



Kellys Directory Extract 1895



Wilsford

WILSFORD (with Lake), near Amesbury, is a parish and village, situated on the river Avon, 5 miles north-west from Porton station on the main line of the London and South Western railway, 2½ miles south-west from Amesbury, and 7 north from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, Amesbury union, Salisbury county court district, rural deanery of Amesbury (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum, and diocese of Salisbury. The parish church of St. Michael was rebuilt, with the exception of the tower in 1858, at the sole expense of Giles Loder, Esq.: it has a chancel, nave and south porch and Early Norman western tower containing 3 bells: the church contains monuments to the Duke family: there are 123 sittings, The register dates from the year 1618. The living is a vicarage, with that of Woodford annexed, joint yearly value from the tithe rent-charge (Wilsford) £33, joint gross income £360, net £243, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1892 by the Rev. John Harrington Twining, M.A., of Durham University, who resides at Woodford: the Ecclesiastical Commissioners allow £120 for a curate. On the downs are many barrows. Lake House, the seat of the Rev. Edward Duke, M.A., F.G.S., J.P. was erected by one of his ancestors in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and is a beautiful specimen of the style of the period; it is picturesquely situated, embosomed in woods: the park contains some fine elm trees. Wilsford House is a handsome mansion, the property of Sir Edmund Giles Loder Bart. The Rev. Edward Duke M.A., F.G.S., J.P is lord of the manor of Lake, and Sir Edmund Giles Loder Bart. Of Whittlebury, Towcester, Northamptonshire, is lord of the manor of Wilsford. Sir Edmund Antrobus Bart. of Amesbury, is lord of the manor of Normanton. The soil is light and chalky; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 1,603 acres of land; rateable value, £1,216; The population in 1891 was 197.

Parish Clerk: Matthew Swatton.

Post Office: Lake. – George Brock, sub-postmaster. Letters through Salisbury, delivered at 7 a.m. & dispatched at 7.15 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is Amesbury.

National School: (mixed), built in 1858, for 40 children; average attendance, 30; Miss Underwood, mistress.

Carrier to Salisbury – George Brock, Tues. Thurs. & Sat., returning same day.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Duke	Edward	Rev. M.A., F.G.S., J.P.	Retired Vicar	Lake House
Newall	Arthur			Wilsford House
Sidford	E.	Mrs.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brock	George		Carrier & Sub-postmaster	Post Office Lake
Lawrence	William		Farmer	Normanton Farm
Kilmister	George		Farmers	Lake Farm
Kilmister	Simon		Farmer	Lake Farm
Sidford	Frank		Farmer	Wilsford Farm

