



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915

## Shalbourne

**SHALBOURNE** is a parish and village, pleasantly situated in a valley protected on the north, east and south by hills, 3 miles south-east from Bedwyn station, 4 miles south from Hungerford station on the Great Western railway, and 10 south-east from Marlborough, formerly partly in Berks and partly in the Eastern division of this county, but is now wholly in this county (except for parliamentary purposes), hundred of Kinwardstone, petty sessional division of Marlborough and Hungerford, Hungerford county court district, Hungerford and Ramsbury union, rural deanery of Newbury, archdeaconry of Berks and diocese of Oxford. The church of St Michael is an ancient edifice of stone, in the Norman and Early English styles, consisting of chancel, nave of five bays, south aisle, south porch and an embattled western tower containing 5 bells: there is a monument dated 1562 and assigned to Sir Francis Choke: the church was rebuilt and a south aisle added in 1873, and affords 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1677. The living is a vicarage, net income £250, including 10 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Dean and Canons of Windsor, and held since 1911 by the Rev James Ward Brennan MA of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Here is a Wesleyan chapel: also a Primitive Methodist chapel. The principal landowners are the Marquess of Ailesbury, who is lord of the manor, A Irving Muntz esq. Mrs Octavia Huth, and others. The soil is loam on green sand and chalk in some parts; subsoil, sand. The crops are wheat, barley and oats, also roots in general. The pasturage is very rich.

**Newtown** is a hamlet in this parish.

The area of the parish is 5,504 acres; rateable value £3,167; the population in 1911 was 716 in the civil and 551 in the ecclesiastical parish, chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits.

**OXENWOOD**, in the ecclesiastical parish of Fosbury, supposed to be entirely isolated from Berks, and therefore one of those detached parts of counties contemplated by the Act 7 and 8 Vict. cap. 61, was on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1844 annexed to Wilts, but subsequently, having been ascertained to be joined to Berks by a narrow neck of land, it remained part of Berks, until by the "Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No 12) Act, 1895," it was transferred to Wilts. Shalbourne River is half a mile south, and has numerous barrows.

**BAGSHOT** is a hamlet formerly in the Berks portion of the parish, but was transferred to Wilts by the same order, and has a Church of England chapel of ease. The soil is Reading clay.

**Parish Clerk:** William H Levy

**Sexton:** Thomas Rolfe

**Post, MO & T Office:** Alfred Wiggins, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive by mail cart from Hungerford at 7am & 2.15pm; dispatched at 9.30am, 12 noon and 6.15pm; Sundays, delivered 7.15am; dispatched at 10.05am

**Post, MO & T Office, Oxenwood:** George Smallbones Clewett, sub-postmaster. Letters through Hungerford arrive at 7.30am & 3.10pm; dispatched at 11.25am & 5.40pm

**Wall Letter Box, Bagshot:** cleared 6.40pm

**Elementary School (mixed):** erected in 1873, by subscription, for 105 children; enlarged in 1894 to accommodate 140 children; John Morris, master

**Tidcombe & Oxenwood Elementary School:** built in 1904, for 60 children; John James Hedges, master

**Carriers:** Thomas Levy, to Newbury, Thurs.; to Hungerford, Wed & Sat; Walter Humphries, to Hungerford, Wed & Sat; S Chandler, to Hungerford, Wed

## Gentry/Private Residents - Shalbourne

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brennan	James Ward	Reverend MA	Vicar	Vicarage
Briant		Misses		Ivy Cottage
Brown		Mrs		Strange, manor House
Fagg		Miss		The Chestnuts
Hay	Claude George Drummond	Hon		Prosperous House
Kennedy		Mrs		Hillview
Muntz	A Irving			Stype Grange
Pearson	Clement Leslie Noel			Ropewind

## Traders - Shalbourne

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Abbott	Arthur Wellesley		Head Gardener to the Hon Claude GD Hay	
Barns	John		Farmer	East Court
Barns	Harriett	Mrs		Royal Oak PH
Barns	Maria	Miss	Farmer	West Court
Bishop	William		Farmer	
Briant	Alfred		Farmer & Miller (water)	
Briant	Charles William		Farmer	
Brown	Frank		Baker	
Brown	John Hewett		Farmer	Manor Farm
Chew		Miss, Matron	St Michael's Home for Motherless Girls	
Clarke	Charles Henry		Farmer	Newtown
Cope	Ambrose		Farmer	Folly Farm
Dixon	Edward		Farmer	
Dixon	Frank		Saddler & Harness Maker	
Gilford	James		Cowkeeper	
Hooper	Rowland		Farmer	Noon's Farm
Humphries	William		Grocer	
Hutchins	Herbert		Land Measurer	
Levy	Mary	Mrs	Apartments	
Levy	Thomas		Carrier & Farmer	
Levy	William Henry		Dairy Farmer & Asst Overseer	
Lindsay	Duncan		Farmer	Polesdown
Long	Frederick R		Farmer	Ropin Farm
O'Regan	Thomas Owen			Plough PH
Phillips	Jesse		Wheelwright & Carpenter	
Phillips	Martha	Mrs	Carpenter	
Rolfe	William		Farmer	
Sergeant	Thompson		Miller (water)	Bagshot Mill
Simms	Henry George		Beer Retailer	
Tucker	Henry William		Farmer	
Walter	William		Carpenter	
Wiggins	Alfred		Blacksmith	Post Office
Wilde	Sarah	Mrs	Cowkeeper	

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Briant	Henry May		Farmer	
Clewett	George Smalbones		Grocer	Post Office
Lansley	Everitt Edwin		Blacksmith	

Moss	Charles Frederick		Beer Retailer	
Philips	Edward James		Farmer	Beacon's Farm