

TISBURY IS SERVED BY THE SOUTH
WESTERN RAILWAY & IS APPROX
1hr 50 mins FROM WATERLOO STATION

TISBURY HAS A POPULATION OF
2,350 PEOPLE (2019)

THE TISBURY HISTORY TRAIL

TISBURY'S LINKS TO AMERICA

Martha's Vineyard:

The Mayhew family were linked to Tisbury from the 13th century. In 1630 Thomas Mayhew crossed the Atlantic to settle in Massachusetts. In 1641 he purchased the island of Martha's Vineyard, establishing a settlement. The link is recalled by the place names there of Tisbury and Chilmark.

Maryland:

Ann, a daughter of the first Lord Arundell married the second Lord Baltimore. He founded a colony in Newfoundland in 1621. Later he gained permission of Charles I to create a colony south east of the Potomac River. This was called Maryland in honour of Queen Henrietta Maria. Ann's stone in Tisbury church (she died in 1649) describes her as 'wife of Baron Baltimore and Lord of Maryland'.



The River Nadder

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15 THE VICTORIA HALL was built in 1887 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The hall has recently been relaunched as The New Vic, an arts and social centre, with internet and a modern sound system for live streaming of events. The old fire station which backed on to the Hall was acquired in 1971 and named The Elizabeth Hall.

16 THE BOOT INN This was recorded functioning as an inn under its present name as long ago as 1757. The building dates back to the 16th century. Note the election slogan (early 19th century) carved into the exterior wall. (John Benett of Pytt House was a local landowner and Tory MP whose supporters met at the Boot.)

• **The Old House** A charming thatched cottage of largely 17th century date, opposite the Boot Inn.

17 THE QUARRY Beyond and above the Boot Inn are a number of old houses, and then, at the crossroads, the former Cross Inn is now a private house. To the left at this point are narrow lanes lined with interesting old cottages; an area known as The Quarry, a name recalling one of the major industries in the locality.

• **Tisbury House** Beyond the former Cross Inn is Tisbury House, a substantial early 19th century ashlar house with a porch supported by ionic columns.

18 PLACE FARM / MESSUMS WILTSHIRE A remarkable survival of a medieval grange, the farm was an 'outstation' of Shaftesbury Abbey, and includes a farmhouse (15th century.) Note the polygonal chimney stack and spirelet inner and outer gatehouses, and a great 'tithe' barn (14th / 15th century) the largest, though not quite the longest, in England. Messums gallery opened in the Tithe Barn in 2016 with a programme of exhibitions and events.

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A Guide for Visitors

TISBURY IS THE LARGEST VILLAGE IN
THE NADDER VALLEY IN WILTSHIRE,
13 MILES WEST OF SALISBURY

1 TISBURY STATION The Salisbury and Yeovil Railway opened a railway across Tisbury Parish in 1859 linking Salisbury and Gillingham. The line was connected to SWR's line to London and extended to Exeter in 1860. The station built at the south end of the village attracted commerce and industry southwards towards it.

Carved heads: You will notice these on a number of houses in Tisbury. These were carved circa 1900 by James Rixon, and are said to be portraits of local people.

2 THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART was built as a chapel of ease in 1898 and consecrated in 1934.

- **Trellis House** (currently the presbytery for the Church) opened as a cottage hospital in WW1 and cared for some 1,310 service patients during WW1.

3 THE WAR MEMORIAL After WW1 there was discussion as to whether or not a memorial was glorifying war, so no memorial was built at that time. The War Memorial in the market square was created in 1954.

4 THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST The Normans built a stone church on this site in the late 12th century, and of this, 4 piers, the arches of the tower and parts of the transepts remain. It is thought that an older Saxon church and monastery were also built in this location. The church consists of a central tower with transepts and a vestry on the south side, a chancel, an aisled and clerestoried nave, and north and west porches. The nave is circa 1450, in perpendicular style with a winged roof with winged angels. The stone altar, in the Lady Chapel, is the original medieval one, rediscovered 50 years ago and repositioned. The tower is in two stages; the lower is Norman and the upper replaces a spire that fell in 1762, having been struck by lightning. The church contains fine memorials to the Arundells of Wardour Castle, and in the graveyard, memorials to Rudyard Kipling's parents, who lived in Tisbury. To the right of the path leading to the north door is a stone in memory of local clockmaker, Thomas Osmund.

THE CIVIL PARISH OF TISBURY
INCLUDES THE HAMLETS OF
CHICKSGROVE & UPPER WARDOUR

5 THE OLD GLOVE FACTORY Between the Church and the Hinton Hall is an attractive range of two storey buildings formerly belonging to the church and known at various times as Vicar's Cottages, Church House, and The Rank. Originally 17th century stone-built alms houses, the upper story of red brick was added circa 1870 as additional classroom space for the village school. That space was used as a glove factory during WW2. Note the inscription: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua Chapter 24).

6 HINTON HALL To the west of the churchyard, the Hinton Hall was formerly the Tisbury National School, built in 1843 with two classrooms where children were taught to read. Lord Hinton, son of a former headmaster, bought the old school building in 1977 and presented it to the village for renovation and use for village activities.

7 CHURCH STREET is an attractive row of 17th century cottages (possibly with earlier elements.) Note also the former Crown Inn, which is recorded as functioning as an inn as early as the 1660s, though not under its more recent name. It has now been converted into apartments.

8 THE OLD BREWERY was built circa 1868 on the site of the original 18th century workhouse, the Tisbury Union, when a new workhouse was built on Monmouth Hill. The brewery was built by Archibald Beckett, who also carried out other improvements including construction of a new road through the village, the present day High Street.

- **The Benett Arms** was built in 1875 at the north end of the new High Street which by circa 1900 had been lined by houses.

9 THE FORMER INFANTS' SCHOOL was built in the 1870s and closed in 1974. Tisbury's current primary school in Weaveland Road was rebuilt and re-opened in 1973.

- **The Reading Room and Library** was built in 1913 and is now the offices of the Parish Council.

TISBURY IS WITHIN THE CRANBORNE
CHASE & WEST WILTSHIRE DOWNS AREA
OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

10 THE CHANTRY in Vicarage Road is of Georgian character but largely 17th century. Note vestiges of stone mullion window frames, cut out to retro-fit sash windows in the 18th century. The date on the sundial above the door is interesting given Tisbury's American connections (see back page.) 1781 is the year General Cornwallis surrendered British forces to Washington at Yorktown; effectively the year in which America won its independence.

- **Rose Cottage** is a small but clearly genteel early 19th century house with its 'Waterloo porch'.

- **Robin Cottage** is probably 16th century, originally a hall house.

11 GASTON MANOR (Formerly Gaston / Gasson Farm) A fine building with significant late medieval elements including a fine chimney piece of that period in the hall. This was, like Place Farm, in the possession of Shaftesbury Abbey until the Reformation. The iron gate (the Hebblethwaite Memorial Gate) in the garden wall commemorates the son of the then owners, killed whilst serving in the RAF in WW2.

12 THE METHODIST CHURCH The present Church was built in 1901 and has a worship area in the main church seating 120. A large hall adjoins the main church, and a vestry and kitchen are housed in an extension to the rear.

Weaveland Road turns left off the High Street to access the Nadder Centre and The Open-Air Swimming Pool. Stay on the High Street to access the Victoria Hall, the Boot Inn and the Quarry.

13 THE OPEN-AIR SWIMMING POOL Built in 1964 to combat the rise of water-borne infections in the river, the swimming pool remains a popular attraction during the summer months.

14 THE NADDER CENTRE Wiltshire Council's new Health and Well-Being Centre opened in 2016 and features sports halls, a fitness suite, Tisbury Pre-school, businesses units, the library, local Police and the History Society archives.



6. Hinton Hall



7. Church Street



8. Old Brewery



9. Old Infants' School



10. The Chantry



11. Gaston Manor



12. Methodist Church



13. Swimming Pool



5. Old Glove Factory



4. St John's



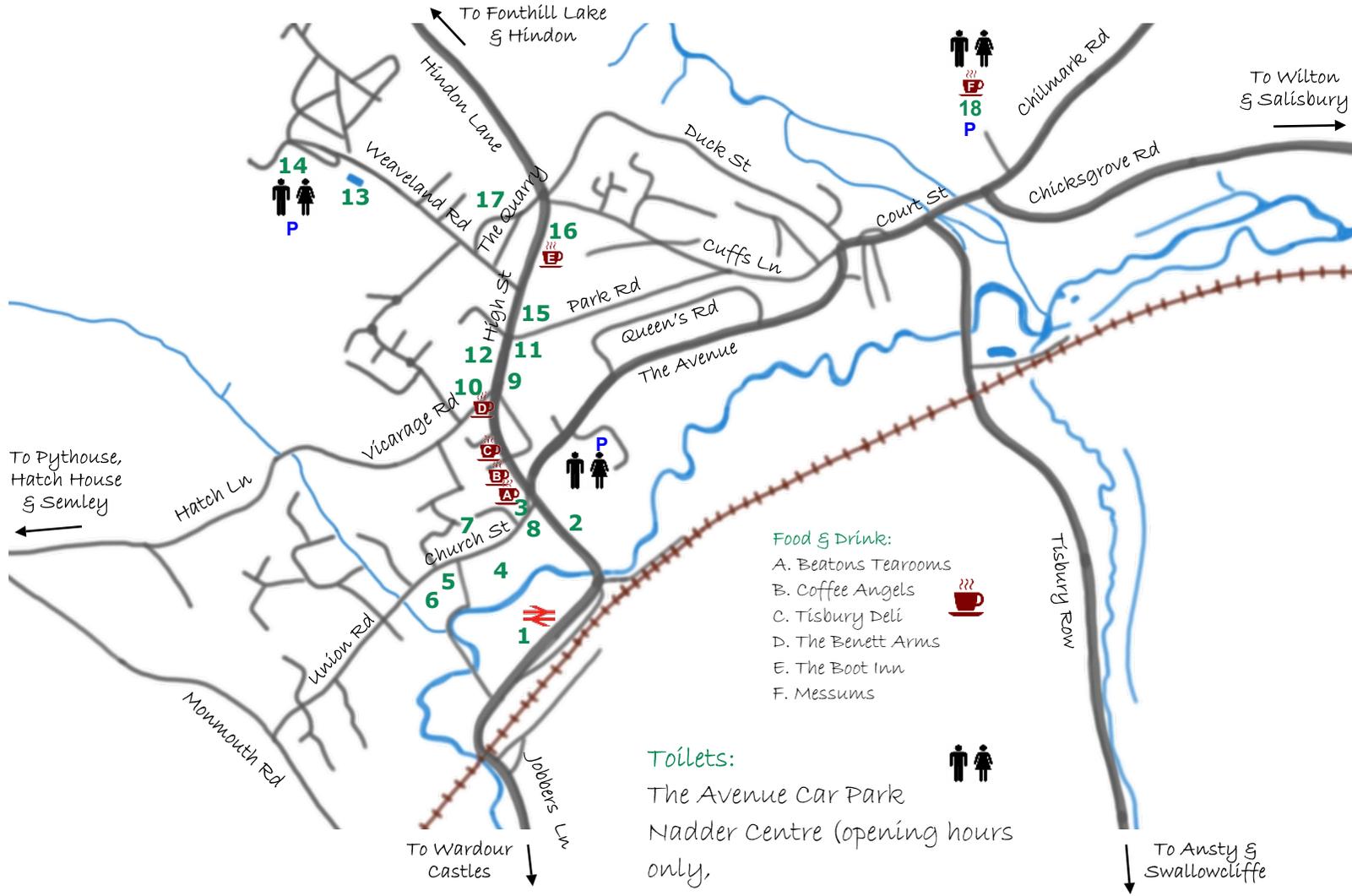
3. War Memorial



2. Sacred Heart



1. Tisbury Station



14. Nadder Centre



15. Victoria Hall



16. The Boot



17. The Quarry



18. Messums



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