



Robsons Directory Extract 1839



Ramsbury with Albourne

The village of **Ramsbury** gives it name to the hundred in which it stands, on the banks of the *Kennet*, 72 miles west from London. 17 north - east from Devizes, and 25 north from Salisbury. This was in the beginning of the 12th century an episcopal See, removed before the conquest of Sarum. The church of the Holy Cross is a vicarage of £219, annual value, a peculiar of the Dean of Salisbury, and is considered the mother church to the cathedral. The population is 2,395, and the assessed property amounts to £9,540. A brewery is its only source of trade, a great quantity of the beer being sent to London. There are fairs on the 14th of May and 10th of October. The operation of the new poor law has placed both Ramsbury and Aldbourne in the union of Hungerford, county of Berks. The *Kennet* flows in a broad expanse of water, bearing an island on its bosom, through the park of Ramsbury manor, the seat of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.; and the grounds, bordered with woods, decline in easy slopes to its banks. The finely wooded park of Littlecote in which a large and very beautiful piece of tessellated pavement was discovered some years since, is partly in this parish. Littlecote House was the scene of a mysterious and dreadful tale, related by Sir Walter Scott, in the notes to his poem of Rokeby. Crow Wood, Marriage Hill House, Chilton House, and Chilton Lodge are contiguous seats.

The village of **Aldbourn**, 6 miles north-east from Marlborough, in the hundred of Lakely, takes its name from the small river on which it is seated, one of the branches of the *Kennet*. It was formerly a market town of considerable traffic, and its large manufacture of fustians has only recently declined, but its trade never recovered the interruption it suffered from a dreadful fire, which in 1760 destroyed 72 houses, and property, to the amount of £20,000. The church of St Michael is a vicarage, valued at £367 a year, in the bishops gift; the population 1,418: assessed property value, £6,576. Upon the ancient chase, now under cultivation, Charles 1, gained a victory in person over the parliament army led by Essex. The Roman road, from Great Bedwin to Cirencester, passed this place.

Name, Residence & Profession

Surname	Given Names	Occupation
Alexander	Ambrose	Wheelwright
Alexander	James	Blacksmith
Alexander	John	Wheelwright
Arnup	P	Castle
Ashley	John	Tanner
Atherton	Joseph	Miller
Avenell	Charles	Baker
Bayman	William	Boot & Shoe Maker
Beckham	Thomas	Blacksmith
Biggs	John	Shopkeeper
Bishop	Thomas	Surgeon
Brind	William	Shopkeeper
Buckridge	Thomas	Furrier
Bushell	George	Clock and Watchmaker
Butler	John	Carpenter
Butler	Silvester	'Bleeding Horse'
Chamberlain	S	Shopkeeper, & Boot & Shoemaker
Copland	James	Smith and Ironmonger
Copland	R	Straw Hat Maker
Cowley	Joseph	Shopkeeper

Cox	John	Bricklayer
Darknell	Benjamin	Saddler
Davies	William	Plumber & Glazier
Edwards	William	Miller
Fosbury	F.B.	Brewer and Maltster
Frankland	William	Parish Clerk
Goddard	Thomas	Tanner
Hacker	James	Shopkeeper
Hawsworth	Elizabeth	Shopkeeper
Hazell & Edwards		Maltsters
Hazell	William	Baker
Hazell	Richard	Retail Brewer and Corn Dealer
Hill	Benjamin	Linendraper
Hill	Richard	Grocer and Tallow Chandler
Hull		Surgeon
Humphreys	John	Butcher
Kite	Alfred	Surgeon
Langfield	James	Carpenter
Langfield	John	Tanner & Currier
Lansdowne	John	Wheelwright
Large	John	Grocer and Draper
Lawes	William	Boot & Shoemaker
Lawrence	John	Basket Maker
Lawrence	Joseph Jun	Bacon Factor
Lawrence	S	Breeches Maker
Lesage	Charles	Professor of the French Language
Lester	Elizabeth	Straw Hat Maker
Livzey	M	<i>Malt Shovel</i>
Luke	James	Carpenter
Luker	John	Plumber and Fellmonger
Martin	Charles	Bricklayer
Martin	Henry	Butcher
Martin	Henry jun	Butcher
Martin	William	Butcher
Maslin	John	Furrier & Shopkeeper
Maslin	Johnathan	Boot and Shoemaker
Merrick	A	Gent Boarding School
Miller	William	Plumber and Glazier
Odam	William	Agent at The Globe and Sun Fire
Osmond	John	Miller
Osmond	Stephen	Maltster
Reason	Eliz	Shopkeeper
Reason	George	Carpenter
Richardson	F	<i>Bell</i>
Rickets	H	Boot and Shoemaker
Rowland	William	Solicitor and Agent for the Salamander Fire
Salt	Joseph	Bricklayer
Smith	George	Fishmonger
Smith	Joseph	Baker
Tamage	James	Shopkeeper
Twycross	James	Tailor
Twycross	Richard	Tailor
Ward	F	Baker
Watts	William	<i>Burdett Arms</i>
White	Mary	Blacksmith
Wilkins	Mary	Agent for Norwich Union
Wilson	George	Butcher
Winscombe	John	Miller and Shopkeeper

Post Office - Henry Iles, Post Master. – Letters from all parts arrive from Hungerford, morning ½ past 7, and are dispatched aft ½ past 5.

Fire and Live Assurance Agents

Surname	Given Names	Assurance Company
Odam	William	Globe
Rowland	William	Salamander
Odam	William	Sun

Coaches to London, Post Coach, from Swindon, through Hungerford, Newbury, Reading, Maidenhead, & c. calls at the '*Bell*', every Mon, Wed & Fri, morn. ½ past 9.

Coaches to Swindon, Post Coach, from London, call at the *Bell*, every Tues. & Sat. aft at 3.

Carrier to Marlborough, Sam Fowler, every Wed & Sat. Silvester Butler, from his *House*, Every Saturday.

Carrier to Newbury, Silvester Butler, from his *House*, every Tues. & Thurs.

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Barrett	William	Parish Clerk
Bridgman	James	Bell Founder
Cooke	John	Grocer
Gould	Charles	Maltster
Lansdown		<i>The Bell</i>
Lawrence	James	Shopkeeper
Palmer	Martin	Baker
Pearce	Sarah	<i>Blue Boar</i>
Smith	John	Baker
Taylor	Stephen	Tailor
Tomlins	Thomas	<i>The Crown</i>

Post, Coaches, & c.- See Ramsbury