



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Ramsbury



RAMSBURY is a parish and village, formerly a market town, and is 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 Hungerford, county court district of Hungerford, Hungerford union, 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 ancient building of stone in the Early English style, consisting of chancel with "Darell" or "Lady" chapel, nave of four bays, with clerestory, aisles, south porch, and an 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 also a stone slab 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 450 sittings. The register dates from the year 1678. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £394, including 66 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of WLA Bartlett-Burdett-Coutts esq. MP and held since 1908 by the Rev William Alexander White MA of Trinity College, Dublin. Here is a Congregational chapel, erected in 1837, with 130 sittings, also Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist chapels, and barracks for the Salvation Army. Cattle fairs are held here on may 14th and October 16th. Ramsbury Manor House, now the residence of Ernest S Wills esq. JP stands in a park of 250 acres, through which the river Kennet flows, expanding into a broad sheet: it is bounded on the south-east by extensive fir plantations: the original house was at one time a seat of the Bishops of Salisbury, but was exchanged with one of the Earls of Pembroke and taken down some time before 1672, and the present building erected from designs assumed to Mr Webb, an architect of that period. Littlecote Park is occupied by Gerald Lee Bevan esq.; the mansion is a fine specimen of a Tudor manor house, standing in a park, through which the river Kennet flows; it was originally built by and was the seat of the Darell family, and contains a fine collection of armour and of weapons. Crowood House is the residence of Col Ellis Lee, and The Rookery, of Alfred John Howard esq. The chief landowners are Sir Frances Burdett bart. who is lord of the manor, Hugh Francis A Leybourne-Popham esq. MA JP, Charles Read Seymour esq. JP, Moses Woolland and Francis C Batson esqrs. The soil is clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and roots. The area is 9,805 acres of land and 68 of water; rateable value £9,741; and the population of the entire civil parish in 1911 was 1,784.

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.

Post, MO&T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office: Mrs Annie Pinniger, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive by mail cart from Hungerford, delivered at 7am; also at 3.15pm; box closes at 11.55am & 6.45pm; letters dispatched at 11.55am & 6.45pm; Sundays, delivered 8am; dispatched 5.10pm. Telegraph business 8am to 8pm; Sundays 8.30 to 10am only. Money order business 8am to 8pm. Wall Letter Box at Wittonditch cleared at 6.15 & 9.50am & 8.40pm week days & 8.40pm Sundays

Post Office, Axford: Mrs Eva Curtis, sub-postmistress. Letters by cycle from Marlborough at 7.40am & 4.30pm; dispatched at 10.55am & 7.15pm; Sundays, arrive 7.40am; dispatched 9am. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Ramsbury, 3 miles distant

RAMSBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The district comprises the following parishes, being the Wilts parishes in the Hungerford union: Aldbourne, Baydon, Bedwyn (Great), Bedwyn (Little), Buttermere, Chilton Foliat, Froxfield, Grafton, Ham, Ramsbury, Shalbourne, Tidcombe with Fosbury. The area is 51,614 acres; rateable value, Jan 1915, £40,085; the population in 1911 was 7,109

The Council meets at the Poor Law Institution, Hungerford, on alternate Wednesdays, at 11am

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Chairman: Edwin B Gauntlett, Little Bedwyn

Officers:

Clerk: Hy. D'Oyley Wolvey Astley, Bridge village, Hungerford

Treasurer: W Jacob, capital & Counties Bank, High Street, Hungerford

Medical Officer of Health: Clifford Beards MA, MB, BCh.Oxon, MRCP.Lond, MRCS Eng, DPH, BCPS Lond, Pewsey
Highway Surveyor, Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor of New Buildings: William Strickland, Charnham Street, Hungerford

PUBLIC OFFICERS

Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, 3rd District, Hungerford Union: William Medlycott Graham BA, MB, BCh.Dub, Wykeham House

Assistant Overseer: Thomas Edwin Hobbs

Superintendent Registrar for Hungerford District: Wm James Phelps; deputy supt. John H Lawrence

Town Crier: Thomas Lewington

SCHOOLS

The School Board, formed in 1872, was dissolved by the Education Act of 1902, and the schools are now controlled by a Board of Managers; William James Phelps, correspondence, clerk; Edwin Rosier, attendance officer. Schools have been built, together with masters' and mistresses' residences, at a cost of about £4,000

Elementary (Council) (boys), Ramsbury, built in 1874, for 150 children; John Stubbs, master

Elementary (Council) (mixed), Axford, built in 1874, for 75 children; Thomas Jenkins, master

Elementary (Council) (infants), built in 1874, for 120 children, Miss Millicent Nicklin, mistress

Elementary (Church of England) (girls), built in 1865, for 120 children; Miss Theresa Greenaway, mistress

Conveyance: WA Giles' motor 'bus passes through from Marlborough to Hungerford Tues. Thurs. & Sat. only

Carriers:

Chamerlain, to Hungerford railway station, daily

Talmage, to Marlborough, Tues. Thurs. & Sat. at 1pm; returning 4pm

Westall, to & from Newbury, Thurs; to Marlborough, Sat

Gentry/Private Residents - Ramsbury

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ashley		Miss		
Atherton	Herbert			The Beeches
Bevan	Gerald Lee			Littlecote Park
Burman	J W	Mrs		Kennet House
Burroughs	Charles Austin			Bodorgan House
Davis	George D	Reverend	Congregational	
Farr	Arthur			Harbrook
Graham	William Madlycott	BA MB		Wykeham House
Hannen	B			Manor Cottage
Hills	Edmond Herbert	Major RE CMG FRS		Mill House
Howard	Alfred John			The Rookery
Lee	Ellis Bertram Trollope			Crowood House
Meyrick		Miss		Ridgelands
Nicholls		Miss		Preston
Oakes	Alfred Ernest			The Cedars
Phelps	William James			Church House
Rumboll		Miss		The Knapp
Stanley	Robert Vinen Stanley			Eastridge House
Waldron		Mrs		Hilldrop
Wall	Thomas			Whittonditch House
White	William Alexander	Reverend MA	Vicar	Old Vicarage
Wills	Ernest S	JP		Ramsbury Manor
Woolland	Moses			Marridge Hill

Traders - Ramsbury

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Atherton	Thomas George		Farmer & Sub-agent to Sir Francis Burdett bart.	Manor Farm
Box	William Herbert		Farmer	Witcha Farm
Bull	Samuel		Chimney Sweeper	
Burton	Francis Gifford			Crown & Anchor PH
Butler	Thomas		Plumber	
Carter	H P	Sec	East Wilts Conservative Association	
Chamberlain	George		Haulier	
Chamberlain	Harry R		Farmer & Insurance Agent	Ambrose Farm
Chamberlain	Harry Rogers	Sec	Ramsbury Building Society	High Street
Chamberlain	John Richard W		Carrier	
Cook	John Patient		Farmer	Whittonside
Coster	William		Hair Dresser	
Day	Charles		Dairy	
Dix	Elizabeth	Mrs		Windsor Castle Hotel
Eatwell	Thomas		Carpenter	
Evill	William		Hair Dresser	
Fox	William		Fishmonger	
Franklin	Charles		Carpenter	
Franklin	Joseph William		Butcher	Bell Hotel
Game	George W			Bleeding Horse PH
Gould	Thomas Lewis		Grocer	
Graham	William Medlycott	BA MB BCh BAODub LM Rotunda Hosp. Dub.	Physician & Surgeon, & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator 3 rd District, Hungerford union & Referee under the "Mental Deficiency Act"	Wykeham House
Hacker	Joseph		Carpenter	
Harrison	John	& Son	General Drapers & Outfitters & Agents to the Norwich Fire Insurance Society	
		Hill Brothers	Grocers & Spirit Dealers	
Hill	William Thomas		Head Gardener to GL Bevan esq.	Littlecote
Hobbs	Thomas		Shoe Maker & Leather Cutter	
Hobbs	Thomas Edwin		Insurance Agent, Asst Overseer & Clerk to the Parish Council	
Hoddinott	Fred		Farmer	Knighton
		Hunter & Son	Boot Makers	Oxford Street
Jones	Charles G		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Jones	Jabez	Mrs	Butcher	
Kimber	Francis		Shopkeeper	
Kimber	Frederick O		Cartage Contractor	
Lawrence	Edna	Miss	Dressmaker	
Lawrence	George		Builder	
Lawrence	John Henry		Collector of Taxes & Deputy Supt Registrar for Hungerford District	The Mead
Lewington	Thomas		Town Crier	
Maisey	Robert		Basket Maker	
Marshall	Alfred		Gamekeeper to ES Wills esq. JP	
Matthews	Lucius William	Mrs	Draper	
Maynard	Thomas		Gamekeeper to M Woolland	

Moon	Jane	Miss	Baker & Grocer	
Moon	Robert		Miller (water)	
		Oakes Brothers	Shoeing & General Smiths & Machinists; Makers of all kinds of Iron & Wire Fencing	
Orchard	Frederick		Wood Dealer	Brick Hill
Osmond	Stephen Thomas		Iron Founder	Newtown
Payne	Stephen			Halfway Inn
Perryman	Joseph			Burdett Arms PH
Phelps	William James		Solicitor & Supt Registrar for Hungerford district & Clerk to the School Managers	
Pike	William		Dairyman	
Pinniger	Annie	Mrs	Stationer	Post Office
Pope	Edwin William		Shoeing & General Smith; Maker of Iron & Wire Fencing & Agricultural Implement Maker	
Pullen	Thomas	Mrs	Furniture Dealer	
Pye	Walter George		Farmer	Preston
Rosier	John		Grocer	
Rumball	Ernest		Butcher	
Seymour	Thirza	Miss	Stationer	
Sheppard	William Edward		Baker	
Smith	James		Gamekeeper to ES Wills esq. JP	
Smith	John		Shopkeeper	
Smith	Joseph John			Malt Shovel PH
Talmage	Jesse		Carrier	
Vokins	William		Baker	
Waldron	Frances	Mrs	Farmer	Hilldrop
Wall	Thomas		Farmer	Ramsbury & Crowwood Farms
Watts	Ernest		Farmer & Haulier	
Watts	Sydney		Jobmaster	Knapp
Watts	William		Shoeing & General Smith; Implements Supplied at Makers' Prices	
Westall	Frederick		Carrier	
White	Francis	Junior	Farmer	Murridge Hill
Willmot	Samuel		Oil Dealer	
Willshire	Frank		Wheelwright	
		Wilson Brothers	Farmers	
Wilson	George		Farmer	Park Farm
Woolford	John		Wood Dealer	
Woolford	Thomas		Beer Retailer	
Wren	George		Saddler & Ironmonger	

Axford

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Wilson		Mrs		Axford Farm
Bence	Albert			Red Lion PH
Berryman	William		Farmer	
Cannings	Thomas		Corn Dealer	
Pope	Edward William		Blacksmith	
Spackman	Ernest Clare		Farmer	