



# Kelly's Directory Extract 1915



## FROXFIELD

**FROXFIELD** is a straggling parish on the Bath road and the Berkshire border 2.75 west by south from Marlborough, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Kinwardstone, petty sessional division of Marlborough & Hungerford, Hungerford union and county court district, and in Malmesbury rural deanery of Marlborough, (Marlborough portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury: the Kennet & Avon canal passes through here. The church of All Saints, standing on an eminence west of the village, is a building of flint, dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> century, consisting of a chancel with low tile roof and wooden belfry and 2 bells: there are 130 sittings. The register dates from the year 1562. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £238, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Canon of Windsor, and held since 1909 by the Rev Willie Gulliford BA of London University, and L.Th. of Durham University. The principal landowners are the trustees of the Somerset Hospital, who are lords of the manor, and Hugh Francis A Leyborne-Popham esq, MA, JP. The soil is gravel, sub-soil flinty. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 2292 acres; rateable £2049; the population in 1911 was 288.

Hughditch, 1.5 miles north-west, Oakhill 0.75 miles south-east, and Rudge, 1 mile north-west are tithings of Froxfield.

Sexton: Charles Naish

Post Office: Mrs William Naish, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive by cycle post from Hungerford, the nearest money order and telegraph office, at 7.10am and 2.35pm, and dispatched at 11.45am & 6.25pm. Sunday delivery at 7.40am and dispatch at 11.50am. Wall Letter Boxes: outside Hospital; cleared at 11.55am & 6.35pm; Sundays, 12noon; and Harrow Farm, cleared at 7.20am & 5.25pm; Sundays. 8am.

Elementary School (mixed & infants), erected in 1910 for 74 children; Miss Catherine Holmes, mistress.

Carrier: between Hungerford & Marlborough, passes Tues & Sat

Carrier to Hungerford, wed, Harry Naish

Police Constable: Charles Hicks

Somerset Hospital (Almshouses): these were founded in 1686 by Sarah Duchess Dowager for the maintenance of 30 widows: 20 apartments were added to the building in 1773, but only 16 widows, with an allowance of £26 each annually, are now afforded asylum: the building is an oblong quadrangle, with a small chapel, erected by Thomas, Earl of Ainsbury, and has a permanent chaplain with an annual stipend of £50: 30 widows of laymen and 20 widows of clergymen, from different parts of England, within 150 miles of London, are eligible to this charity: the trustees, 10 in number, who are chosen from the nobility and gentry of the county, nominate the steward & chaplain of the establishment.

**Lay Widows:** the Trustees will present, as vacancies occur, from the counties of Wilts, Berks, & Somerset, 5, London & Westminster 5; counties at large, any place within 150 miles of London, except Wilts, Berks and Somerset, 10; and likewise from the manors of Froxfield, Huish & Shaw, Broad Town, Wootton Rivers & Thornhill in Wilts, 10: total lay widows, 30

**Clergy Widows:-** the Trustees will present from the counties of Wilts, Berks & Somerset, 10: London & Westminster, 5: counties at large (see previous) 5: total clergy widows: 20, making a total of 50.

**Chaplain:** Rev W Gulliford BA, vicar of Froxfield

**Medical Officer:** W B Maurice, MRCS Eng, LRCP, Lord Lluran House, Marlborough.

**Steward:** Llewelyn Gwilliam, Silverless St, Marlborough.

**Porter:** Charles George Hatter

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
<b>PRIVATE RESIDENTS</b>				
Beeck		Misses		Rectory House
Frogley		Miss		Rudge Manor House
Gulliford	Willie	BA, Rev.	Vicar	Vicarage
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
Beard	Elizabeth	Mrs.		Pelican Public House
Beard	Howard		Builder	
Beard	Sydney Frederick		Cartage Contractor	
Goddard	Abel William		Farmer	Manor Farm
Holmes	Charles		Builder	
Lawrance	Walter		Farmer	Rudge
Naish	Charles		Sexton, bricklayer & baker	Post Office
Naish	Harry		Carpenter	
New	Harry		Farmer	Oakhill
Oakes		Bros.	Blacksmiths	
Savage	Henry		Grocer & Draper	
Wise	Edward		Saddler & harness maker	