



Post Office Directory Extract 1875



Ashley

Ashley is a small village and parish, on the northern border adjoining Gloucestershire, within the parliamentary borough of Cricklade, in the Northern division of the county, Malmesbury hundred and county court district, Tetbury union, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Malmesbury north, 4 miles south-west from Tetbury road junction, 6 north-by-west from Malmesbury, and about 3 north-east from Tetbury.

The church of St. James is a small ancient Norman structure, consisting of a chancel, nave, porch, and a square tower containing 3 bells, and contains some ancient memorials to the Georges family, and has several stained windows. The register dates from 1658. The living is a rectory, yearly value £220, with residence, in the gift of the Duchy of Lancaster, and held by the Rev. Edmund Baskerville Mynors, M.A., of Balliol College Oxford.

Here is a small school for boys and girls; there are also almshouses.

The Right Hon. T H S Sotheron- Estcourt is lord of the manor and sole landowner.

The soil is various. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots. The area is 916 acres; gross estimated rental, £1,212; rateable value, £1,105; and the population in 1871 was 107.

PARISH CLERK, David Truss.

LETTERS through Tetbury, which is the nearest money order office. Pillar box cleared at 9.45 a.m. & 5.45 p.m. week days only.

SCHOOL, Miss Ann Jane Chilvers, mistress.

Gentry & Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Fry	William		Carpenter	
Mynors	Edmund Baskerville	Rev., M.A.	Rector	
Taylor	Richard		Farmer	
Truss	John		Shopkeeper	
White	Thomas		Farmer	