



Kellys Directory Extract 1903



Wilsford

WILSFORD (with Lake), near Amesbury, is a parish and village, on the river Avon, and on the road from Salisbury to Amesbury, 2½ miles south-west from Amesbury station on the London and South Western railway, 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, £1,012; The population in 1901 was 158.

Post Office: Lake. – John Hale Hazzard, sub-postmaster. Letters through Salisbury, delivered at 7 a.m. & dispatched at 7.30 p.m. Postal Orders are issued & paid here. The nearest money order & telegraph office is Middle Woodford, 2 miles distant.

Elementary School: (mixed), built in 1858, for 40 children; average attendance, 25; Miss Ellen Russell, mistress

Carrier to Salisbury – Thomas Ford, 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 |
| Tennant | Edward | | | Wilsford House |

Traders

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
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| Case | George | | Farmer | Normanton Farm |
| Hayes | John | | Farmer | Wilsford Farm |
| Kilmister | George | | Farmers | Lake Farm |
| Kilmister | Simon | | Farmers | Lake Farm |