goddard	James	Farmer, Old House Farm
Gray	John	Shopkeeper
Holloway	Thomas	Farmer, Westwood Farm
Hull	Charles	Farmer, East End Farm
James	George	Butcher
Maidment, Mrs	Charlotte	National Schoolmistress
Merchant	John	Parish Clerk
Norton	William	New Inn
Parratt	Joseph	Farmer, Copse Farm
Pike	George	Farmer, Rixon's Farm

Pike	James	Farmer
Pike	John	Farmer, Curtain Farm
Pike	William	Farmer, Amberleaze Farm
Pike	William jnr	Farmer, Glebe Farm
Rogers	John	Shoemaker
Seymour	William	Farmer, Church Green Farm
Shipman	John	Smith
Vincent	Charles	Farmer, Seynear's Farm
White	John	Farmer, Globe Farm
White	John	Farmer, Marsh Farm
Woodford	John	Farmer, Parham Farm