



# Robsons Directory Extract 1939



## Calne

This small but ancient borough and market town is situated on a stony hill, near the centre of the hundred to which it gives name, and upon the great road to Bath and Bristol, 90 miles distant from London west 19 east from Bath, 30 north from Salisbury, and 7 from Devizes. Tradition derives the origin of Calne from the decline of a Roman staitia the present little hamlet of Studley 1½ mile to the west. It consists principally of one long unpaved and partially-lighted street, much improved of late in cleanliness and the house well-built of stone. At Calstone about three miles to the south-east, a number of springs gushing beautifully from the side of a hill and sufficient in their united strength to turn a corn mill at its foot, constitute the source of the Marlan, which after receiving another rivulet from Cherhill, flows through the centre, of this town on its way to join the Avon near Chippenham, a portion of which, in the centre of the town, has been arched over at the expense of the Marquis of Lansdowne, whereby a large and handsome space has been made. The parish is a vicarage, including the chapelries of Cherhill and Berwick Basset, the annual income £769 patron the treasurer of Sarum cathedral: population 4795, and the assessed property £26,502. The church dedicated to St. Mary, is spacious well pewed lighted with gas, and has a very beautiful tower. A new church is now being built in the hamlet of Studley in this parish to accommodate 500 persons, 400 sittings free, to be a district church for parts of the parishes of Calne, Chippenham, Bremhill, and Pewsham which is extra parochial. There are 4 Dissenting meetings, a free grammar school, and a hospital dedicated to St. John. The market is on Wednesday, and annual fairs are held 6<sup>th</sup> May and 29<sup>th</sup> September. A branch navigation from this place unites the Wiltshire and Berkshire canal with that of the Kennet and Avon, opening a convenient and extensive water carriage, not only to every part of the country, but to the ports of London and Bristol; yet this advantage has not prevented a considerable decline of late year in manufactures, principally Woollen Calne is a borough by prescription; its corporation, under the new Municipal Act composed of 15 members, who are privileged with a court of requests for small debts. By the reform Act one of its parliamentary representatives was curtailed, while the numbers of electors was increased to 307. The Poor Law Commissioners have constituted Calne the centre of a union, comprising 11 parishes and 8973 inhabitants.

The successive Marquises of Lansdowne have been considerable benefactors to the town, induced by the vicinity of their charming residence at Bowood.

The mansion there is handsome and extremely commodious, contains a number of good pictures, though less choice than the collection at Lansdowne House London, and commands an extensive prospect over a rich and lovely country embracing the town of Calne and the White Horse on Cherhill Hill and terminated by the bold and wood-crowned elevation of Roundway Hill and a range of the Marlborough Downs. The pleasure grounds cover about 70 acres laid out with the utmost taste and together with the park, which includes nine separate valleys, present strong-contrasted scenery, in every variety of beauty. Some of its conspicuous features are glingling rills and petrifying springs subterranean grottoes and the fine cascade rushing above them, in which art has effectually assumed the guise of nature in her wildest garb, a profusion of luxuriant trees, and a noble expanse of water, its limits concealed by advancing swells and woods. The warm sheltered situation and light rich soil of Studley are particularly congenial to culinary vegetables which great quantities are cultivated for the Bath market.

Compton House 2 miles east from Calne, has a beautiful view; and Whetham 3 miles south-west is an agreeable retirement. Within the parish is Cherhill Hill celebrated for its "white horse" which is visible to a great distance and for an encampment on its summit called Oldbury Castle

The titles of Viscount Calne and Calstone are borne by the Marquis of Lansdowne.

### **CORPORATION**

**Mayor** – George Page, Esq.

**Aldermen** – Henry King, Esq., W. Bailey, Gent., John Ladd, Gent

**Councillors.** G. S. Ogilvie, William Heale, John Waller, Job Freegard, Charles Pinniger, Thomas Broxholm, Thomas Stretton Stretch, George Bleaden, John Wayte, George Baily, William Bleaden

### **Post Office**

Baily William – Post Master

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Letters from London, Oxford, and all parts of Wiltshire, except Chippenham, arrive every morning ¼ before 5, and are dispatched every evening at 10. Letters from Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, and the North and West of England arrive every evening at 10, and are dispatched every morning at ¼ before 5

**Posting Houses**

Pinniger Charles, High Street - Lansdowne Arms  
 Bleaden William, Green - White Hart

**Bankers**

North Wilts Banking Company High Street draw on Drewett, Fowler, and Co. Bank

**Savings**

John Ladd, Church Street – General Receiver

**Fire & Life Assurance Agents**

**Alliance** - Silver Street – John Noyes  
**County Fire and Provident life** – Castle Street - William G. Carey  
**Norwich Union, Fire & Life** – Church Street – J. Ladd  
**Phoenix Fire & Crown Life** – Church Street – Thomas Broxholm  
**Royal Exchange** – High Street – Edwin Baily  
**Sun Fire & Britannia Life** – High Street – H. Bowman  
**Sun** – Church Street – John N. Ladd

**Coaches to**

**Bath and Bristol** (Royal Mail) from London calls at Kings Arms every morning at 5  
**London** (Beauford) from White Hart Inn, every morning at 10: returns 4 afternoon, through Marlborough and Hungerford  
**London** (Monarch) from Lansdowne Arms every evening at 11; returns ¼ past 3 afternoon  
**London** (New's Company's) from Crown Inn leaves 10 morning 6 evening; returns 4 morning, 5 afternoon through Marlborough and Hungerford.  
**London** (Old Company's) calls at the Lansdowne Arms every afternoon at 5  
**London** (Old Company's) calls at the Kings Arms every afternoon at 5  
**London** (Regulator) from White Hart every morning half-past 10; returns 5 afternoon  
**London** (Royal Mail) from Bristol, calls at the Kings Arms every evening at 10  
**London** (York House) from Bath calls at White Hart every morning at half-past 9; returns half-past 4 afternoon

**Carriers to**

Bradford and Melksham – Stephen Spackman every Monday from his house.  
 Chippenham - Thomas Day from Crown Inn, every Tuesday  
 Devizes - William Bendry, Crown Inn every Thursday  
 London - New Company's Crown Inn daily  
 London - C. and J. Tanners Waggon from the Lansdowne Arms daily  
 Wootton Bassett - W Bendry, from the Crown Inn every Thursday

**Water Conveyance**

Bristol, James Hale's boats, Weekly

**Name and Residence of the Nobility and Gentry in Calne and Neighbourhood**

Title	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Marquis of Lansdowne		Bowood Park
Arnold		Mrs.		Castle House
Angell	B. J. A.	Esq.		Rumsey House
Bowles		Rev., Canon		Bremhill
Guthrie	John	Rev.		Vicarage
Heneage	G. H. Walker	Esq.		Compton Bassett
Merewether		Mr.	Sergeant	Castle Field
Money	W.	Rev.		Whetham House
Phipps	Charles Lewis	Esq.		Wanshouse
Tanner	W.	Esq.		Blackwood House

Wayte	W.	Esq.		Highlands
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### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Ogilvie & Pownell	Surgeons	Curzon Street
		Pickett & Jeffery	Linen and Woollen Drapers & Silk Mercers	Church Street
Adye	John		Tinman & Brazier	Church Street
Akerman	John		Grocer	Green
Akerman	John		Pork Butcher	High Street
Atherton	Nathan		Solicitor	High Street
Baily	Ann		Coal Merchant	Wharf
Baily	Benjamin		Corn Factor & Mealman	Near Canal
Baily	Edwin		Bookseller, Stationer, Printer, Sub-distributor of Stamps & Agent for Royal Exchange Assurance	High Street
Baily	George	& Co.	Woolstapler & Councillor	Green
Baily	Joseph	& Co.	Clothier	Green
Baily	W.	Gentleman	Alderman	
Baily	William		Postmaster	
Baker	William		China & Glass Dealer	High Street
Bendry	William		Carrier	
Blackford	William		Carpenter	Quarry
Bleaden	George		Baker, Malster & Councillor	Church Street
Bleaden	William		Publican, Posting House, Brewer, Maltster & Councillor	White Hart Commercial Inn, Green
Bodman	James		Saddle & Harness Maker	Church Street
Bodman	Thomas		Boot & Shoe Maker	Mill Street
Bowman	Henry		Manager of North Wilts Banking Co. (Draws on Drewett Fowler & Co London) & Agent for Sun Fire & Britannia Life Assurance	High Street
Brander		Rev.	Curate of Hilmarton	Bolton
Brinkworth	C.		Saddle & Harness Marker	High Street
Broxholm	A.		Milliner & Dress Maker	Church Street
Broxholm	E.		Milliner & Dress Maker	Church Street
Broxholm	John		Auctioneer, China & Glass Dealer and Registrar of Births & Deaths	High Street
Broxholm	Thomas		Auctioneer, Ironmonger, Agent for Phoenix Fire & Crown Life Assurance & Councillor	Church Street
Burgess	Henry		Stone Mason	Silver Street
Butler	Henry		Carpenter	Green
Button	John		Plumber & Glazier	Church Street
Button	Thomas		Plumber & Glazier	Quarry
Caish	Thomas		Hair Dresser	Church Street
Carey	William Gilbert		Solicitor, Town Clerk, Clerk to Court Requests & Agent for County Fire & Life Assurance	Castle Street
Chappell	Sam		Clothes Salesman	Church Street

Chivers	Elizabeth		Ironmonger	High Street
Chivers	Matthew		Cabinet Maker	High Street
Cleverley	George		Stone Mason	Curzon Street
Cue	Charles		Printer & Coal Merchant	High Street
Day	Thomas		Carrier	
Dowding	S.		Manufacturer of Mop and Rug Yarn Hearth Rugs, Wag Tilts, Horse Cloths etc.	Quemerford Mills
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Duck	Isaac		Miller	Blackland
Evans	Caleb	Rev.		Wood Street
Eyre	J. C. P	Rev.	Curate	
Ferris	David		Silversmith & Jeweler	
Flay	George		Blacksmith	Wood Street
Flay	James		Butcher	Curzon Street
Flay	Walter		Publican	Wheat Sheaf, Curzon Street
Frayling	H.		Butcher	High Street
Frayling	John		Tallow Chandler	High Street
Freegard	John		Boot & Shoe Maker	Church Street
Freegard	Job		Boot & Shoe Maker & Councillor	High Street
Gauntlet	Quint.		Watch & Clock Makers	High Street
Gee	Stephen		Publican	Peach Tree, Wood Street
Gibbons	R. W.		Linen & Wool Drapers	High Street
Gidding	J.		Master of the Boys British School	Green
Giddings	J. H.		Ironmonger	Church Street
Giddings	William		Blacksmith	New Road
Gough	William		Carpenter	Quarry
Gundry	John		Chemist & Druggist	High Street
Gundry	Jos.	Fry & Sons	Woolstapler	Market Place
Guthrie	John	Rev.	Vicar	
Hale	J. C.		Coal, Corn & Salt Merchant	Patford Street
Hale	James		Grocer	Church Street
Harris	Henry		Bacon Factory	Church Street
Harris	Mary		Butcher & Bacon Factory	High Street
Heale	William		Nursery, Seedsman & Councillor	Curzon Street
Heath	John		Miller	Quemerford
Henly	Abraham		Grocer & Wine Merchant	Silver Street
Henly	Robert		Grocer & Draper	Market Place
Heskey	John		Parish Clerk	Mill Street
Hill	J. N.		Ironman & Blacksmith	Church Street
Hinton	Thomas		Silk Throwster	Green
Hiscock	Richard		Wheelwright	Curzon Street
Cave	Amelia		Mistress of the Infant School	Mill Street
Jacob	W. B.	Rev.	Gents Boarding School	Silver Street
			Free Grammar School	Green
Jones	J. W.		Tailor	Church Street
King	Henry		Surgeon & Alderman	Church Street
Ladd	J. N	Secretary	Gas Works	
Ladd	John N.	Gentleman	Accountant, Registrar of Births & Deaths, Alderman, Savings Receiver, Agent for Norwich Union Fire & Life Assurance, Agent for Sun	Church Street

			Assurance & Agent for the Wiltshire Friendly Society	
Lanfeair	John		Tailor & Draper	High Street
Lawrence	Benjamin		Baker	Green
Little	William		Anchor	Cow Lane
Mansell	George		Baker	Quarry
Maundrell	Joseph		Butcher	Church Street
Mead	John		Saddler & Harness Maker	High Street
Mereweather	H. Alworth		Sergeant at Law & Recorder of Reading	Castlefield House
Mereweather	H. Alworth, Jnr.		Barrister at Law	Castlefield House
Miles	Thomas		Tailor	Green
Moore	John		Mealman	High Street
Mower	T,		Confectioner	High Street
Joiner		Mrs.	National School Mistress	Green
Peninger		Mrs.	National School Mistress	Green
Noyes	John		Surveyor of Taxes & Agent for Alliance Assurance	Silver Street
Ogilvie	G. S.		Surgeon & Councillor	
Page	George		Surgeon & Mayor	Church Street
Pinniger	Charles		Publican, Post House, Brewer, Maltster & Councillor	Lansdowne Arms Commercial Inn, Church Street
Pinniger	Henry		Linen & Wool Drapery	Market Street
Pontin	S.		Grocer	Church Street
Ponting	William		Nursery & Seedsman	High Street
Pring	Henry		Painter & Glazier	Church Street
Rogers	John		Tallow Chandler	Church Street
Rowden	James		Maltster	Church Street
Rowden	William		Publican	The Bear, Church Street
Rumming	William		Cabinet Maker	Wood Street
Russ	Charlotte		Coal Merchant	Wharf
Rutherford	Thomas		Stone Mason	Quarry
Salt	F.	Rev.	Curate	Cherhill
Silk	Sophia		Publican	The Talbot, Quemerford
Spackman	Stephen		Carrier	
Stevens	H.		Milliner & Dress Maker	Patford Street
Stevenson	Richard		Baker	High Street
Stewart	James		Publican & Brewer	Crown Commercial Inn, High Street
Stretch	Thomas Stretton		Grocer, Draper & Councillor	Church Street
Sutton	William		Chemist & Druggist	High Street
Tanner	C.		Carrier	
Tanner	J.		Carrier	
Tanner	Richard		Veterinary Surgeon	Castle Street
Taylor	Charles		Plumber & Glazier	Church Street
Taylor	I. H.		Boarding & Day School	Church Street
Taylor	Robert		Cheese Factory	High Street
Thompson	E. H.	Rev.	Curate of Highway	
Trubridge	William		Grocer & Tallow Chandler	Church Street
Tucker	Abraham		Wheelwright	Curzon Street
Tucker	James		Tailor	Church Street
Tucker	Robert		Blacksmith	Curzon Street
Waller	John		Publican & Councillor	Kings Arms. High Street
Waterman	Charles		Plumber & Glazier	Market Place
Waterman	Richard		Baker	High Street

Waterman	William		Blacksmith	Curzon Street
Wayte	John		Currier & Councillor	Green
Webb	William		Stone Mason	Quarry
Weston	Joseph		Boot & Shoe Maker	New Road
Wheeler	Esau		Tailor	Church Street
Wheeler	John		Butcher	Church Street
White	Thomas		Baker	Church Street
Wilcox	George		Coal Merchant	Wharf
Wilkins		Mrs.	Ladies Boarding School	High Street