



Kellys Directory Extract 1889

Froxfield



FROXFIELD is a straggling parish, situated on the Bath road and the Berkshire border, 2¾ miles west-by-south from Hungerford station, and 7 east from Marlborough, in the eastern division of the county, hundred of Kinwardstone, petty sessional division of Marlborough and Ramsbury, Hungerford union and county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury; the Kennet and Avon canal passes through here. The church of All Saints, standing on an eminence west of the village, is a brick building, in the Early English style, consisting of a chancel with low tile roof and wooden belfry and 2 bells: there are 150 sittings. The register dates from the year 1519. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value, £250, with residence, net £245, in the gift of the Dean and Canons of Windsor, and held since 1880 by the Rev. Robert Canning Stiles, M.A. of Brasenose College, Oxford, who is also the officiating minister at the Somerset Hospital here. The principal landowners are the Marquess of Ailesbury J.P., D. L. who is lord of the manor, and Francis William Leyborne-Popham esq. of Littlecote, Ramsbury. The soil is gravel; subsoil, flinty. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats; the area is 2,214 acres; rateable value, £3,382; the population in 1881 was 436.

HUGHDITCH, 1½ miles north-west, **OAKHILL**, ¾ south-east, and **RUDGE**, 1 west, are tithings of Froxfield.

Parish Clerk, John Humphreys.

SOMERSET HOSPITAL (ALMSHOUSES).

Froxfield is most notable for the Almshouses, or Somerset Hospital, founded in 1686 by Sarah, Duchess Dowager of Somerset, who bequeathed landed & other property for its erection & for the maintenance of 30 widows; 20 apartments were added to the building in 1773, & the revenues, having since increased, enable the trustees to afford asylum, with an allowance of £36 each yearly, to 50 widows: the building is an oblong quadrangle, with a small chapel within it, erected by Thomas, the late Earl of Ailesbury, the minister of which has an annual stipend of £70: 30 widows of laymen & 20 widows of clergymen, from different parts of England, within 150 miles of London, are eligible to this charity: the trustees, 12 in number, who are chosen from the nobility & gentry of the county, nominate the steward & chaplain of the establishment.

Lay Widows. - The Trustees will present as vacancies occur, according to the rotation in list (A). Wilts, Berks & Somerset, 5; London & Westminster, 5; counties at large, any place within 150 miles of London, except Wilts, Berks & Somerset, 10; & according to the rotation in list (B). Manors of Froxfield, Huish & Shaw, Broad-Town, Wootton Rivers & Thornhill, in Wilts, 10 ; total lay widows 30

Clergy Widows. - The Trustees will present according to the list (B). Wilts, Berks & Somerset, 10; London & Westminster, 5; counties at large (see above, 5);

total clergy widows 20

Total number of widows 50

Widows eligible for nominations must be such as shall be settled in some parish within the district from whence they are to be selected : or

Whose last place of residence shall have usually been within such district for the space of forty days previous to the vacancy.

As the trustees present in rotation, application to them individually is the only mode of obtaining a nomination.

LIST (A). Lay.- H. N. Goddard esq. Clyffe manor, Wootton Bassett; Col. William Honeywood, 52 Warwick square, London s w; A. L. Goddard esq. The Lawn, Swindon ; Marquess of Lansdowne, Bowood, Calne; Rt. Hon. Lord Charles William Brudenell-Bruce P.C. 77 Pall Mall, London s w; Major Walker-Heneage V.C. Compton Basset, Calne; G. T. J. Sotheron-Estcourt esq. Estcourt, Tetbury; Rt. Hon. Edward Pleydell-Bouverie P.C. Manor house, Market Lavington; Col. Sir Francis Burdett bart. Ramsbury manor; Lord H. Brudenell-Bruce M.P. 36 Eaton place, London s w; Francis William Leyborne-Popham esq. Littlecote; Fitzroy P. Goddard esq. The Lawn, Swindon.

LIST (B). Clergy & Manor. - H. N. Goddard esq.; Lieut.-Col. Lord Henry Augustus Brudenell-Bruce M.P. 36 Eaton place, London s w ; Col. William Honeywood ; A. L. Goddard esq.; Marquess of Lansdowne; H. Calley esq.; Rt. Hon. Lord Charles William Brudenell-Bruce P.C.; Major Walker-Heneage V.C.; G. T. J. Sotheron-Estcourt esq.; The Rt. Hon. E. Pleydell-Bouverie; Col. Sir Francis Burdett bart.; F. W. Leyborne-Popham esq.; F. P. Goddard esq.

Chaplain, Rev. Richard Wailer Dartnell, B.A., Huish

Officiating Minister, Rev. Robt. Canning Stiles, M.A., Froxfield

Medical Officer, J. B. Maurice, esq., M.D., Marlborough

Steward, E. B. Merriman, Marlborough.

POST OFFICE. - William Naish, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive by foot post from Hungerford, the nearest money order & telegraph office, at 7 a.m. & dispatched at 6.15 p.m. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid.

WALL Box, outside Hospital, cleared 9.30 a m. & 6.20 p.m.; Sundays 12.5 p.m.

Parochial School (mixed), rebuilt in 1885, for 60 children; average attendance, 45; Miss Caroline Cotton, mistress

CARRIER, between Hungerford & Marlbro', passes Tues. & Sat.

CARRIER to Hungerford, mon. wed. fri & Sat. C. Holmes.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bleek	William	Mrs.		
Redman	John			
Savage		Mrs.		
Shier	Isaac			Rudge
Stiles	Robert Canning	Rev., M.A	Vicar	

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Beard	Edward Howard		Publican	Pelican Public House
Chamberlain	William		Farmer	Rudge
Gooding	Richard		Carpenter	
Holmes	Charles		Carrier	
Holmes	Edward		Bricklayer	
Humphries	John		Blacksmith & Parish Clerk	
Lewis	Alfred William		Farmer	Rudge
Naish	William		Bricklayer & Baker	Post Office
Pinzon	John		Farmer	Rudge
Redman	John		Farmer	Manor
Ritchens	Leonard		Farmer	Oakhill

Savage	Samuel		Grocer & Draper	
West	Ellen	Mrs.		School
Wise	Edmund		Saddler & Harness Maker	
Withers	Charles		Shoe Maker	