

KELLYS DIRECTORY OF OXFORDSHIRE 1871

NETTLEBED is a parish and village and a polling place for the county, pleasantly situated on an eminence, 5 miles north-west of Henley and 6 from Watlington, on the high road from London to Oxford, in the hundred of Ewelme, union and county court district of Henley, rural deanery of Nettlebed, archdeaconry and Diocese of Oxford. The houses are well built, and the principal street has a remarkably clean and neat appearance. The church of St. Bartholomew was rebuilt 1846: the expenses were defrayed by subscriptions towards which the Incorporated Society for Building Churches and Chapels granted £200. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £212, in the gift of the representatives of the late incumbent, the Rev. Thomas Leigh Bennett, and held by the Hon. and Rev. Henry Bligh of Christ Church, Oxford. Here is a parochial school. The Independents have a chapel here. A fair is held here on the Monday before 29th of October. The inhabitants are principally engaged in agriculture, but there are many employed in the manufacture of chairs.

There are two, brick, tile and lime kilns, with potteries for course ware, especially draining pipes. A saw-mill for cutting brush board has been erected and a considerable trade is carried on in beech timber, with which this part of the county abounds. There are several good shops and inns. From the Windmill Hill, near the village, may be seen the Devil's Dyke, near Brighton and beautiful and extensive views of the surrounding country. The principal land owner is Lord Camoys, who is also lord of the manor. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The population in 1861 was 741; the area is 1,164 acres.

Parish Clerk, Timothy Phillips

POST OFFICE – Timothy Phillips, receiver. Letters arrive by foot post from Henley-on-Thames at 7.30a.m. ; dispatched at 6.15p.m.. The nearest money order office is at Henley-on-Thames.

Bligh Hon & Rev. Henry (vicar)

Champion Mrs

Cornwall Capt. William Henry Gardiner

Elwes Miss, Highmore

Malet Hugh Poyntz, Esq. Joyce Grove

Penlington William Howland, Esq.

COMMERCIAL

Appleby Thomas boot & shoe maker & grocer

Appleby William, boot & shoe maker & shopkeeper

Averidge Charles, whitesmith

Barker John, beer retailer

Beasley Richard, carpenter & wheelwright

Bennell Alfred, beer retailer

Bennell Elizabeth (Mrs.) baker & armchair maker

Biggs & Sons, grocer and draper

Bird William, harness maker

Brown---M.D. surgeon

Butler Richard, bricklayer

Eyres Henry, corn merchant

Fox Thomas, iron founder & whitesmith

Francis William, blacksmith

Freeman Henry, butcher

Gardener Elias, *Fox & Hounds* & wheelwright

Giles Edmond John, *Bull*, & grocer & baker

Glasspool Lewis, farmer

Godwin John, bricklayer

Goodall Edwin, boot & shoe maker.

Goodall Mary Ann (Miss), beer retailer

Lewis James, plumber, glazier & painter

Pedington William Rowland, surgeon

Saunders John, *Nag's Head*

Saunders Thomas, *White Hart*, & baker & grocer

Silver Charles, miller

Stone Frank, *Red Lion*

Strange Richard, farrier

Thompson John (Mrs), brick, tile & stone ware manufacturer & saw mills.

Tranter Thomas, chair maker

Ward John, boot & shoemaker

Willis John, timber merchant & wheelwright