



Kellys Directory Extract 1867



Ludgershall

LUDGERSHALL is a straggling village, in the Southern division of the county, Hundred of Amesbury, Andover union and county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Amesbury, situated in a hollow, bounded on the south west by an extensive open country, and contiguous to the borders of Chute forest, distant 15 miles south east from Marlborough, 20 from Devizes, 17 from Salisbury, 7 from Andover station, and 63 from London. It was formerly a market town of considerable importance, and ancient parliamentary borough, but now consists only of a few houses; and a few vestiges of an ancient castle, once the residence of royalty, are still to be traced. The annual fair, held July 25th is almost obsolete. The church of St. James is an ancient structure, with low square tower and 5 bells: the upper part of the tower is brick built and each corner is surmounted by a pinnacle: the roof, formerly a flat lead one, has been removed, and one of slate has been substituted: the interior has been repewed, and near the south porch is a niche containing two effigies in a recumbent position, with a costly monument of stone, supposed to belong to the Buckingham family; it is surmounted by a coat of arms, and interspersed with various designs in ancient carving; this magnificent tomb has recently been restored. The register dates from 1640. The living is a rectory, in the patronage of Jason Smith, Esq., tithe commuted at £427, and held by the Rev. John Pannel, M.A. of St. Mary's Hall, Oxford. There is a National School, held in lofty and capacious room, built by the Messrs. Everett in 1856, in memory of their sister. The Baptists and Primitive Methodists have places of worship here. Biddesden House, a neat mansion, with park and gardens, the seat of Henry Everett, Esq., is situated a mile and a half east of the village; it was built by General Webb, who served under the famous Duke of Marlborough; it was also for some time the residence of the Duke of Chandos. On the summit of Chidbury Hill, is a large space of ground in the complete form of a heart, surrounded by tumuli. William H. Maund, Esq., (who is lord of the manor), and Henry Everett, Esq., are chief landowners. The soil is very light, subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and turnips. The population in 1861 was 595 and the acreage 1,773.

Parish Clerk: David Hunt

POST AND MONEY ORDER OFFICE, and Post Office savings Bank - William Higgins, receiver. Letters arrive by foot post from Andover at 9 a.m.; dispatched at 5.30 p.m.

INSURANCE AGENTS:

Hailstorm - William Higgins.

Liverpool & London & Globe Fire & Life - William Henry Sparks

Norwich Union Fire & Life - William Higgins

Inland Revenue - Nathaniel Maclean, officer

National School - Miss Ann Lush, Mistress

CARRIERS TO:-

Andover - Hopgood, Friday; William Beams, Friday

Salisbury, William Beams, Tuesday

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Awdry	William Henry	Rev., M. A.	Curate	
Everett	Henry	Esq.		
Selfe		Mrs.		

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Baiden	John		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Beams	William		Carrier	

Berry	Isaac		Farmer	
Crook	Evi		Farmer	
Crouch	Charles		Blacksmith	
Hamman	Richard		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Higgins	William		Post Office Savings Bank Receiver	
Hunt	David		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Hunt	William		Miller	
Hutchins	William		Butcher	
Lovelock	William		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Lush	Ann	Miss	Schoolmistress	
Macleane	Nathaniel		Inland Revenue Officer	
Meaby	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
Norris	Henry		Publican, Brewer & Maltster	Crown Inn
Piper	William		Publican	Queen's Head
Purdue	Joseph		Bricklayer	
Sparks	William Henry		Baker, Grocer & Draper	
Steele	Thomas		Farmer	Biddesden Farm
Weeks	Stephen		Plumber & Painter	
Weeks	Stephen		Publican, Brewer & Licensed to Let Horses	Prince of Wales Inn
Williams	Evan		Farmer	