

Kelly's Directory 1875

SEMLEY is a parish and station on the Salisbury and Yeovil railway, 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, and the Dorsetshire hills are seen in the distance stretching along its front of the south.

The old church of St. Leonard, an ancient cruciform structure, was pulled down in January 1874 and a new one is now (January 1875) in course of construction at the expense of the Dowager Marchioness of Westminster. It is of Bath, Ham Hill, and local stone, in the Early Decorated style and will consist of a chancel, nave and south aisle and south chancel aisle; there will be two entrances, viz., north and west, with a square lofty embattled tower. The earliest register is 1657.

The living is a rectory, valued at £605, with residence, in the gift of Christ Church Oxford and held by the Rev Henry Hall, M.A., of Christ Church, instituted into this rectory in 1856.

There is a National school for boys, girls and infants, and a Baptist chapel.

Parham's charity of £2 2s yearly is for clothes.

Lord Arundell of Wardour is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are Vere Fane Benett-Stanford esq., M.P., and the Marchioness of Westminster.

The soil is clay, subsoil gravel. The land is principally pasturage, all the arable growing wheat, oats and barley. The area is 2,945 acres, gross estimated rental £7,174; rateable value £5,764 and the population in 1871 was 728.

Parish Clerk, John Merchant

Post Office - John Rogers, receiver.

Letters arrive from Shaftesbury at 8.30am, dispatched at 4pm, 10am on Sundays.

The nearest money order office is at Shaftesbury.

Wall Letterbox at Station, cleared at 4.30pm, Sundays 10.30am.

Schools

National - Miss Mary Anne Anset, mistress

Infant - Miss Eliza Ann Ranger, mistress

Railway Station - James Emblin, station clerk

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Names	Industry/Occupation
Bracher	Thomas Moore	Broad Oak
Hall, Rev	Henry	Rector
King, Rev	Thomas	Baptist Minister
Scammell	John	The Cottage
Targett	John	
Williams	John	New cottage
Anset, Miss	Mary Anne	National Schoolmistress
Arnold	George	Farmer, West Wood
Baker	Robert	Farmer, Chalcott's Farm
Bouren	Robert	Blacksmith
Brown	John	Farmer & Dairyman, Harthill Farm
Burden	Rice	Carpenter & Shopkeeper
Burt	Frederick	Farmer, Hook Farm
Burton	James	Farmer, Conduit Farm
Burton	William	Farmer, Malthouse Farm
Clark, Mrs	Mary	Farmer, Share & Savage Farms
Dowers	William	Railway Hotel, Semley Station
Emblin	James	Semley Railway Station Clerk
Ford	John	East End Farm

Gray	John	Market Gardener
Harris	Henry	Farmer, Bowmarsh Farm
James	George	Farmer, Oysters Farm
James	George, jun	Butcher, Barkers Hill
Lane	Reuben	Farmer, Hatts Farm
Merchant	John	Wheelwright & Parish Clerk
Pike	Frederick	Knipe's Farm
Pike	Frederick	Musters Farm
Pike	Henry	Amberleaze Farm
Pike	John	Farmer & Dairyman, Curtain Farm
Pike	William	Farmer, Whitebridge Farm
Ranger, Miss	Eliza Ann	Infant Schoolmistress
Rogers	Ebenezer	Grocer & Baker
Rogers	Eli	Shopkeeper
Shipman	John	Blacksmith
Street	James	Farmer, Church Green Farm
White, Mrs	Maria	Benett Arms
Woodford, Mrs	Rachel	Farmer, Marsh Farm