



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Little Bedwyn

LITTLE BEDWYN is a parish and village on the Berkshire border, 1.5 miles north-east from Great Bedwyn station on the Great Western railway, 4 south-west from Hungerford, in the Eastern division of the county, Kinwardstone hundred, petty sessional division of Marlborough and Hungerford, Hungerford union and county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough (Pewsey portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The Kennet and Avon canal passes here. The Great Western Railway Company have erected a bridge over the railway and canal. The church of St Michael is an ancient building of stone in the Transition style between Norman and Early English, and consists of chancel, nave of six bays, aisles, south porch and a western tower with stone spire containing 4 bells; there are 270 sittings. The register dates from the year 1722. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £165, with residence, in the gift of the Marquess of Ailesbury, and held since 1913 by the Rev Charles James Ferguson DD of Trinity College, Dublin. The Marquess of Ailesbury, who is lord of the manor, and Samuel William Farmer esq. JP are chief landowners. The soil is clay; subsoil, chalky. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and beans. The area is 4,233 acres of land and 10 of water; rateable value, £3,280; the population in 1911 was 505, including part of Savernake, and 317 in the ecclesiastical parish.

At **CHISBURY**, a hamlet 1 mile west, is an ancient camp. St Martin's chapel is now used as a barn. Burwood Heath (or Bird's Heath) is 1 mile south-east; Timbridge hamlet is 4 miles west.

Parish Clerk: George Humphries

Post Office (closed 1pm wed): Harry Bowsher, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Hungerford at 7.30am & 2.40pm; Sundays, 7.50am; dispatched thereto at 11.25am & 6pm; Sundays, 11.20am. Great Bedwyn, 1.5 miles south-west, is the nearest money order & telegraph office

Wall Box at Chisbury: cleared at 10.05am & 5.40pm

Elementary School (mixed): built in 1854, with residence for master, to hold 150; Miss Jane Elliff, mistress

Carrier: C Wise, Hungerford, Wed.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Cooke		Mrs		
Farmer	Samuel William	JP		Manor House
Ferguson	Charles James	Reverend DD	Vicar	Vicarage

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Andrews	Alfred			Harrow Inn
Burden	Albert John		Secretary to S W Farmer esq. JP	
Craig	James		Farmer	Horsell Hill
Gauntlett	Edwin Bowle		Farmer	
Gazard	Joseph		Farmer	Chisbury Lane
Hawkins	George		Builder	
Mason	Thomas		Smith	Chisbury
Osmond	John William		Farmer	Knowle Farm
Savage	Samuel		Farmer	The Harrow Farm
Small	John		Farmer	Burwood Heath
Smith	Charles		Farmer	Chisbury
Stroud	Allan		Grocer	Chisbury
Wise	Charles		Shopkeeper	