



Post Office Directory Extract 1855



Aldbourne

ALDBOURNE - is a township and parish in the Hundred of Selkley, Hungerford Union, North Wilts, formerly a market-town, and at which fairs were held, both of which have been wholly discontinued upwards of a century; it is pleasantly situated in a fertile valley, 7 miles from Hungerford station north-west, 66 from London, 9 from Swindon south-east, 7 from Marlborough north-east; containing a population of 1,622 and comprises 8,405 acres of land. It was formerly noted for the manufacture of fustians; but husbandry is now the only employment. The church is an ancient structure, in the Norman style, dedicated to St. Michael and St. Mary Magdalene. The living is a vicarage, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, valued at £367 per annum. There are places of worship for Independents, Wesleyans and Primitive Methodists; also a National school.

Upper and Lower Upham are tithings, 2 miles north-west; Preston is a tithing 1¼ miles south-east; Ford is half a mile south-east; Marridge, 1½ miles south-east; Crowood, 2 miles south-west; Loves 1½ miles south; Hillwood, 2 miles south-west; Dudmore Lodge, 2 miles west; Hickler Knoll, 2 miles north-west; Warren, 2 miles north-west; North Farm, 2 miles north; North Field, 1 mile north; East Leaze, 1½ miles north. Near Baydon Lottage is a farm.

POST OFFICE - Thomas Edmund Bacon, receiver. Letters received by mail cart from Hungerford; delivered at 8 a.m.; dispatched and ½ past 6 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Hungerford.

PLACES OF WORSHIP:-

Church - Rev. George Parker Cleather, M.A., vicar; Rev. George Henry Witts, curate; Richard Bunce, clerk;
 Independent Chapel - ministers various
 Wesleyan Chapel - ministers various
 Primitive Methodist Chapel - ministers various

INSURANCE AGENT - Phoenix, R. Hill

NATIONAL SCHOOL - John Eatwell, master

CARRIER - Joseph Palmer to & from Newbury, every Thursday.

GENTRY

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	Martha	Miss		
Brown		Mrs.		
Cleather	George Parker	MA., Rev.	Vicar	
Coleman	William	Mr.		
Neate	Francis	Esq.		
Witts	George Henry	Rev.	Curate	

TRADERS

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arter	James		Publican	Blue Bear
Bacon	Thomas Edmund		Postmaster	
Barrett	George		Shopkeeper	
Barrett	James		Shoemaker	

Barrett	Thomas		Butcher	
Brown	John		Farmer	
Brown	Thomas		Farmer	Lottage
Brown	William		Farmer	Warren
Bunce	John		Carpenter	
Bunce	Richard		Parish Clerk	
Castle	William		Farmer	
Chandler	Thomas		Farmer	North Farm
Choules	Thomas		Farmer	East Leaze
Church	Richard		Farmer	
Church	Thomas		Farmer	Hillwood
Cook	Daniel		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Cook	James		Carpenter	
Dixon	Thomas		Shoemaker	
Eatwell	John		National School master	
Everett	James		Shoemaker	
Everett	Stephen		Publican	Queen Victoria
Farmer	John		Shoemaker	
Farmer	Robert		Blacksmith	
Farmer	Thomas		Shoemaker	
Flower	William		Saddler & Harness maker	
Frampton	Frederick		Farmer	Upham Farm
Godwin	William		Publican	Crows
Gould	Henry		Tailor	
Hatherall	John		Farmer	
Jarman	George		Shoemaker	
Jerram	John		Cooper & Shopkeeper	
Kemm	Thomas		Farmer	
Lambourn	George		Shopkeeper	
New	Charles		Miller	
Palmer	Ephraim		Baker	
Palmer	James		Baker	
Palmer	Joseph		Shopkeeper & Carrier	
Pearce	George		Carpenter	
Pitney	John		Tailor	
Pizzey	William		Farmer	
Sheppard	Ambrose		Publican	Bell
Sheppard	William		Baker & Shopkeeper	
Smith	Charles		Maltster & Farmer	
Smith	Francis		Butcher	
Smith	John		Baker	
Smith	Joseph		Blacksmith & Farrier	
Snap	Paul		Farmer	
Taylor	Stephen		Tailor	
Taylor	William		Tailor & Shopkeeper	
Wentworth	Joseph		Farmer	
Witts	Broome		Farmer	