



Post Office Directory Extract 1855



Ramsbury

Ramsbury, a parish and town of considerable importance, and formerly a market town, is pleasantly situated on the banks of the river Kennet, 5 miles from Hungerford, 7 north-east of Marlborough, 21 from Devises, and 66 from London; it gives name to the Hundred, and now contains 2,696 inhabitants, and 9,742 acres of land; the chief owners are Sir Robert Burdett, Edward Leyborne Popham, Esq., Henry Richmond Seymour, Esq., and Alfred Batson, Esq. The trades of tanning, malting and brewing are carried on with considerable success. The houses are situated principally in one long street. Ramsbury Manor House, the seat of the late Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., now occupied by Thomas Smith Esq., is a fine mansion, and has a large park, with the broad sheet of the Kennet river passing through, and bounded on the south-east by extensive fir plantations. Littlecott Park, the seat of Francis L. Popham Esq., also Crowwood, the seat of Henry R Seymour, Esq., and The Cedars, the residence of George B. Hankey, Esq., are in this neighbourhood. The church, a commodious structure, with square tower, is in good repair, and contains several fine specimens of monumental architecture, and is the mother church to the cathedral. The living is a vicarage, value £300, belonging to the Rev. John Hawkins, M.A., who resides adjacent to the church. There are places of worship for the Independents, Wesleyans, and Primitive Methodists; also a National school for boys and girls. The branch line of the Great Western railway, from Reading to Hungerford, which is only 5 miles distance from this place, is a great convenience to the inhabitants, and has also improved the trade of the town. The town tithing of **Ramsbury** contains 1,957 inhabitants; **Axford** tithing, 458; **Eastridge** tithing, 179; **Whittonditch** tithing, 102. **Park Town** is a hamlet. **Boltridge** is half a mile north; **Loves**, 1 mile north; **Hildrop**, 1 mile north-west; **Kew**, 2 miles north-west; **Pit Barn**, three-quarters of a mile south; **Elmdown**, 1 mile south; **Rudge**, 2 miles south.

Post Office – Henry Iles, receiver. Letters arrive by mail cart from Hungerford; delivered at 8 am.; dispatched at half past 6 pm. The nearest money order office is at Hungerford. **Posting House** – Bell commercial inn, Richard Lansley.

Insurance Agents:-

Defender Fire & Life, James Twycross

Law Fire, William Rowland

Merchant's & Tradesman's Mutual Life, Edmund J L Whitmore

Phoenix, Richard Hill

Royal Farmers' Fire & Life, Samuel Jones

Sun Fire & Life, William Rowland

Stamp Office, John Large & Son, sub-distributors

Places of Worship:-

Church, Rev. John Hawkins, M.A. vicar; Rev. John Barton, curate; William Franklin, clerk

Independent Chapel, Rev. John Audley Harrison, minister

Wesleyan Chapel, ministers various

Primitive Methodists Chapel, ministers various

National School, David Timms, master

Posting House- Bell Commercial Inn, Richard Lansley

Carriers:-

Pounds, to & from Marlborough, Wednesday & Saturday.

Bushell, to & from Newbury, Tuesday & Thursday.

Gentry

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Occupation	Place/Parish
Barton	John	Rev.	Curate	
Batson	Arthur	Esq.		
Davis	Martha	Mrs.		
Hankey	George Barnard	Esq.		Cedars
Harrison	John Audley	Rev.	Independent	
Hawkins	John	Rev. M.A.	Vicar	
Merrick	Arthur	Rev. M.A.		
Merrick	Edward	Rev.		
Popham	Francis Leyborne	Esq.		Littlecote Park
Read		Miss		
Rowland	William	Esq.		
Seymour	Henry Richmond	Esq.		Crowwood
Smith	Thomas	Esq.		Manor House
Whitemore	John Edmund Ludlow	Esq.		

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Trade/Occupation	Place/Parish
Alder	Charles		Beer Retailer & Shopkeeper	
Alexander	Ambrose		Carpenter	
Appleford	Henry		Farmer	Elm Down
Ashley	John		Tanner & Currier	
Atherton	George		Brewer & Maltster	
Atherton	William		Farmer	
Ball	Henry		Tailor	
Beckingham	Thomas		Blacksmith	
Bethell	John		Farmer	Park Town
Biggs	John		Shopkeeper	
Bushell	George		Watch Maker & Carrier	
Canning	Robert		Farmer	Park Farm
Chamberlain	Samuel		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Copeland	James		Blacksmith	
Cox	John		Bricklayer	
Day	Charles		Saddler & Harness Maker	
Day	Mary Ann	Mrs.	Publican	Malt Shovel Public House
Dimmock	John		Shopkeeper	
Dismore	William		Shopkeeper	
Edwards	William		Miller & Farmer	
Fox	Henry		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Franklin	William		Assistant Overseer & Parish Clerk	
George	William		Farmer	Axford
Goddard	Mary	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Greenland	William		Blacksmith	Axford
Hacker	James		Shopkeeper	
Harris	George		Bricklayer	
Hill	Richard		Grocer, Druggist, Wine & Spirit Merchant & Manufacturer of British Wines, & Agent of the Phoenix Fire Office	
Hillard	John		Farmer	Membury
Hopkins	Matthias		Baker & Grocer	
Humphries	John		Butcher	
Iles	Henry		Baker & Post Master	
Jones	Samuel		Shopkeeper	
Jones	Thomas		Farmer	

Jones	William		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Kemm	Thomas		Farmer	
King	James		Boot & Shoe Maker	
King	Thomas		Schoolmaster	
Kneath	Thomas		Inland Revenue Officer	
Langfield	James		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Langfield	Thomas		Tanner & Currier	
Langford	James		Miller	
Lansley	Richard		Innkeeper & Posting House	Bell Commercial Inn
Large	John		Grocer, Farmer & Stamp Office	
Large	John jnr		Farmer	Marriage Hill
Lawrence	Henry		Bacon Factor	
Lawrence	Jonathan		Basket Maker	
Laws	William		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Lewington	John		Blacksmith	
Lowe	James		Farmer	Axford
Luke	William		Carpenter	
Luker	James		Plumber, Painter, Glazier & Paperhanger	
Martin	Charles		Bricklayer	
Martin	Henry		Butcher	
Maslin	Jonathan		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Maslin	Joseph		Furrier & Shopkeeper	
Miller	William		Plumber & Painter	
Nash	John		Farmer	
Osmond	Harriet	Mrs.	Maltster	
Osmond	John		Farmer	Manor Farm
Osmond	John jun		Farmer	Upper Farm Axford
Pearce	James		Publican	Crown & Anchor Public House
Piper	Edward		Plumber & Painter	
Pitney	Samuel		Inspector of Police	
Pound	Thomas		Currier	
Povey	Richard		Blacksmith	Witneyditch
Pye	John		Publican	Bleeding Horse Public House
Pyke	Frederick		Farmer	Ambrose Farm
Rickets	Herbert		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Rowland	John		Miller & Farmer	Axford Farm
Rowland	William		Solicitor, Clerk to Magistrates, Clerk to Hungerford	
Rumball	Charles		Farmer	Hildrop
Rumboll	Jasper		Maltster	
Sellwood	Thomas Shepherd		Fellmonger & Wool Stapler	
Seymour	Thomas		Confectioner	
Seymour	William		Builder, Carpenter, Wheelwright & General Smith	
Shuttle	Joseph		Publican	Spotted Cow Public House
Smith	Henry		Tailor & Shopkeeper	
Smith	Henry		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Smith	Joseph		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Talmage	James		Shopkeeper	
Talmage	William		Shopkeeper	
Timms	David		Bookseller, & Stationer, & National School Master	
Twycross	James		Tailor & China Dealer	
Twycross	Richard		Tailor	
Vaisey	Robert		Farmer	Coombs Farm
Waldron	John		Farmer	Marriage Hill
Waldron	Lovegrove		Farmer	Eastridge

Ward	Francis		Baker	
Watts	Arthur		Publican	Windsor Castle Public House
Watts	Hannah	Mrs.	Beer Retailer	Axford
Watts	Robert		Beer Retailer	Axford
Watts	John		Shopkeeper	
Watts	Joseph		Publican	Burdett Arms Public House
Whitemore	John Edmund Ludlow		Surgeon	
Wilson	George		Butcher	
Wilson	William		Linen & Woolen Draper & Tailor	