

Extract from 1855 Post Office Directory - Southern Counties.

SHOREHAM.

SHOREHAM is a market and Union town, seaport and borough and railway station, on the south coast, at the mouth of the river Adur, 56½ miles from London, 6 west of Brighton, 22 east of Chichester, 5 east of Worthing, and 6 south from Steyning, in Fishergate Hundred, rape of Bramber, Steyning Union, West Sussex. Its trade is chiefly in coals, corn, and timber. It has a considerable French trade; ship building forms a prominent branch; it is also an excellent oyster station. The town consists of the borough and parishes of New and Old Shoreham, and is governed by a high constable, elected annually. Shoreham (including the rape or Bramber) returns two members to Parliament. The market for corn is held on every alternate Monday, and a fair on the 25th July. The church of New Shoreham, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, is part of an ancient and beautiful structure, and is an extremely interesting specimen of Norman architecture. It was originally cruciform, and one of the largest in the county. The architectural embellishments are still remarkable for their richness and variety, and present objects of great interest to the antiquary. The benefice is a vicarage, value £120 per annum, in the patronage of Magdalen College, Oxford; and incumbency of the Rev. W. Wheeler, BD.

OLD SHORBHAM is on the eastern bank of the river Adur, 1 mile north of the town, formerly a town of some importance. Ella, the first King of the South Saxons, landed here to complete the conquest of England. The only remaining ancient relic is the church, which has been repaired, and much of its pristine beauty restored; it is a very interesting edifice; the expense of its restoration was defrayed by Magdalen College, Oxford, Messrs. Bridger and Turner, and the vicar. The living is a vicarage, value £58 per annum, in the patronage of Magdalen College, and incumbency of the Rev. W. Wheeler BD. St. Nicolas College, established in 1847, under the name of St. Mary's Grammar School, in New Shoreham, has become a large institution. Many improvements have been effected in this town within the last few years, amongst which the elegant and handsome suspension bridge, erected in 1832 by his Grace the late Duke of Norfolk, over the river Adur, is worthy of notice. The Swiss Gardens are extensive, the principal entrance is from the high road to Bramber Castle. These gardens have been visited by upwards of 3,000 persons in one day. Here are likewise a Theatre, Museum, Conservatory, &c.; the town is lighted with gas; here is a Custom-house. Charles II. made his escape from Shoreham to Fecamp, after the battle of Worcester. Buckingham House and Park, the seat of H. Bridger, Esq., is a short distance north of the town. Steyning Union House is in Shoreham, and contains about 80 inmates. The area of Old Shoreham is 1,870 acres; New Shoreham, 170 acres. The population, in 1851, was-Old Shoreham, 278; New Shoreham, 799. Here are chapels of the Countess of Huntingdon's connection, and Wesleyans, but the former has been converted into a Protestant Free Church.

GENTRY.

Balley John Selden, esq. High street

Baker Miss Harriett

Berry Mr. Edward

Bramfield Rev. G. F. L., BA., College

Branthwaite Rev. John, M.A. College
Bridger Harry Colvill, esq. Buckingham House
Bridger Harry, jun. esq
Bridger Misses, Church Street
Buckwell Charles D. esq. Church street
Butler Mr. George, New road
Clark Mrs. Sarah, New Road
Copp Mr. William
Field Rev. E., MA
Hore William, esq
Mackingley John, esq. Sussex house
Mertens Rev. F. M. D., BA. College
Norton Miss Charlotte
Provis Wm. Alexander, esq. Adur lodge
Stanton Miss Ann, Buckingham place
Tingle Mr. William
Walker Miss Emma
Walford Rev. H. MA. College
Walthew Miss Emily, Brighton house
Wilson Rev. A. C. MJA. College
Woodward Rev. Henry, M.A. New road

TRADERS.

Arnold George, baker & pastry cook
Aldred Richard, 'White Lion'
Bally & Son, shipbuilders
Bally John Britten, proprietor of Swiss Gardens
Battock Stephen, grocer &: draper, & secretary to Seaman's Royal Standard association
Blaker Wm. shopkeeper & coal mercht
Blaker William, tailor
Brooker Henry, painter
Brown John, shipping & customs agent, receiver of droits of admiralty & vice-consul for Sweden, Norway & Prussia
Brown John, hairdresser & stationer
Brown John Elluman, deputy agent for Lloyd's & vice-consul for Portugal, & agent to Brighton & Sussex Mutual fire insurance Society
Buckwell Alfred & Charles Dowland, timber & slate merchants, shipowners & managers to the Mutual Marine assurance association
Burton Richard, carrier
Bushby Thomas, auctioneer & appraiser
Butler John, grocer
Butler Mary (Mrs.), Schooner inn
Butler Robert, stationer
Carter & Fuller, surgeons
Charman Joseph, oyster merchant
Cheesman Francis, master mariner
Cork Charles, agent to Sun fire & life office, New road

Cross George, Star commercial inn
Cuddington Harry, 'Red Lion,' Old Shoreham
Dean James, postmaster & agent to Albert life office
Dorman James, tailor & toy dealer
Eastland Rd. rope & twine manufacturer
English William, 'Crown & Anchor,' & coal merchant
Evans James, 'Swiss Cottage,' & market gardener
Faulconer William, chemist & druggist
Fennell John, shopkeeper
Francis James, master mariner
Frazer Andrew, tailor
Gates & Son, butchers
Gates Thomas, ship owner, New road
Gates Thomas Frederick, ship owner
Gates William Sugden, shipowner
Glazebrook & Son, butchers & ship owners
Glazebrook Emma (Miss), ladies' school
Glazebrook James, Burrell's Arms commercial inn & posting house, Railway station
Goodchild Edward, Buckingham Arms commercial inn & posting house, Railway station.
Greaves William, railway contractor, Buckingham place
Greggs George, oyster merchant
Hall Caroline (Mrs.), baker
Hall Richard, baker
Harvey Nelson, grocer
Harper William Henry, boarding school
Hinton James, 'King's Head'
Hillman Nathaniel, beer retlr & shopkpr
Hills Mary (Mrs.), beer retailer
Holland Raymond, Bridge inn.
Hore William, surgeon
Hyde Edward, master mariner
Kemyes Jonathan, baker & druggist
King Frederick, carpenter & builder
Kirton Thomas Brown, shipowner
Knight Hen. 'Royal George' & coal mer
Maple George, outfitter ·
Mardell John Whitly, solicitor, & agent to the Royal Exchange fire & life assurance society
Milam John, beer retailer
Morchett Elizabeth (Mrs.), 'Dolphin,' & excise office
Olding Edward, omnibus proprietor
Page James, shopkeeper
Parker George, boot & shoe maker
Parker William, roman cement & plaster of paris manufacturer
Patching & Son, roman cement & plaster of paris manufacturers
Patching Henry, watchmaker
Patching- James, brewer & beer retailer
Pennifold Martin, baker, confectioner & refreshment rooms, Railway station

Perry man Daniel, mangr. of Swiss grdns
Pilbey .Mary (Mrs.), ladies' school
Pitt George, greengrocer
Puttick Robert, baker & grocer
Ratcliff John, fruiterer & pork butcher
Redford Richd. farmer, Buckingham farm
Roberts Alexander, beer retailer
Sanders Samuel, harbour master
Steadman Thomas, baker & bookkeeper
Sharp John, 'Surrey Arms'
Smart John, shopkeeper, Old Shoreham
Skedden James Broadhead, beer retailer
Smart John, baker, Old Shoreham
Tait William, timber merchant
Tidey & Son, carriers
Tilstone Susannah, grocer
Trangmer William George, provision dealer, coal merchant, sub-distributor of stamps, agent
to Accidental Death, Pheonix fire & European life insurance
Turner & Co. grocers & drapers
Walker .Mary (Mrs.), ironmonger &c
Wood Arthur, shopkeeper & basketmaker
Wylds Amon Henry, architect, Old Shoreham cottage
Young William, ironmonger

Post Office.—James Dean, postmaster. Money orders are granted & paid here. Letters from London, Brighton & Lewes arrive at 4 a.m.; dispatched to London, Brighton, Lewes, Hurst, Cuckfield, Crawley, Horsham, Reigate, Bromley, Croydon & Deptford, at ¼ to 10 p.m. Day mail to London & Brighton dispatched at 10a.m.; arrives at 12 a.m. Letters dispatched to Worthing, Arundel, Bognor, Chichester, Emsworth, Havant & Portsmouth ½ past 11 a.m.; arrive from Chichester, Arundel & Worthing ¼ to 10 p.m.

Insurance Agents:— Anchor Fire & Life, W. T. & R. Bradley
Brighton & Sussex Mutual Fire Insurance, J. E. Brown
Brighton & Sussex Mutual Provident Society, S. Battock
European Life, W. G. Trangmer
Guardian Fire & Life, W. Tate
Hope Mutual Life, John Swann
Phoenix Fire & Life, James Dean
Royal Exchange Fire & Life, J. W. Harden
Sun Fire & Life, Charles Cork
Western Life, J. Brown

Public Establishments:— Custom House, John Mackinlay, esq. collector; Richard Gates, esq. comptroller
Inland Revenue Office, Dolphin hotel
Stamp Office, W. T. & R. Bradley, sub-distributors
Steining Union House, John Henry Seaborne, master; Mary Ann Seaborne, mistress

Public Officers:

Comptroller, Mr. John Mackinlay
Harbour Master, Mr. Samuel Sanders
Tide Surveyor, Mr. James Macgregor
Vice-Consul for Prussia, Sweden & Norway, J Brown, esq
Deputy Agent to Lloyd's, Mr. J. E. Brown
Surveyor to Lloyd's, John Brown Ellman
Inland Revenue Officer, Mr. George Durrant
Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages, Mr. G. French
Relieving Officer (Shoreham district), Mr. G. French

Places of Worship:—

New Shoreham Church, Rev. W. Wheeler, b.d. vicar
Old Shoreham Church, Rev. W. Wheeler, b.d. vicar; Rev. F. C. Woodhouse, b.a. curate
Protestant Free Church, Rev. J. E. Good, minister
Wesleyan Chapel, various

Public Schools:—

St. Nicholas College, Rev Nathaniel Woodard, b.a. provost; Rev. John Braithwaite, m.a. head-master; Rev. Henry Welford, m.a. bursar; Rev. Edward Field, m.a. chaplain; Rev. John Wm. Howelt, b.a. librarian; Rev, G. F. Bampfield, b.a. Rev. A.C. Wilson, m.a. G. F. Temple, m.a. assistant masters
National, Richard Marsh, master; Miss Spencer, mistress

Posting Houses, Hotels & Commercial Inns :—

Dolphin hotel, Mrs. Elizabeth Mockett
Star hotel, George Cross
Buckingham Arms inn, Edward Goodchild
Royal George Inn, Henry Knight

Omnibuses to—

Brighton—twice a day, Sunday excepted, from 'Surrey Arms', at 10 morning, returning same evening
Steyping—daily, Sunday excepted, from railway station & Buckingham Arms inn, at ¼ past 4 afternoon in winter, & at 7 afternoon during summer months

Carriers pass through Shoreham to & from Brighton, Portsmouth, Chichester, Petworth, Midhurst, Littlehampton, Arundel, Worthing & Bognor, two & three times a week

South Coast Railway.—Thomas Wise, station-master; Nine trains to from Brighton, & five to & from, Portsmouth

PILOTS.

George Carter Steer, Worthing;
William Perrin, William Perrin, jun. Cornelius Perrin, John Legg & Philip Lawrence, Selsey;

Thomas Matthews, James Page, George Brazier, Robert Brazier, Francis Child, George Courtney, William Courtney, John Merrix, William Parish, John Bartley & Gadd Juniper, Shoreham & South wick.