



# Kellys Directory Extract 1889

## Ramsbury



**Ramsbury** is a parish and village, formerly a market town, pleasantly situated on the banks of the river Kennet, 5 miles north – west from Hungerford station and 6 north-east from Marlborough, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Ramsbury, petty sessional division of Marlborough and Ramsbury, union and county court district of Hungerford, rural deanery of Marlborough, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The houses are situated principally in one long street. The church of the Holy Cross is an old stone building in the Norman and Early English styles, consisting of chancel with the 'Darell' chapel nave of four bays, and clerestory added, probably about the year 1500, aisles, south porch, with square tower, embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing 6 bells: it contains several monuments, including one to Sir William Jones, attorney – general *temp* Charles II.; in the chancel in front of the communion table is a tomb to William de St John, with an inscription in Norman French: in the Darell chapel is a tomb of Purbeck marble, which formerly bore the effigies of a knight and his lady, with the Darell crest, a Saracen's head in profile: this tomb is assigned to William Darell, sub treasurer of England and sherrif of Wilts, *temp* Richard II.: another tomb bore effigies of a Knight and his two wives, probably Sir George Darell, of Littlecote, son of the above William Darell, and a stone slab in memory of William de St John with the date 1322: there are 350 sittings. The register dates from 1678. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £543, net £383, including 66 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and held since 1872 by the Rev. Harry Baber M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, surrogate, and rural dean of Marlborough. Here are Congregational, Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist chapels, and barracks of the Salvation Army. Tanning, malting, and brewing are carried on here. Cattle fairs are held here on May 14<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>. Ramsbury Manor House, the seat of Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., D.L. J.P. stands in a park of 100 acres, through which the river Kennet flows, expanding into a broad sheet; bounded on the south – east by extensive fir plantations: the original house was at one time the seat of the Bishops of Salisbury, but was exchanged with one of the Earls of Pembroke; that house was taken down some time before 1672, and the present building erected from the designs of Webb, an architect of eminence in his day. Littlecote Park is occupied by Francis Wm Leyborne-Popham Esq., J.P.; the mansion is a fine specimen of a Tudor manor house, standing in a park, through which the Kennet flows; it was originally built by and was the seat of the Darell family; there is a fine collection of armour and of weapons; there is a figure of St Benedict in the stained window of the ante-entrance hall. Also Crowood House, the residence of Major-General Lional Chase Barton J.P. The Cedars, the residence of Frederick Browne Rowland Esq and the Rookery, of Mrs Batson are in this parish. The chief landowners are Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., D.L., J.P. who is the lord of the manor, Francis William Leyborne-Popham Esq. J.P., Rev. Charles Frederick Seymour M.A., rector of Winchfield, Hants, and Mrs Batson. The soil is clay; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and roots. The area is 9,742 acres; rateable value, £11,336; and the population of the entire parish in 1881 was 2,329. **Axford**, 3 miles south – west; **Eastridge** 2 miles north – east; **Ramsbury Town**; **Whittonditch**, 1 mile north – east, are tithings. At **Axford** there is a chapel of ease now closed.

**Parish Clerk**, Joseph Franklin.

**Post, M.O. & T.O., S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office** – Miss Anne King, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive by mail cart from Hungerford, delivered at 7 a.m. in summer & 7.30 a.m. in winter; also at 3 p.m.; box closes at 10.30 a.m. & 6.20 p.m. Telegraph business 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays 8 to 10 a.m. only. Money order business 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wall Box at Whittonditch, cleared at 6 p.m. Letters for Axford through Marlborough. Wall Box, Stone Lane, Axford, cleared at 7 p.m. on week days & 8 a.m. on Sundays.

**Insurance Agents :-**

Norwich Union Fire, J. Harrison, High Street  
Phoenix, F. B. Rowland

**Public Officers :-**

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Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, 3<sup>rd</sup> district, Hungerford, James Wilkie Burman M.D.  
 Assistant Overseer & Collector of Taxes, Joseph Franklin  
 Superintendent Registrar for Hungerford District, John Phelps

#### Schools :-

A School Board of 5 members was established December 30, 1872, who meet at the schoolhouse first Tuesday in the month at 11 a.m., the district comprising the entire parish; schools have been built, together with masters' & mistresses' residences, at a cost of about £4,000; John Phelps, clerk to the board; Edwin Rosier, attendance officer. Board (boys), Ramsbury, built in 1874, for 150 children; average attendance 100; Edward Robert Pole, master. Board (mixed), Axford, built in 1874, for 75 children; average attendance 40; Miss E Holbrook, mistress. Board (infants), built in 1874, for 120 children; average attendance 90; Miss Cooper, mistress. National (girls), built in 1865, for 120 children: average attendance 88; Mrs Maria Edwards, mistress.

#### Carriers :-

Denton, to & from Newbury, thurs; to Marlborough, wed & sat.  
 Chamberlain, to Hungerford railway station, daily.  
 Talmage, to Newbury, thurs; to Marlborough, sat.  
 Lewington, to Hungerford, mon, wed & fri; to Marlborough, tues & thurs.

#### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Occupation	Place/Parish
Anthony	Thomas	Rev.		Congregational Chapel
Ayers	William Alfred			
Baber	Harry	Rev., M.A.	Vicar, Rural Dean & Surrogate	Vicarage
Barton	Lionel Chase	J.P.		Crowood
Batson		Mrs		
Burdett	Francis	Sir, D.L. J.P.		Ramsbury Manor
Burman	James Wilkie	M.D.		
Butler		Mrs		
Hall		Mrs		The Limes
Harrison		Mrs		
Hearn	Henry Thomas	Rev. B.A.	Curate	
Hyndman		Mrs		
Lambert	Richard Anderson	B.A. M.D.		
Laurence	Lawrence			
Lee	John			
Leyborne-Popham	Francis William	J.P.		Littlecote Park
Meyrick		Mrs		
Nicholls		Miss		Preston
Painter	John			
Rowland	Frederick Browne			The Cedars
Shadwell	William			
Tomlin		Mrs		
Watts	Thomas			Whittenditch

#### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Trade/Occupation	Place/Parish
Alexander	Edward		Tailor	
Alexander	Elisha		Woodman	
Alexander	Henry Nelson		Builder, Contractor, Wheelwright, Undertaker, Smith &c	
Allen	Stella	Miss	Private School	High Street
Angell	John		Boot Maker	

Ashley	John		Tanner & Currier	
Atherton	Thomas George		Farmer	Manor Farm
Atherton	William Fulbrook		Farmer	Whittenditch
Ayres	William Alfred		Ramsbury Building Society	
Barrett	William		Carpenter	
Bastin	Albert		Carpenter, Builder, Wheelwright & Undertaker	
Bell	Henry		Furniture Broker	
Bowdry	William		Police Sergeant	
Brooke	Henry		Plumber	
Bull	John		Tinman & Brazier	
Bull	Samuel		Chimney Sweeper	
Burman	James Wilkie	M.D.	Surgeon, & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District, Hungerford Union	
Chamberlain	A. A.		Farmers	Park Town Farm
Chamberlain	W. R.		Farmers	Park Town Farm
Chamberlain	Richard		Carrier	
Chamberlain	Walter Samuel		Corn & Seed Merchant	Ambrose Farm
Coffin	John Edwin		Publican	The Bell Inn
Couzens	Ellen Edith	Miss	Stationer	
Denton	John		Carrier	
Denton	William		Beer Retailer	
Dobson	James		Farm Bailiff to T.W. Waldron Esq	Witcha Farm
Dopson	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
Ford	Eliza	Mrs	Baker & Grocer	
Fox	William		Fishmonger	
Fowler	John		Pig Dealer	
Franklin	Joseph		Coal Merchant, Farmer & Assistant Overseer	
Giles	John Jago		Carpenter & Undertaker	
Goodman	William		Beer Retailer	
Hacker	John		Furniture Dealer	
Hacker	Joseph		Carpenter	
Harrison	John		Linen Draper & Outfitter	
Hedges	Joseph		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Hellard	John		Farmer	Membury Farm
Hellard	John, Jnr.		Agent for Chemical Manufacturers	Membury Farm
Hewer	Thomas		Farmer	Knighton Farm
Hill	Thirza	Mrs	Grocer, Druggist & Wine & Spirit Merchant	
Hobbs	Thomas		Shoe Maker & Leather Cutter	
Hunt	William		Gamekeeper to Major General Lionel Chase Barton, J.P.	
Hurst	George		General Dealer	
Iles	John		Town Crier & Bill Poster	
Jones	Sl.	& Son	Grocers & Millers (Water)	
Jones	Jabez		Provision Dealer	
Jones	William		Boot & Shoe Maker	
Kimber	Francis		Shopkeeper	
Kimber	George		Boot & Shoe Maker	
King	Anne	Mrs	Stationer	Post Office
King	Emma	Mrs	Boot & Shoe Maker	
Lambert	Richard Anderson		Surgeon	
Lewington	William		Greengrocer & Carrier	
Loveday	Thomas	& Son	Engineers, Iron & Brass Founders & Agricultural	Jubilee Royal Foundry

			Implement Makers	
Luke	William		Carpenter	
Maisey	Robert		Watercress Grower & Basket Maker	
Martin	John		Bricklayer	
Matthews	Lucius William		Draper	
Moon	Jane	Mrs	Baker, Grocer, Bacon Factor and Miller (Water)	
Oakes	Charles		Blacksmith	Whittenditch
Orchard	Frederick		Wood Dealer	Brick Hill
Orchard	Martin		Thatcher	
Osmond	Stephen Thomas		Engineer, Brass & Iron Founder & Agricultural Implement Manufacturer	Newtown
Phelps	John		Superintendent Registrar for Hungerford District & Clerk to School Board	
Pike	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
Pike	William		Farmer & Shopkeeper	Whittenditch
Pinniger	Joseph			
Piper	James John		Plumber, Glazier, Painter & Paperhanger	High Street
Pope	Edwin		Blacksmith	
Pullen	Thomas		Grocer, Provision & Wine & Spirit Merchant, & Agent for W & A Gilbey, Wine & Spirit Merchants	
Pye	John		Publican	Bleeding Horse P.H.
Ricketts	Ann	Mrs	Laundress	
Rosier	George		Farmer	
Rosier	John		Shopkeeper	
Rowland	Frederick Browne		Solicitor	
Rumbell	Ernest		Butcher	
Rushen	William		Halfway Inn	
Salt	John		Bricklayer	
Sellwood	Thomas Shepherd		Fellmonger & Woolstapler	
Sheppard	Edwin		Baker	
Smith	Edward Johnson		Steward to Sir Francis Burdett, Bart J.P.	
Smith	John		Tailor	
Spanswick	David		Insurance Agent	
Stroud	Charles		Publican	Burdett Arms P.H.
Talmage	John		General Dealer	
Talmage	Tobias		Carrier	
Tucker	William		Publican	Malt Shovel P.H.
Vokins	William		Baker	
Waldron	Frances	Mrs	Farmer	Hildrop
Waldron	James		Farmer	Marriage Hill
Waldron	Thomas White		Farmer	Eastridge
Ward	William Wilkins		Baker	
Watts	William		Blacksmith	
Willshire	William		Wheelwright	
Wilson	Henry		Farmer	
Winchcombe	George		Publican	Crown & Anchor P.H.
		Wren & Matthews	Saddlers & Harness Makers	

## Axford

Berryman	John		Farmer	
Cannings	Thomas		Baker & Grocer	
Denton	Owen		Farmer	Coombe Farm
Mudge	James		Publican	Red Lion P.H.
Payne	Mark		Blacksmith	
Pike	Charles		Shopkeeper	
Spackman	Edward		Farmer	
Swatton	Thomas		Boot Maker	
Watts	Henry		Carpenter	
Watts	John		Wood Dealer	
Wilson	Henry		Farmer	
Wooton	George		Wood Dealer	