



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## Leigh

**Ashton Keynes** is a parish, in the Northern division of the county, within the parliamentary borough of Cricklade, union of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett, county court district of Cirencester, Highworth hundred, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Cricklade, 4 miles west from Cricklade, 3 north from Minety station on the Cheltenham railway, and 88 from London. The village is pleasantly situated; the river Isla, or Thames, runs through it on one side of the road or street, and the bridges over it, leading to the houses, give it a picturesque appearance. There are remains of four ancient stone crosses in different parts of the village. The church of the Holy Cross is an ancient edifice, and has several remains of Norman architecture; it has a nave, with aisles, two chancels, and a low square tower containing 5 bells. The register dates from 1582. The living is a vicarage, with the chapelry of Leigh, gross yearly income £280, with residence, and 230 acres of glebe, held by the Rev. Smithett Swinford, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, who is also the patron. Adjoining the churchyard are the remains of a monastery, surrounded by a moat, and now converted to a farm-house. There are excellent schools (mixed and infant) with residence for master and mistress, also places of worship for Baptists, Independents and Primitive Methodists. There are two charities called Hawkins's and Chapman's, both invested in land, now producing together £58, £39 per annum of which is given to the poor, and £19 for apprenticing poor children. In 1778, 25 acres of land were conveyed by the Inclosure Commissioners to trustees on behalf of the Second Poor, the rents of which, amounting to £70, are annually distributed amongst them. The Duke of Cleveland is lord of the manor and is also the chief landowner. The soil is gravel and clay; subsoil is very variable. The chief crops are grass, wheat, barley and roots. The number of acres, inclusive of Leigh, is 4,014; gross estimated rental of Ashton Keynes, £6,032; rateable value, £5,262; and of Leigh, £3,138 and £2,701 respectively; the population in 1871 was 1,330, viz: Ashton Keynes, 1,004; Leigh, 326.

**PARISH CLERK:-** John Burnall.

**LETTERS** by foot post from Cricklade, which is the nearest money order office.

**INSURANCE AGENTS:-** London & Lancashire, E. Broad; Manchester Fire, J. Wilkins

**PAROCHIAL SCHOOL:-** John Clement Evans, master; Mrs. Sarah Evans, mistress.

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### Traders

Baden	Edmund		Farmer
Baden	Sophia	Mrs.	Farmer
Bird	Robert		Beer Retailer
Brain	George		Farmer
Clark	Robert		Farmer
Curtis	Matthew		Hay Dealer
Ellison	Henry		Farmer
Freeth	Henry		Farmer
Freeth	George		Farmer
Freeth	Thomas		Farmer
Hawkins	Leonard		Farmer
Hiller	Thomas		Farmer
Howse	Reuben		Farmer
Large	William		Farmer & Cattle Dealer

Morse	William		Farmer	
Prior	John		Farmer	
Saunders	Emma	Miss	Publican	Three Horseshoes
Saunders	Robert		Farmer	
Selby	John		Shopkeeper	
Taylor	William		Farmer	