



Kellys Directory Extract 1898

Ramsbury



Ramsbury is a parish and village, formerly a market town, pleasantly situated on the banks of the river Kennet, 5 miles north – west from Hungerford station on the Newbury and Devizes section of the Great Western railway, and 6 north-east from Marlborough, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Ramsbury, petty sessional division of Marlborough and Ramsbury, union and county court district of Hungerford, rural deanery of Marlborough (Marlborough portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The houses are situated principally in one long street. The church of the Holy Cross is an old stone building in the Norman and Early English styles, consisting of chancel with the 'Darell' chapel nave of four bays, and clerestory added, probably about the year 1500, aisles, south porch, with square tower, embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing 6 bells: the monuments include one to Sir William Jones, attorney – general temp Charles II.; in the chancel in front of the communion table is a tomb to William de St John, with an inscription in Norman French, and there is a stone slab to Sir William de St. John, with the date 1322: in the Darell chapel is a tomb of Purbeck marble, assigned to William Darell, sub treasurer of England and sheriff of Wilts, *temp* Richard II.: another tomb is probably that of Sir George Darell, of Littlecote, son of the above: the church was thoroughly restored in 1897-8, and affords 350 sittings. The register dates from 1678. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £498, including 66 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and held since 1892 by the Rev. Weston Brocklesby Davis M.A. of St John's College, Cambridge, and surrogate, Here are Congregational, Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist chapels, and barracks of the Salvation Army. Tanning, malting, and brewing are carried on here. Cattle fairs are held here on May 14th and October 16th. Ramsbury Manor House, the seat of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., J.P. stands in a park of 100 acres, through which the river Kennet flows, expanding into a broad sheet; bounded on the south – east by extensive fir plantations: the original house was at one time the seat of the Bishops of Salisbury, but was exchanged with one of the Earls of Pembroke; that house was taken down some time before 1672, and the present building erected from the designs of Webb, an architect of that period. Littlecote Park is occupied by Vernon James Watney Esq.; the mansion is a fine specimen of a Tudor manor house, standing in a park, through which the Kennet flows; it was originally built by and was the seat of the Darell family; there is a fine collection of armour and of weapons. Crowood House, is the residence of Percy Macquoid Esq.; The Cedars, of Alfred Ernest Oakes Esq, and the Rookery, of Francis Cunninghame Esq. The chief landowners are Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., who is the lord of the manor, Francis William Leyborne-Popham Esq. of Hunstrete House, Pensford, Somerset, Charles Seymour, Francis C Batson and Thomas White Waldron Esqrs. of Eastridge. The soil is clay; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and roots. The area is 9,742 acres; rateable value, £8,895: and the population of the entire parish in 1891 was 2,164. **Axford**, 3 miles south – west; **Eastridge** 2 miles north – east; **Ramsbury** Town; **Whittonditch**, 1 mile north – east, are tithings. At **Axford** there is a chapel of ease. d.

Parish Clerk, Joseph Franklin.

Post, M.O. & T.O., T.M.O., S.B., Express Delivery, Parcel Post & Annuity & Insurance Office – Miss Annie Pinniger, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive by mail cart from Hungerford, delivered at 7 a.m.; also at 3.15 p.m.; box closes at 10.15 a.m. & 6.55 p.m. Telegraph business 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays 8 to 10 a.m. only. Money order business 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Letters for Axford through Marlborough. Wall Letter Box at Stone Lane, Axford, cleared at 7 p.m. on week days & 8 a.m. on Sundays.

Public Officers :-

Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, 3rd district, Hungerford, James Wilkie Burman M.D.

Assistant Overseer & Collector of Taxes, Joseph Franklin

Superintendent Registrar for Hungerford District, William Jas Phelps; deputy superintendent, Wm A. Ayers

Schools :-

A School Board of 5 members was established 16th September, 1872, who meet at the schoolhouse first Tuesday in the month at 7 p.m., the district comprising the entire parish; schools have been built, together with masters' & mistresses' residences, at a cost of about £4,000; William James Phelps, clerk to the board; Edwin Rosier, attendance officer.

Board (boys), Ramsbury, built in 1874, for 150 children; average attendance 96; Thomas Orchard, master.

Board (mixed), Axford, built in 1874, for 75 children; average attendance 43; Thomas Jenkins, master

Board (infants), built in 1874, for 120 children; average attendance 91; Miss Annie Woolford, mistress.

National (girls), built in 1865, for 120 children: average attendance 90; Miss Annie Edwards, mistress.

Carriers :-

Day, to Swindon, mon.

Denton, to & from Newbury, Thurs; to Marlborough, Sat.

Chamberlain, to Hungerford railway station, daily.

Talmage, to Marlborough, Tues, Thurs & Sat.

Lewington, to Newbury, Thurs; to Marlborough; Sat.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Occupation	Place/Parish
Anthony	Thomas	Rev		Congregational Chapel
Ashley	John			
Ayers	William Alfred			Westfield Villa
Batson	Francis Cunninghame			The Rookery
Breiger		Mrs		
Burdett	Francis	Sir, J.P.		Ramsbury Manor
Burman	James Wilkie			
Davis	Weston Brocklesby	Rev., M.A.	Vicar & Surrogate	Vicarage
Edwards		Mrs		
Farr	Arthur			Harbrook
Giles		Mrs		
Harrison		Mrs		
Lambert	Richard Anderson	B.A., M.D.	Surgeon	
Lee	John			
Macquoid	Percy			Crowood
Meyrick		Mrs		
Meyrick	Maurice	Mrs		The Limes
Nicholls		Miss		Preston
Oakes	Alfred Ernest			The Cedars
Phelps	William James			
Piper		Mrs		
Smith	Edward Johnson			Riverside
Symonds	E	Rev, A.K.C.L.	Curate	
Tomlin		Mrs		
Waldron	James			Marriage Hill
Waldron		Mrs		Hilldrope
Waldron	Thomas White			Eastridge
Watney	Vernon J			Littlecote Park
Watts	Henry			Whittonditch

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Trade/Occupation	Place/Parish
Alexander	Edward		Tailor	
Alexander	Elisha		Woodman	
Angell	John		Pork Butcher	
Atherton	Herbert		Farmer	Whittonditch
Atherton	Thomas George		Farmer & Steward to Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.	Manor Farm
Ayers	William Alfred		Accountant, Deputy Superintendent Registrar, Secretary to the Ramsbury Building Society & Insurance Agent	Ramsbury Building Society, High Street
Bastin	Albert		Carpenter, Builder, Wheelwright & Undertaker	
Brooke	Henry		Plumber	
Bull	Samuel		Chimney Sweep	
Burman	James Wilkie		M.D. L.R.C.S. Edin., D.P.H. Surgeon, & Public Vaccinator, 3 rd District, Hungerford Union	
Chamberlaine	Alfred Arthur		Corn & Seed Merchant	
Chamberlain	Harry R		Farmer	Ambrose Farm
Chamberlain	Richard		Carrier	
Cook	Thomas		Hotelier	Bell Hotel
Couzens	Ellen Edith	Miss	Stationer	
Cox	Henry		Police Sergeant	
Day	Charles		Carrier	
Denton	William		Carrier	
Drew	William		Farm Bailiff to T.W. Waldron Esq	Whittonditch
Eatwell	Thomas		Carpenter	
Fox	William		Fishmonger	
Franklin	Joseph		Farmer & Assistant Overseer & Collector of Taxes	
Franklin	Joseph		Butcher	
Giles	William Alfred		Hotelier	Windsor Castle Hotel, Commercial and Posting House
Hacker	John		Furniture Dealer	
Hacker	Joseph		Carpenter	
Harris	James		Farmer	Witcha
Harrison	Jnr		Linen Draper & Outfitter	
Hedges	Joseph		Publican	Burdett Arms P.H.
Hellard	Henry		Farmers	Membury Farm
Hellard	Walter		Farmers	Membury Farm
Hewer	Thomas		Farmer	Knighton Farm
Hill Brothers			Grocers	
Hobbs	Thomas		Shoe Maker & Leather Cutter	
Hobbs	Thomas		Insurance Agent	
Hurst	George		General Dealer	
Jones	Charles G		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Jones	Jabez		Provisions Dealer	
Jones	Major William		Grocer & Baker	
Kimber	Francis		Shopkeeper	

Lambert	Richard Anderson	B.A., M.D., L.R.C.S. Edin.	Surgeon	
Lawrence	Joseph		Builder	
Lock	William		Innkeeper	Halfway Inn
Maisey	Robert		Watercress Grower & Basket Maker	
Martin	John		Bricklayer	
Matthews	Lucias William		Draper	
Moon	Jane	Miss	Baker & Grocer	
Moon	Robert		Miller (Water)	
Oakes	Charles		Blacksmith	Whittonditch
Orchard	Frederick		Wood Dealer	Brick Hill
Osmond	Stephen Thomas		Engineer, Brass & Iron Founder & Agricultural Implement Manufacturer	Newtown
Phelps	William Jas		Solicitor & Superintendent Registrar for Hungerford District, & Clerk to The School Board	
Pike	Charles		Gamekeeper to P. Macquiod Esq	
Pike	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
Pike	William		Farmer & Shopkeeper	Whittonditch
Pinniger	Annie	Miss	Stationer	Post Office
Pinniger	Joseph		Sanitary Inspector to Hungerford Rural District Council	
Piper	James John		Plumber, Glazier, Painter & Paperhanger	High Street
Pope	Edwin William		Blacksmith	
Pullen	Thomas		Grocer	
Pye	Walter George		Publican	Bleeding Horse P.H.
Rosier	Jabez		Farmer	Pentico
Rosier	John		Shopkeeper	
Rumball	Ernest		Butcher	
Sheppard	Edwin		Baker	
Smith	Charlotte	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Smith	John		Tailor	
Talmage	Jesse		General Dealer	
Talmage	Tobias		Carrier	
Tucker	William		Publican	Malt Shovel P.H.
Vokins	William		Baker	
Waldron	Frances	Mrs	Farmer	Hilldrop
Waldron	James		Farmer & Land Owner	Marridge Hill
Waldron	Thomas White		Farmer & Land Owner	Eastridge
Ward	William Wilkins		Baker	
Watts	William		Blacksmith	
Willmot	Samuel		Oil Dealer	
Willshire	William		Wheelwright	
Wilson	Henry		Farmer	
Winchcombe	George	Mrs	Publican	Crown & Anchor P.H.
Woolford	John		Wood Dealer	
Woolford	Thomas		Beer Retailer	
Wren	George		Saddler & Ironmonger	

Axford

Berryman	William		Farmer	
Cannings	Thomas		Baker & Grocer	
Cope	Robert		Wood Dealer	
Payne	Mark		Blacksmith	
Spackman	Edward	Mrs	Farmer	
Sturt	Henry J		Publican	Red Lion P.H.
Watts	Henry		Carpenter	
Watts	John		Wood Dealer	
Wilson	Henry		Farmer	
Wootton	George		Wood Dealer	