

PARISH OF ANSTRUTHER EASTER.

THE PARISH of ANSTRUTHER EASTER is situated in the south eastern part of the County, and comprises merely the sea port town of Anstruther Easter, having no landward district attached to it. It is bounded on the south by the Firth of Forth, on the west by Anstruther Wester, from which it is separated by the Dreel Burn, on the north by the landward part of the parish of Kilrenny, and on the east by the fishing town of Cellardyke, also part of Kilrenny parish. The shore is rugged and rocky, and a small bay, with a safe and commodious harbour, washes the town. Previous to 1634, Anstruther Easter formed part of the parish of Kilrenny, but in that year it was formed into a separate parish, and got a Church of its own. The Manse is a curious building, built in 1590, by James Melville, nephew of the celebrated Andrew Melville, then minister of Kilrenny. The Parish Church, built in 1634, has a Spire, and was repaired in 1834, and contains upwards of 600 sittings. There is also a Free Church, a United Presbyterian Church, an Independent, and a Baptist Chapel.

The town of Anstruther Easter stands immediately between the towns of Anstruther Wester and Cellardyke, and the three appear as one narrow town, stretching along the shore. It was erected into a Royal Burgh by James VI., in 1583, and is governed under the recent Burgh Reform Act, by a provost, two bailies, a treasurer, and five councillors, and unites with St Andrews, Cupar, Crail, Kilrenny, Anstruther Wester, and Pittenweem, in returning one member to Parliament. From its contiguity to Cellardyke, Anstruther is one of the best fishing stations in Scotland, and fish curing is the staple trade of the district, upwards of 50,000 barrels of herrings being caught in 1860, all of which were either cured on the spot, or despatched by cart, rail, and steam boat, to inland towns. A large quantity of cod, ling, haddock, &c., are also brought into the harbour during the season, and are either salted or despatched in a fresh state to inland districts. The number of fishing boats are not only twice the size, but they are trebled in number during the last thirty years; and the want of harbour accommodation, especially during the herring fishing, has been severely felt for a series of years. To remedy that evil, the burghs of Anstruther and Cellardyke have united their efforts to obtain with Government assistance, a Union Harbour at a cost estimated at about £35,000, and which, with the present harbour, will give a space of 13½ acres, and will accommodate 500 fishing boats, and admit vessels of 500 tons at half flood : there will be seven feet of water at the east quay, at the lowest spring tide. The trade, in addition to fish curing, is chiefly of a domestic nature, but there is a considerable portion of business done in the export of grain, potatoes, &c. Several coasters belong to the port, and a steam boat plies three times a week to Leith, conveying grain, fish, &c., and returning with merchants' goods. The nearest railway station is at Kilconquhar, between which and Anstruther coaches run four times a day, and measures are in progress to extend the East of Fife Line, on to the union harbour at Anstruther. A weekly corn market is held on Saturday, but the annual fairs are now of no importance. Anstruther Easter is the birthplace of Dr. Chalmers, of European fame, and of Professor Tennant, the bard of Anster Fair, and other pieces of great poetic merit.

POST OFFICE, Anstruther Easter, David M. Dickson, Post Master: Mails for the west are despatched at 5.30 A.M. and 2 P. M., and arrive at 10 A. M. and 6.30 P. M. For Crail at 10. 30 A. M., returning at 1. 30 P. M.

BANKS.

CLYDESDALE BANK. John Smith, Writer, Agent

EASTERN BANK OF SCOTLAND. Philip Oliphant, Writer, Agent

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND. H. B. Mackintosh, Writer, Agent

SAVINGS' BANK. H. B. Mackintosh, Acturay. Open every Monday evening, from 7 to 8

BAKERS.

Adamson & Brother

Butters, George

Christie, Mrs D.

Spence, Mrs James

Tod, Mrs James

BLACKSMITHS.

Anderson, Alexander

Patterson, John

BOATBUILDERS.

Lawson, Andrew

Pottinger, Christopher

BOOKSELLERS & STATIONERS.

Those marked thus *are also Bookbinders.

* Gourlay, Andrew

Graham, Andrew

Russell, Lewis

BOOT & SHOEMAKERS,

Donaldson, David

Forrester, John

Horsburgh, George

Peebles, Durie

Smith, George

Tod, Philip

Young, William

CARRIERS.

To Colinsburgh, Leven, Kirkcaldy, Edinburgh, &c., Andrew King, Monday and Thursday,
returning on Wednesday and Saturday

To Colinsburgh, Leven, Kirkcaldy, &c., David Lindsay, Wednesday and Saturday

To Crail, Robert Taylor, every lawful day

To St Andrews, Alex. Webster, Thursday

To St Andrews and Dundee, Allan McIntyre Thursday and Saturday

CARTERS.

Elder, John

Haig, George

Henderson, George

Imrie, Robert

Laing, Robert

McRobbie, Alexander

Nelson, William

Wilson, John

CHINA MERCHANTS.

Fowler, David

Laing, Mrs

Mitchell, Mrs

CLERGY.

Brown, J. C., Baptist (Residence in Anstruther W.)

Gregory, A., Free Church

Smith, Gabriel, U. P. Church

Stewart, Hugh, Independent (Residence in Pittenweem)

Webster, John, Parish Church

COACHES & OTHER CONVEYANCES.

Coaches leave for Kilconquhar Railway Station at 5.30 and 9 A.M. and at 2 and 5.15 P.M. For St Andrews at 8 A. M. daily, Sundays excepted, For Crail at 10.30 A.M. daily, Sundays excepted.

Anstruther and Leith Steam Shipping Co.'s Steamer plies between Anstruther and Leith three times a week, John Adamson and James Brown, Agents

DRESSMAKERS.

Those marked thus * are also Milliners.

Davidson, Mrs (and Straw Bonnets)

Gellatly, Miss C.

Greig, Miss

*Grubb, Mrs

*Parker, Mrs D.

Ritchie, Miss Jemima

Taylor, Misses

Webster, Miss A.

DRAPERS.

Grieg, Robert

White & D Duncan

White, Thomas

DYERS' AGENTS.

Mitchell, Mrs, Agent for P. & R. Campbell, Perth

Sommers, Mrs, Agent for Pullar & Sons, Perth,

White & Duncan Agents for P. & R. Hay, Edinburgh

FARMERS.

Brown, James

Brown David, & Son

Gosman, Mrs David

Morris, James

Robertson, Andrew

FISHCURERS.

Addy, George

Bonthron, John

Cormack, Alexander

Forbes, Robert

Hepburn, John

Innes, Andrew

Ireland, Walter

Miller, William

Todd, Robert

Todd, John

FLESHERS.

Anderson, Mitchell

Anderson, James

Shelley, George, & Co.

GROCERS.

Those marked thus * are also spirit Dealers.

Beat, Mrs (& Toy Merchant)

*Brown, James

Dickson, David M.

*Foggo, Thomas (Wines.)

*Hay, David (Wines)

*Imrie John (Wines)

Mitchell, Mrs

*Morris, David (Wines)

*Robertson, Misses

HOTEL KEEPERS.

McAlpine James, Royal Hotel, Gigs, and Horses for Hire

Robertson, Andrew, Commercial Inn, Gigs, &c., and Horses for Hire

INSURANCE AGENTS.

Conollys & Jamieson, Writers, Scottish Union

Darsie, George, Tanner, City of Glasgow

Gourlay, A., Bookseller, Scottish Union

Greig, Robert, Merchant, do

Mackintosh, H. B., Banker, Norfolk Farmers' Cattle, do., Scottish National do., British
Guarantee Association

Oliphant, P., Banker, English and Scottish Law, do., Insurance Co. of Scotland

Reddie, James, Merchant, Northern

Smith, John, Writer, Life Association, do., Scottish Provincial

Smith & Cook, Writers, North British

IRONMONGERS.

Dalzell, John

Imrie, John

Reddie, James

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Those marked thus * are also Cabinet Makers.

*Brown, John

Bridie, Andrew

Lyall, Thomas

LAND LABOURERS.

Brown, John

Kidd, Alexander

Morton, William

Webster, Alexander

MASONS.

Balfour, James

Morris, J., (& Tile & Pavement Merchant)

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

Black, Thomas, Surgeon

McArthur, Alexander, M.D.

PAINTERS.

Lister, John

McGregor, John

McGuffie, John

SADDLERS,

Fortune, David

Foster, John, & Co.

SHIPMASTERS.

Fowler, Robert

Mathewson, Charles

Millar, David

Nicol, John

Waterston, Thomas

Watson, David

SLATERS.

Batchelor, John

Batchelor, Alex., Jun.

SAIL MAKERS.

Mitchell, David

Smith, Johnston

SOCIETIES & CLUBS.

Anstruther Temperance Society, William Young and David Donaldson, Secretaries

Anstruther and Kilrenny Subscription Library, Walter Ireland Sec., A. Graham, Librarian

Anstruther Reading Room G. B. White, Sec.

Burgesses and Traders' Poor Box Society, George Darsie, Treas.

East Neuk of Fife Horticultural Society, John T. Darsie, Sec.

Experience Investment Society of Edinburgh, (Building,) H. B. Mackintosh, Writer, Agent

Sea Box Society, D. S. Reid, Factor

SEEDSMEN.

Foggo, Thomas

Imrie, John

TINSMITHS, GASFITTERS, & PLUMBERS,

Dalzell, John

Reddie, James

TAILORS.

Those marked thus * are also Clothiers.

Davidson, John

Leslie, Andrew

Peebles, George

Robertson, John

* White, Alexander

*White, Thomas

TEACHERS SCHOOLS.

Buick, Misses, Free Church School

Greig, Alexander, Burgh School

Justice, David, Free Church School

VINTNERS.

Addy, George, Masons' Tavern (Wines)

Anderson, J. (Bottler)

Christie, Mrs, Christie's Tavern

Forrester, John, Salutation Inn

Miller, William

Vickery, George (Wines)

WRITERS.

Those Marked thus * are also Notaries.

* Conollys & Jamieson

Mackintosh H. B.

Oliphant, Philip Smith & Cook

WATCHMAKERS.

Christie, David

Lumsden, David

WRIGHTS, See Joiners.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Adamson, John, Manager, Gas Company

Brown, David & Son, Millers, (Corn and Flour)

Brown, John, Coal Merchant

Caithness, Miss J. R, Berlin Wool & Fancy Bazaar

Conolly, M. R, Town Clerk.

Darsie, Geo., Tanner, Currier, & Leather Merchant

Dickson, David M., Distributor of Stamps,

Forgan, Andrew, Confectioner

Fowler, David, Potatoe and Coal Merchant, (and agent)

Graham, Andrew, Barber & Hair Dresser

Greig, Alexander, Inspector of Poor

Harris, Richard, Excise Officer

Hay, Alexander, Town Officer

Howie, T., Agent, East of Fife Railway

Key, James, Brewer

Marshal, Francis, Custom House Officer

Mitchell, David, Rope Maker

Mackintosh, H. B., Clerk to Harbour Commissioners, and Honorary Agent for the Shipwrecked
Fishermen & Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society

Neaves, Chas., Plasterer

Paton, Frederick, Broker, and Dealer in Hardwares

Reiach, George, Officer, Fishery Board

Ross, Hugh, Candlemaker

Russell, Lewis, Printer and Publisher of East of Fife Record & Emigration Agent, White Star

Smith & Cook, Collectors of Poores' Rates

Sommers, Mrs Wm., Hosier

Thomson, George, Fish Merchant,

Todd, John, Cod Liver Oil Maker

Wood, William, Parish Beadle,

PARISH OF ANSTRUTHER WESTER.

ANSTRUTHER WESTER is a small Parish on the south east coast, and contains a Royal Burgh of the same name. It has a very irregular form, and contains about 600 acres of arable land, and about 9 or 10 acres of common, on which the burgesses have the privilege of pasture and casting turf. It is bounded on the south by the Firth of Forth, along which it extends for about half a mile, on the east by Anstruther Easter, from which burgh it is separated by the Dreele Burn, on the north by Carnbee and Kilrenny, and on the west by Pittenweem. The Parish Church appears, from the remains of a large choir, and the Gothic structure of the Steeple, to be a very ancient building, but it has often been repaired. There is no Dissenting Chapel or Subscription School in the parish.

The town of Anstruther Wester was erected into a Royal Burgh by James VI., in 1587, and managed their affairs by a Town Council, three bailies, and a treasurer; but in 1852, in consequence of some illegal proceedings at an election of council, the Court of Session declared the Burgh disfranchised and appointed three managers to conduct the affairs of the Burgh. The inhabitants of the landward part of the Parish are chiefly engaged in agriculture. The town is perhaps the smallest Royal Burgh in Scotland, and being only separated by a small burn from Anstruther Easter, and in reality forming, with that burgh, only one town, the employments of the population are similar to those of Anstruther Easter.

The Postal Arrangements are the same as those for Anstruther Easter, which see.

CARTERS.

Adam, George

Bisset, Robert

CHINA MERCHANTS.

McGregor, John

McGregor, Michael,

CLERGY.

Scott, Hew, Parish Church

Scott, Mr, East Coast Missionary

FARMERS.

Gilchrist, Andrew, Milton

Smith, James, West Grangemuir

Williamson, George, East Grangemuir

GROCERS & SPIRIT DEALERS.

Darsie, John (Wines)

Bell, Mrs

Lees, Miss Margaret

GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.

Conolly, M. F., Esq., Town Clerk

Douglas, Hon. Lady Wm., Grangemuir

Forbes, George, Retired Fish Officer

Ferguson, John, do

Lees, Alexander

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Those marked thus * are also Cabinet Makers.

Adam, William

Budge, James

* Dishington, George

Malcolm, Robert

TAILORS.

Henderson, James

McKitchen, Thomas

VINTNERS.

Birrell, Mrs

Smith, Mrs Margaret,

WRIGHTS, See Joiners.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Batchelor, Alex., Lodging House Keeper

Bell, Robert, Boot & Shoemaker

Bell, James, Potatoe Merchant

Bridie, Colin, Blacksmith

Bridie, James, Land Labourer

Buick, Misses, Teachers, Free Church (School House in Anstruther Easter)

Clark, Miss Janet, Dressmaker & Milliner

Darsie, John, Fishcurer (Shed in Anstruther Easter)

Dougal, John, Parochial Teacher

Gardner, John, Miller, Milton Mill

Gulland, Archibald, Bookbinder

Henderson, James, Salmon Fisher

Keay, John, Shipmaster

Taylor, Robert, Flesher