

Aldbourne is a village and parish, pleasantly situated in a fertile valley on the road from Swindon to Hungerford, 4½ miles east from Ogbourn station on the Cheltenham branch of the London and South Western railway, 8 north-west from Hungerford and 7½ north-east from Marlborough, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Selkley, petty sessional division of Marlborough and Ramsbury, Hungerford union and county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Michael is an ancient edifice of stone, in the Norman style, supposed to have been altered in the reign of Edward V, and has a chancel with chancel aisles, nave of four bays, aisles, south porch and square embattled western tower, with pinnacles containing a clock and 8 bells; the church was restored in 1867, and an organ presented in 1869 by the widow of Henry Charles esq. in memoriam: in the south aisle is a handsome altar-tomb with several figures, erected to the Goddard family, of Upham, date 1597; there is also one to the Waldron family, bearing an inscription in three languages, date 1617; another, of alabaster, to the memory of John Stone, prebendary of Sarum, formerly vicar of Aldbourne, date 1501; several ancient brasses remain perfect; there are 500 sittings. The register dates from the year 1637. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £275, with 420 acres of glebe, and residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1881 by the Rev. Henry Charles Howard. There are Baptist, Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist chapels, and three charities - Brown's, of £6, for schools; and Hill's, of £3 2s. 5d. for clothing; and Thomas Goddard's, of 40s. yearly to the poor. William Brown esq. is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are the trustees of the late Walter Thomas Mynors-Baskerville, esq. (died 1897) and the trustees of the late A. L. Goddard, esq. The soil is light; subsoil, chalky. The chief crops are barley and roots. The area is 8,495 acres; rateable value, £4,637; the population in 1901 was 1,117.

Parish Clerk:- John Hedges

Post, M.O. & T.O., T.M.O., S.B., E.D., P.P. & A. & I. O. (Railway Sub-Office. Letters for this place should have R.S.O. Wilts added. John Orchard, sub-postmaster. Letters delivered at 7 a.m.; dispatched at 8.30 p.m.

Schools:- Elementary, built with residence for mistress, in 1857, for 180 children; average attendance, 85; Mrs. W. Lawrence, mistress. Infants, erected in 1873, for 100 children; average attendance, 76; Miss Emily Porter, mistress.

Carriers to:-

Hungerford – Martin & Sheppard, daily Marlborough – Henry Stacey, Saturday. Newbury – Henry Stacey, Thursday Swindon – Henry Charles Waite, Monday, Wednesday & Saturday.

Police Constable, Edward Harrison

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	Henry			The Warren
Brown	William	J.P.		West Street
Butler	William Albert	Rev., B.A.	Curate in charge	
Church		Mrs.		Ivy Cottage
Coleman		Mrs.		South Street
Cook		Miss		
Cressor	Robert			Vine Cottage
Dames		Mrs.		The Rectory
Howard	Henry Charles	Rev.		Vicarage
Pye	Randall H.			Rose Cottage
Smith		Misses		

Gentry/Private Residents

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Aldridge	William Henry		Blacksmith & Farrier	
Barnes	Joseph		Blacksmith	
Blanchard	William		Farmer	Preston
Brown	George		Grocer & Baker	
Brown	William	J.P.	Farmer	West Street
Chandler	William		Farmer	North Farm
Chapman	James		Shopkeeper	
Cook	Daniel		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Cousins	Lucy	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Cruse	Jonathan		Farm bailiff to W. J. E. Warry-Stone, Esq.	Lower Upham Farm
Deacon	Thomas		Tailor	
Frampton	Frederick		Farmer	Upper Upham Farm
Goldsmith	Rachel	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Hawkins	Robert		Farmer	
Hidden	John		Farmer	
Jeeves	Sarah	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Jerram	John		Cooper & Bill Poster	
Lawrence	Walter		Land Measurer	
Liddiard	Charles		Cabinet Maker &	
			Willow Cutter	
Liddiard	Edward		Farmer	
Liddiard	James		Farmer	
Martin	James		Shoe Maker & Carrier	
Matthews	Frederick		Shoe Maker	
Moulding	William		Builder	
Orchard	John		Post Office	
Orchard	Thomas	Mrs.	Farmer & Chair Maker	
Osmond	John William		Farmer	Leigh Farm
Palmer	Alfred		Baker & Mealman	
Palmer	Henry		Farmer & Willow Cutter	Neal's Farm
Palmer	John		Publican	Queen Victoria Public House
Pembroke	Charles		Butcher & Farmer	
Penny	Charles		Publican	Blue Boar Publican House
Pike	William		Farmer	
Pinniger	William		Tailor	
Plank	James		Shopkeeper	
Plank	William		Farmer	
Read	Thomas Edward		Watch Maker	
Sheppard	Henry Brind		Carrier & Hair Dresser	
Sheppard	William		Shoe Maker	
Smith	Charles		Maltster & Farmer, Assistant Overseer & Tax Collector.	Westfield Farm
Smith	William James		Saddler & Harness Maker	
Stacey	Edward		Shopkeeper & Cycle Agent	
Stacey	Henry		Carrier & Coal Dealer	
Stroud	Charles		Haulier & Beer Retailer	
Urch	Benjamin John		Draper & Grocer	
Waite	Henry Charles		Carrier & Farmer	
Warren	Robert		Publican	Crown Public House
Wentworth	Edward		Farmer	East Leaze
West	Albert		Publican	Bell Public House

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Williams	Alfred		Shopkeeper				
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