



Kellys Directory Extract 1898



Wilsford

WILSFORD (with Lake), near Amesbury, is a parish and village, on the river Avon, and on the road from Salisbury to Amesbury, 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, rebuilt, with the exception of the tower, in 1858, at the sole expense of Giles Loder, Esq. is an edifice of flint and stone, consisting of chancel, nave and south porch and an Early Norman western tower containing 3 bells: there are monuments to the Duke family: the church affords 123 sittings, The register dates from the year 1618. The living is a vicarage, with that of Woodford annexed, joint net yearly value £250, 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. On the downs are many barrows. Lake House, the seat of the Joseph William Lovibond esq. was erected 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, a handsome mansion, and the property of Walter C. Young esq. 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 2,282 acres of land and 12 of water; rateable value, £919; The population in 1891 was 197.

Post Office: Lake. – George Brock, sub-postmaster. Letters through Salisbury, delivered at 7 a.m. & dispatched at 7.30 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is Middle Woodford, 2 miles distant.

National School: (mixed), built in 1858, for 40 children; average attendance, 21; Mrs. Emma Doel, mistress

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

Gentry/Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
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| Lovibond | Joseph William | | | Lake House |
| Newall | Arthur | | | Wilsford House |
| Sidford | E. | Mrs. | | |

Traders

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

