



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875

## Cricklade



**Cricklade** is a market and union town, and parliamentary borough, in the Northern division of the county, near the Gloucestershire border, in the hundreds of Highworth, Cricklade and Staple, county court district of Swindon, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Cricklade, 84 miles from London, 52 north-by-west from Salisbury, 26 north from Devizes, 7 south-east from Cirencester, 8 north-east from Wootton Bassett, 4 from Purton station, 5 from Minety station and 8 north-east from Swindon.

This place is of great antiquity, situated in a level tract of country on the south bank of the Thames. The town consists principally of one long street, and is paved and otherwise improved from funds arising from an early bequest, called Cricklade Waylands. In 1015 the town was taken and plundered by Cnute the Dane. It has not been distinguished by any event of national importance since the Conquest. The Thames and Severn canal passes to the north of the town, and is connected with the Wilts and Berks by the North Wilts canal, which passes the town to the south-west.

A high bailiff is appointed for the town by a jury at the court-leet of the lord of the manor. It is a prescriptive borough, and from the reign of Edward I, exercised the elective franchise with various interruptions till the reign of Henry VI, since which time it regularly returned two members to Parliament till 1782, when, in consequence of bribery, the franchise was extended to the adjoining divisions of Highworth, Cricklade and Staple. It now includes 50 parishes.

The town is well paved and lighted with gas.

Cricklade comprises two parishes, St Sampson's and St Mary's. The church of St Sampson is a spacious structure, having seats for 640 persons. It is cruciform, with a handsome square embattled tower rising from beautifully proportioned arches at the intersections, surmounted by a pierced parapet and pinnacles, on one of which is the Catherine Wheel, finely executed. The present vestry was formerly a chapel, built by the Hungerford family, who gave the rent of certain lands to be laid out in great coats and cloaks for poor men and women. The register dates from 1672. The living is a vicarage, tithe rent charge £473, with residence and 6½ acres of glebe, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. Francis Dyson, M.A., of Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

The church of St Mary consists of chancel, nave and aisles. The chancel is divided from the nave by a circular Norman arch of the 11<sup>th</sup> century, ornamented with the chevron. The aisles are of the Perpendicular character of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, with Tudor arches. The tower, which contains 4 bells, is low, and covered in ivy. The register dates from 1681. The living is a rectory, yearly value £160, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and held by the Rev. Hugh Allen, M.A.

Near St Sampson's churchyard is a building erected by Robert Jenner, goldsmith, of London, in 1652, for the purpose of a school. It was for many years used as a poor-house, but has lately been restored to its original purpose, and is now called St Mary's school. There is a British school, built by the late Mr John Pater, which is a neat Gothic structure.

The Baptists, Independents, Primitive Methodists and Wesleyans have each a chapel here.

Major Henry Smyth, in 1853, gave £1,000 to the two parishes for the promotion of education. It is vested in the hands of five trustees for that purpose. There is also Hodge's charity of £5, to be distributed to ten poor householders, not receiving parochial relief. 100 acres of land were given to the poor of Cricklade out of the Forest of Braydon, when it was disafforested by King Charles II, now producing about £180 per annum, one moiety to be distributed to poor men and women not receiving parochial relief, the other moiety to be divided into two equal parts, one part to apprenticing children, the other to paupers. The interest of £600 to St Sampson's and £400 to St Mary's, also, the gift of Major Smyth, is laid out annually in the purchase of warm clothing for the poor in November. Dunches' charity, consisting of lands producing about £47 per annum, to decayed householders not receiving parochial relief. Sir A Hungerford's

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charity of £32 15s yearly, is divided into three parts, two whereof are taken by the parish of St Sampson, and the remaining third by the parish of St Mary. The money is laid out in great coats, which are given to the poor. Farmor's and Barker's charity of £59 yearly, is distributed to the second poor of both parishes who are not receiving any of the other charities belonging to Cricklade, and not in receipt of parochial relief.

There is also a Lammas meadow, called North meadow, of 104 acres, into which, from Lammas to Candlemas, the inhabitants have the right of turning their cattle.

A stone cross, which formerly stood in the principal street, was removed into the churchyard of St Sampson's when the old Town Hall was taken down. There is also a stone cross in good preservation in the churchyard of St Mary's parish. In the parish of St Mary are the remains of a priory, dedicated to St John the Baptist, founded in the reign of Henry III, and now converted into a private residence. There was also a hospital dedicated to the same patron, and some land belonging to it, in St Sampson's parish. It is still called the Spital.

A market for fat cattle on the third Tuesday in each month is well attended. Fairs have been wholly discontinued, with the exception of a pleasure fair on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September.

A large room for public purposes was erected here in 1861 by J W Lansdown, in which petty sessions are held on the last Saturday in each month.

The parishes and places in Cricklade Union are

Ashton Keynes	Braydon	Cliffe Pypard
Cricklade St Mary	Cricklade St Sampson	Elsey
Latton	Leigh	Lydiard Millicent
Lydiard Tregoze	Lyneham or Lineham	Purton
Tockenham	Wootton Bassett	

Sir John Neeld, bart. is lord of the manor of the borough and tithings. The principal landowners are Sir John Neeld, the Earl of Radnor, and the Earl of St Germans.

The soil is a rich loam. The crops are chiefly grass.

St Sampson parish, which includes the hamlets of **Great and Little Chelworth** and **Calcutt**, contains 3,998 acre; gross estimated rental , £13, 970; rateable value, £12, 263; and in 1871 had 1,414 inhabitants.

St Mary parish contains 121 acres; gross estimated rental, £1,019; rateable value, £856; the population in 1871 was 431. The parliamentary borough comprises a population of 43,622.

**Upper and Lower Widhill** are tithings.

PARISH CLERK OF ST SAMPSON'S, George Fawkes.

PARISH CLERK OF ST MARY'S, Robert Hopkins.

POST & MONEY ORDER & TELEGRAPH OFFICE, Savings Bank & Government Annuity & Insurance Office, William Golding, postmaster. Letters from London & all parts arrive from Swindon at 2.55 am. & are dispatched at 9.55 pm.; are delivered during the summer months at 7 am.; in winter at 8 am.; box closes at 9.30 pm. Money orders are granted & paid from 9 am. to 6 pm.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT:

Sir Daniel Gooch, bart.	Clewer Park, Windsor, Berks & Fulthorpe House, 3 Warwick Road, Maida Vale & Carlton Club, London SW.
Ambrose Lethridge Goddard, esq.,	The Lawn, Swindon & Carlton & Boodle's Clubs, London SW

RETURNING OFFICER Noah Beldom Langley

INSURANCE AGENTS London W Sugg  
London & Provincial Life Lovett & Son  
Prudential F Moorman  
Royal Exchange J Wilkins  
Sun Fire Lovett & Son

POLICE STATION John Gerrard Inspector High Street

PUBLIC OFFICERS High Bailiff Noah Beldom Langley  
Town Clerk John Mullings Cirencester  
Relieving Officer &  
Registrar of Births, Deaths &c. A Jones High Street  
Inland Revenue Officer Garrett Keating High Street  
Assistant Overseer Thomas Lansdown

SCHOOLS British John Horswill Master  
National Walter Sugg Master  
Mrs Lucy Sugg Mistress

CARRIERS TO Cirencester William Clark & Son own house to the Sun Inn, Monday & Friday  
Highworth Stephen Selman own house to the Serjeant's Head Inn, Wednesday  
Purton William Clark & Son Daily  
Swindon Stephen Selman Monday, Thursday & Saturday

#### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Akerman	Edward			High Street
Akerman		Miss		Calcutt
Allan	Hugh	Rev., M.A.		High Street
Baker	William			
Boote	John			Manor House
Boulton		Miss		High Street
Brooks	Charles			High Street
Champernowne		Misses		High Street
Dyson	Francis	Rev., M.A., J.P.		Vicarage
Ellison		Mrs		
Freeth	George			High Street
Harman	David			The Priory
Kinneir	Henry			High Street
Knowles	Charles			Calcutt
Langley	Noah Beldom			High Street
Lansdown		Mrs		High Street
Lovett	James			High Street
Lovett	Joseph Sadler			High Street
Lucas	Robert James			High Street
Parker	Edward H			High Street
Taylor	Thomas			High Street

#### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
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Barnes	Edward		Carpenter & joiner	<i>King's Head, High Street</i>
Barnes	Edward George		Boot maker	High Street
Barnes	Jacob		Farmer	
Barnes	James		Farmer	Chelworth
Barnes	Job H		Farmer & coal dealer	Chelworth wharf
Barnes	John		Farmer	Calcutt
Boulton	Mary Ann	Miss	Glover	High Street
Brooks	Charles		Surgeon	High Street
Bryant	James Sutton		Ironmonger	High Street
Carter	William		Butcher	High Street
Clap	Jonathan		Cattle dealer	
Clark	Charlotte	Mrs	Farmer	Chelworth
Clifford	Thomas		Blacksmith	Calcutt Street
Cowley	Robert		Greengrocer	High Street
Craddock	Joseph			<i>White Hart Hotel, High St.</i>
Cuss	Henry		Horse & cattle dealer & farmer	& at Swindon
Cuss	John George		Farmer & cattle dealer	Abingdon Court farm
Cuss	John J		Carpenter	Hatchetts
Dowdswell	Benjamin		Farmer	Farfield
Drew	Jonathan		Wheelwright	Forty
Drury	John		Cattle dealer	Forty
Ellison	John		Shopkeeper	High Street
Farrell	Daniel		Earthenware dealer	High Street
Fawkes	George		Baker	High Street
Ferris	Jesse		Grocer & draper	High Street
Forrester	William		Farmer	High Street
Freeth	Henry James		Grocer	High Street
Garner	Charles		Saddler	High Street
Gee	Louisa	Mrs	Clothes dealer	High Street
Gerrard	John		Police Inspector	High Street
Giles	Elizabeth	Mrs	Basket maker	High Street
Giles	John		Butcher	Forty
Gleed	John		Farmer	Common
Golding	William		Chemist, postmaster & money order office	High Street
Goodrich	Frederick		Watch maker	High Street
Goscomb	George Frederick		Tailor & shopkeeper	High Street
Gosling	Richard		Pig dealer	Calcutt
Haines	Agnes	Miss	Milliner	High Street
Harman	John		Carter	Forty
Harris	John		Chimney sweep	High Street
Hayes	Charles O		Baker	High Street
Heaven	Thomas		Farmer	Chelworth
Herbert	Philip		Saddler	High Street
Herring	John		Boot maker	High Street
Holland		Misses	Ladies' school	High Street
Holland	William		Commercial school	High Street
Hopkins	Ellen	Mrs	Farmer	
Hopkins	John		Tailor	High Street
Hunt	William		Baker	High Street
Jones	Alexander Alfred		Relieving officer (see <b>Public Officers</b> above)	High Street
Keveren	Alfred		Tailor	High Street
Kilminster	Edward		Plasterer	Calcutt street
Kilminster	Robert		Plasterer	Forty
Kinneir	Henry		Solicitor	High Street
Kinnett	Charles		Farmer	Dugmoor
Laing	Frank			<i>White Horse Inn, High St.</i>
Langley	Noah Beldom	MRCS, LSA	(see <b>Public Officers</b> above)	High Street
Lansdown	Hannah		Plumber &c.	High Street

Large	Robert S		Farmer	Whitehall
Lawrence	Mary Ann	Miss		<i>White Lion</i> , High Street
Lewis	Thomas		Farmer	Calcutt
Little	John		Plasterer	Rectory Lane
Lovett	James	& Son	Solicitors	High Street
Lucas	George Henry		Shopkeeper	Calcutt Street
Lucas	Joseph		Shopkeeper	Calcutt Street
Maslin	Joseph Alexander		Earthenware dealer &c.	Abingdon Court
Moorman	Frederick		Hairdresser & tobacconist	High Street
Morse	Richard		Fishmonger & fruiterer	High Street
Ockwell	Richard		Fellmonger, tanner & manufacturer	The Priory
Ockwell	Richard		Tailor	High Street
Ockwell	Robert		Grocer	Calcutt Street
Ody	Letitia	Mrs	Grocer	Chelworth
Painter	John		Milkman	High Street
Palmer	Daniel		Boot maker	High Street
Palmer	Job		Shoe maker	High Street
Palmer	Mark		Boot maker & provision dealer	High Street
Parker	Edward H		Surgeon	High Street
Pears	Thomas		Beer retailer & smith	High Street
Pinnock	James		Stone mason	
Philps	John Ball		Auctioneer	Brooke House
Reason	Francis		Farmer	Widhill
Rew	Ann & Susan	Misses	Day school	High Street
Rew	Ann	Mrs	Stationer	High Street
Reynolds	Robert		Farmer	Calcutt
Richins	Thomas		Farmer	
Salder	Henry		Grocer & baker	High Street
Selman	Stephen		Carrier	Forty
Selman	William		Baker	High Street
Simmonds	Joseph		Boot maker	High Street
Sims	James			<i>Red Lion Inn</i> , High Street
Smith	Christiana	Miss	Milliner & dressmaker	High Street
Smith	Joseph		Grocer, draper & undertaker	High Street
Smith	Thomas			<i>Bear Inn</i> , High Street
Stebbing	John		Draper &c.	London House
Stephens	William H		Baker	High Street
Stone	Robert		Whitesmith	Forty
Strange	Robert		Plasterer	Calcutt Street
Taylor	Thomas		Surgeon	High Street
Trinder	William			<i>New Inn</i> , Calcutt Street
Tunley	William		Plumber	& at Swindon
Walsh	James		Shoe maker	High Street
Watts	James		Shopkeeper	High Street
Whateley	Edward		Farmer	Widhill
Wilkins	James		Draper & grocer	High Street
Woolford	Thomas		Market gardener	