



Kellys Directory Extract 1889



Ludgershall

LUDGERSHALL is a parish and village, situated in a hollow, bounded on the south west by an extensive open country and contiguous to the borders of Chute Forest, the Hampshire boundary and Collingbourne woods, with a station on the Midland and South Western Junction railway, 7 miles north west from Andover, 17 miles north east from Salisbury and 73 from London, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Amesbury, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, Pewsey union, Andover county court district, Amesbury rural deanery and Salisbury archdeaconry and diocese. This was formerly a market town of considerable importance and an ancient parliamentary borough, now disfranchised, and now consists of only of a few houses. The annual fair, held July 25, is almost obsolete. There is a curious old cross in the village. The church of St James is an ancient structure of flint and stone, having chancel, nave, south porch and embattled western square tower, with four pinnacles, containing 5 bells, clock and transept. The tower was raised in 1871 in memory of Richard Thomas Everett, by his widow, Mrs Everett, of Rambridge Cottage. The chancel, in the Early English style, was restored in 1873 and the nave re-seated in 1874; Mr Pearson, architect. There are some Norman windows and doorways. Near the south porch is a niche containing two effigies in a recumbent position, with a costly monument of stone, erected in 1558 to the memory of Sir Richard and Lady Brydges, ancestors of the Dukes of Chandos. In the east window are the arms of Chichley, Archbishop of Canterbury; it is surmounted by a coat of arms and interspersed with various designs in ancient carving; this magnificent tomb has been restored. There are 300 sittings, 240 for adults and 60 for children. The registers date from the year 1609 and are in Latin till the year 1620. The living is a rectory, in the gift of the trustees of F Awdry, esq., and others, tithes commuted at £427 and held since 1872 by the Rev William Henry Awdry M.A. of Exeter College, Oxford, J.P. The Baptists have a place of worship here. A fair is held here on July 25. £27 10s from Henry Smith's charity and £6 from Everett's charity are distributed yearly. Blake's charity £1 5s yearly. On the summit of Sidbury Hill is a large space of ground in the complete form of a heart, surrounded by tumuli. There are some remains of a castle, built soon after the Norman Conquest in which the Empress Maud took refuge in her flight from Stephen; it afterwards became the property of the Brydges family. In the village are some remains of the ancient market cross. Biddesden House, with park and gardens, the seat of Henry Everett esq., J.P. is situated a mile and 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. Nathaniel Young 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 area is 1,773 acres, rateable value £1,768. The population in 1881 was 491.

Parish Clerk: William Crouch

Post & M.O.O., S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office: Thomas Meaby, Receiver.

Letters arrive by foot post from Andover at 7.40 a.m.; dispatched at 5.20 p.m. Telegraph office at Collingbourne Ducis railway station.

Insurance Agent - Norwich Union Fire: T. Meaby

National School (mixed), held in a lofty and capacious room, built by the Messrs Everett in 1856, in memory of their sister, for 100 children, average attendance 92. Mrs. Blanche Crouch, Mistress

Carrier: George Beams to Andover Friday and to Salisbury Tuesday

Railway Station: Samuel Lock, Stationmaster

Gentry/Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|---------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Awdry | William Henry | Rev., M.A., J.P. | Rector | |

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| Carpenter | John | | | |
| Dowse | James Alexander | | | |
| Everett | Henry | J.P. | | Biddesden House |
| Matthews | Mrs | | | |
| Mower | Robert | Rev. | Baptist Minister | |
| Selfe | | Miss | | |
| Williamson | Herbert Holdrich | | | |
| Young | Nathaniel | | | Castle Manor Farm |

Traders

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|------------|------------------|-----------|---|-------------------------------|
| Annetts | James | | Grocer & Baker | |
| Baiden | Robert | | Boot & Shoemaker | |
| Beams | George | | Coal Dealer & Carrier | |
| Berry | Henry Norris | | Farmer, Brewer, Maltster & Hop Merchant | |
| Blackmore | Alfred | | Butcher | |
| Blackmore | F. | Mrs | Lodging & Boarding House | |
| Blackmore | George | | Tailor | |
| Brackstone | William | | Marine Store Dealer | |
| Brangwin | John Curtis | | Coal Dealer & grocer | |
| Crouch | Blanche | Mrs. | School Mistress | |
| Crouch | Charles | | Blacksmith | |
| Crouch | William | | Parish Clerk | |
| Dudman | Caleb | | Sawyer | |
| Hutchins | William | | Cattle Dealer | |
| Lock | Samuel | | Stationmaster | |
| Lovelock | William | | Baker | |
| Meaby | Thomas | | Grocer, Baker, Draper, & Post Office | |
| Mead | Herbert | | Wheelwright | |
| Norris | Henry | | Brewer & Maltster | Crown Inn |
| Norris | Tom John | | Publican | Queen's Head |
| Piper | John | | Farmer | Biddesden Farm |
| Piper | William | | Farmer | Biddesden Farm |
| Purdue | Joseph | | Bricklayer | |
| Scott | Joseph | | Inland Revenue Officer | |
| Turner | Thomas | | Wood Dealer | |
| Weeks | Martha | | Publican & Posting House | Prince of Wales & Railway Inn |
| Westlake | Ebenezer | | Draper & Grocer | |
| Williamson | Herbert Holdrich | MRCS Eng. | Surgeon & Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator for the Pewsey Union | |