



# Slaters Directory Extract 1852-1853



## Aldbourne

**Ramsbury** is a large village in the parish and hundred of its name, 70 miles W. from London, 7 E. by N. from Marlborough, 5½ N. W. by W from Hungerford (Berks), and about 13 S.E. from Swindon, a station on the Great Western Railway; pleasantly situated near the Kennett, upon which river there are some corn mills. It was at one time noted for its beer, but now there is no particular trade or manufacturer. Sir Robert Burdett, Bart., who has an estate and mansion here is lord of the manor, and holds a court leet annually, and the magistrates sit in petty sessions, at the justice room, every alternate Monday. Ramsbury is included in the Hungerford district by the County Court Act, for the recovery of debts not exceeding £50.

The church, dedicated to the Holy Cross, is a large ancient edifice, with a massive tower, supported by strong buttresses, and is considered the mother Church to Salisbury Cathedral. The living is a vicarage, in the gift of the Crown. There are places of worship for Independents and Wesleyan and Primitive Methodists. Two fairs are held – one on the 14th of May, for cattle, the other, a statute, on the 11th of October. The parish contained in 1831, 2,290 inhabitants, and in 1841 2,535.

About three miles N. N. W. from Ramsbury, in the hundred of Selkley, is **Aldbourne** village, seated in a fertile valley. This was once a market town of some extent and consequence; but a fire, which happened in 1760, consumed upwards of seventy houses, and property to the amount of £20,000. Seasonable relief was afforded to the sufferers by a national subscription, but the market was never afterwards good, and is now unattended; and the manufacture of fustians, then carried on rather extensively, has completely left the place. The church of St. Michael, is an ancient structure: the living is a vicarage in the patronage of the Bishop of Salisbury. The parish contained, in 1831, 1,418 inhabitants, and in 1841, 1,556.

**Post Office, Ramsbury**, Henry Iles, Post Master - Letters from London and all parts arrive (from Hungerford) every morning (Sunday excepted) at a half past six, and are dispatched thereto at forty minutes past six in the evening.

### Places of Worship:-

Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury, Rev. John Hawkins, incumbent

St Michael's Church, Aldbourn, Rev. John Seagrim, incumbent

Independent Chapel, Rev. John A Harrison, minister

Wesleyan Chapel Methodist Chapel, ministers various

Primitive Methodist Chapel, ministers various

### Conveyance by Railway

The nearest station is at Hungerford on the Hungerford branch of the Great Western line, 5 miles distant; Hungerford is also the nearest station to Aldbourn.

### Carriers:-

To Marlborough, Thomas Pounds and George Bushell, from their houses, Ramsbury, every Wednesday and Saturday.

To Newbury, Thomas Pounds and George Bushell, from their houses, Ramsbury, every Tuesday and Thursday.

To Swindon, Thomas Pounds from his house, Ramsbury, every alternate Monday.

### Gentry and Clergy

Surname	Given Names	Title	Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	Mary	Miss		Aldbourn
Fowle	Henry	Rev.		Aldbourn
Neate	Stephen	Mr.		Aldbourn
Seagrim	John	Rev.		Aldbourn
Witts	George	Mr.		Aldbourne

## Traders

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Given Names</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Place/Parish</b>
Arter	James		Publican	The Blue Boar
Bridgeman	James		Bellfounder	Aldbourne
Gray	Charles		Publican	The Crown
May	Thomas		Maltster	Aldbourne
New	Charles		Miller	Aldbourne
Palmer	Jane		Grocer & Dealer in Sundries	Aldbourne
Palmer	Martin		Baker	Aldbourne
Palmer	Stephen		Willow Weaver	Aldbourne
Pizzie	William		Willow Weaver	Aldbourne
Sheppard	Ambrose		Publican	The Bell
Smith	Charles		Maltster	Aldbourne
Smith	James		Willow Weaver	Aldbourne
Smith	John		Grocer & Dealer in Sundries	Aldbourne
Smith	Joseph		Blacksmith/Whitesmith	Aldbourne
Smith	Smith		Baker	Aldbourne
Taylor	Stephen		Grocer & Dealer in Sundries	Aldbourne
Taylor	Stephen		Tailor	Aldbourne
Waldron	John		Publican	The Queen
Watts	John		Draper	Aldbourne
White	John		Blacksmith/Whitesmith	Aldbourne