

proprietors of Preston Hall estate, which comprises the manors of Aylesford, Eccles, Tottington and Cossington: the present stone edifice was erected by Mr. Betts (who purchased the estate from the Milners), upon a more elevated site than that occupied by the old mansion, but not far distant from it: near the site of the latter there is still an ancient barn with the letters "T. C." and date, some in Arabic figures. Mr. Betts established here large pottery works, which still afford employment to many of the inhabitants and he also greatly improved the village by the substitution of modern and comfortable dwellings for the decayed structures which formerly disfigured it. There is a Penny Bank and a Literary Institution, which in 1865 was renovated, at a cost of about £3,000, by the late E. L. Betts esq. at whose expense also the village is supplied with water, conveyed from a spring at Tottington. At Eccles there is a Public Reading Room, in connection with the Aylesford Literary Institute. Henry A. Brassey esq. M.P. who is lord of the manor and the Earl of Aylesford are the principal landowners. In the parish are several extensive brick, lime and cement works. The soil is chalk, clay and gravel; subsoil, clay and stone. The chief crops are wheat, beans, barley, hops, oats and potatoes. The area is 4,372 acres; rateable value, £15,574 13s.; and the population in 1881 was 2,714.

Aylesford Dow. Countess of, The Friars
Brassey Henry Arthur M.P., J.P. Preston hall; & 6 Cromwell houses, South Kensington & Boodle's, Oxford & Cambridge clubs, London s.w
Cheere Mrs. The Cedars
Browne Rev. James H. B.A. [curate]
Cheshire Rev. Arthur H. [curate]
Grant Rev. Cyril Fletcher M.A. [vicar]
Holyoake Thomas
Shaw J. Monson, Rowe place

COMMERCIAL.

Austin & Sons, boat & barge builders
Austin Edward, shoe maker
Aylesford Pottery Co. (Joseph Hamblet, manager); London office, Belvedere road, Lambeth s.e
Aylesford Sand Works (Wagon & Son, proprietors)
Bensted W. H. & Son, stone merchants
Broad James, shopkeeper
Brooker Elias, farmer, Hayle farm
Brooks George William, *Chequers*
Brown Jane (Mrs.), farmer, Cowleaze
Brown Thomas, farmer
Burham Brick, Lime & Cement Co. Limited (Wm Varney, manager)
Butler Joseph, beer retailer, Eccles

Caryer Benjamin, butcher
Cole James, farmer, Cossington
Cole James, jun. farmer, Lt. Cossington
Cook John, baker
Cossom Richd. & Sons, boot & shoe makers
Danes & Son, brewers
Durban Thomas M. plumber
Field William, *George*
Flint & Paddon, coal merchants, Mill hall
Friars Brick Co. brick makers, Arthur Stephen Green, manager
Gibbs Robert Upton, grocer & draper
Grice John, grocer
Groombridge Thomas, baker
Hammond George Thomas, builder
Hawkes George Lewis, grocer & butcher, Eccles
Hawkes Wm. grocer & draper, Eccles
Hogwood Stephen John, *George*, Mill hall
Holyoake Thomas, surgeon
Hoppe John, farmer
Isaac Warwick, patent panel board manufacturer
Joy John Chalk, saddler
Jupp Edmund, *Bush*
Knott William Henry, botanist
May Stephen, carman
Morris George, grocer
Perrin Peter Moore & Jesse, farmers

Sandford Henry, lime burner
Seymour Richard Arthur, land agent to H. A. Brassey esq. M.P. Preston Hall farm
Sharp Elizabeth (Mrs.), *Walnut Tree*, Eccles
Smith Ann Matilda (Miss), dress maker
Stanger John, *Lower Bell*, Rochstr. rd
Verrell Samuel, beer retailer
Wagon & Son, sand, stone & flint merchants, Aylesford works
Wagon Edgar, engineer, wheelwright & blacksmith
Wagon John, house agent & collector & assessor of income & property taxes, & high constable for Aylesford & other parishes, Sedley cottage
Wagon Mrs. & Misses, academy, Forstal
Wagon Silas, barge owner & manure merchant, Forstal house
Walker Joseph, blacksmith
West Kent Gault Brick & Portland Cement Co. Limited (Charles Baker, sec.); & at Burham. See advert
Wood Edmund Clemson, butcher
Wood Edward, farmer, Gt. Tottington
Woolley Henry, grocer
Wyatt George, fly proprietor, Mill hall

Part of HERNE POUND is in this parish, though locally in Mereworth parish, 5 miles south-west.

Parish Clerk, Richard Cossam.

POST, MONEY ORDER & TELEGRAPH OFFICE & Savings Bank.—Robert Upton Gibbs, postmaster. Letters arrive from Maidstone at 6 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.; dispatched at 10.45 a.m. & 7.15 p.m

INSURANCE AGENT—*Swm Fire, Joy & Son*
Assistant Overseer & High Constable, John Wagon

SCHOOLS:—

National, erected in 1872, by the aid of Henry A. Brassey esq. M.P. combined with local subscriptions, John Smyth, master; Miss Margaret Adds, mistress

Infants', built in 1853 by E.L. Betts esq.; Miss Eliza Durban, mistress

Pottery, erected & supported by H.A. Brassey esq. M.P.; Miss Emma Cole, mistress

Eccles Infant School, Miss Davis, mistress

CARRIERS TO MAIDSTONE.—Parker, from Burham, passes through daily, to & from; Green, from Burham, passes through daily, to & from

Railway Station, Edmund Morgan, station master

BADLESMERE (usually corrupted into BASMERE) is a parish in the Eastern division of the county, upper division of the lathe of Scray, Faversham union, hundred and county court district, Ospringe rural deanery, Canterbury diocese and archdeaconry, 52 miles from London, 5 south from Faversham, 3½ south-west from Seeling station, 10 south-west from Canterbury, adjoining the Faversham and Ashford road. The church of St. Leonard is a small edifice in the Early English and Decorated styles, with chancel, nave and a small bell-cote containing 1 bell; in the chancel are some remains of elaborately carved mediæval stalls with inscriptions and a representation of the Archiepiscopal hall. The register dates from the year 1558. The living is a rectory, with that of Leaveland annexed, joint yearly value £400, with residence, in the gift of Earl Sondes and held by the

Hilton Rev. Clarence Jones M.A. Rectory
Buesden Edwin (Mrs.), farmer, Wood's court

George Albert, farmer & hop grower,
Stringmans
Godfrey Thomas, farmer

Rev. Clarence Jones Hilton M.A. of Jesus College, Cambridge. Sir Thomas Randolph, an eminent statesman, was born in this parish in 1523. Near the church stood the ancient mansion of the eminent family of Badlesmere. Earl Sondes is lord of the manor and chief landowner. The soil is a light loam with some clay; subsoil, clay and chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats, peas, beans and hops. The area is 782 acres; rateable value, £1,173; and the population in 1881 was 157.

Parish Clerk, John Rogers.

Letters through Faversham, which is the nearest money order office. PILLAR BOX, near the Rectory, cleared at 5.40 p.m.; on sundays at 11.40 a.m

CARRIER TO ASHFORD & FAVERSHAM—Joseph Rogers, every tuesday, thursday & saturday

Merton Robert, farmer & hop grower, Badlesmere court
Tamsett George, blacksmith

BAPCHILD is a parish and ancient village in the Eastern division of the county, Milton hundred and union, upper division of the lathe of Scray, Sittingbourne county court district, rural deanery of Sittingbourne, Maidstone archdeaconry and Canterbury diocese and is situated on Watling Street, 1 mile east from Sittingbourne and near the 41st milestone from London. The church of St. Lawrence is a small building of flint, of Norman and Early English work, with later insertions and consists of chancel with north aisle, nave, north aisle and a tower with shingled spire on the south, containing 1 bell: the nave is divided from the aisle by four low semi-circular arches on massive octagonal columns with square Norman capitals; and the chancel from its aisle by two Early English arches; this aisle is said to have

belonged to the Sinclairs and the windows contain a few fragments of stained glass; here are also two Early English niches forming the canopy of a piscina and on the north wall is an arcading in the same style, with the five-leaved flower: the chancel was repaired in 1872, the east window stained and a memorial window inserted at the west end; since then another has been placed in the south side. The churchyard has been extended, by land, the gift of W. W. Gascoyne esq. The register dates from the year 1562. The living is a vicarage, tithes commuted at £300, with modern residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Chichester and held by the Rev. James Horan, of the University of London; rectorial tithes, £434. There are about 22 acres in the parish of Teynham annexed to the vicarage. At

Bapchild, Withred, King of Kent, held a great council of the nobility and clergy of the kingdom of Kent and in the year 790 another council of the kingdom of Kent was held by King Athelard. William Hosson, in 1783, bequeathed £200; the interest amounting to £10 12s. 6d. to be applied to the education of poor children of the parishes of Bapchild, Tong and Murston. The principal landowners are William Whitehead Gascoyne esq. J.P. who is lord of the manor and William and R. Lake esqs. The soil is heavy; subsoil, clay and chalk. The chief crops are hops and fruit. The area is 1,085 acres; rateable value, £4,066 19s. 6d.; the population in 1881, 412.

MORRIS COURT adjoins Bapchild; HEMPSTEAD is a Denne Thomas, Wood Street house
Gillow Thomas, Radfield
Horan Rev. James [vicar]
Lee George, Bapchild court
Baker George, baker
Barnes Alfred Thomas, Kingsdown house

Couchman Robert, *Fox & Goose*
Loader William, farm bailiff to W. W. Gascoyne esq. J.P.
Reeves George, maltster, Bapchild plot
Reeves Hy. grocer, draper & post office
Storr Elizabeth (Mrs.), butcher

Terry Jas. Alfred, wheelwright & blacksmith; & at Dungate, Rodmersham
Thomas Lewis, fruit grower, Chalton house
Wood Walter Danl. farmer, Radfield fin

BARFRETON is a parish and village, in the Eastern division of the county, Eastry union and hundred, lathe of St. Augustine, Sandwich county court district, rural deanery of Sandwich and archdeaconry and diocese of Canterbury, 8 miles north-west from Dover, 7 south-east from Canterbury, 88 from London and about 1½ north from the Shepherdswell station of the London, Chatham and Dover railway. The church of St. Mary is a curious but very fine specimen of Norman architecture and arrangement and has, perhaps, been more frequently figured and referred to than any other church of this style; it is exceedingly small, consisting only of chancel and nave, separated by a circular arch ornamented with chevron work and having on either side a similar arch of smaller size: the chancel has two circular headed windows on the north side and a similar arcade ranging with them: on the north side is a like arcade with two pointed windows: the east end has a richly carved wheel window in the gable and below it three small round-headed windows: on each side of the chancel is a small square recess or aumbry: the nave has two round-headed windows on either side and in line with these, on the exterior, is a range of arched recesses; the north door is small, but has some chevron and other ornaments; that on the south side is very rich and beautiful and has mouldings filled with

Austen Rev. Edwd. Thos. M.A. [rector]
Buly Mrs
Mitchell John

Friend Robt. beer retailer
Pegden Walter, grazier

Spanton John, farmer, Barfreton court
Young William, shopkeeper

BARHAM is a parish in the Eastern division of the county, Kinghamford hundred, lathe of St. Augustine, Bridge union, Canterbury county court district, East Bridge rural deanery and Canterbury archdeaconry and diocese, 6½ miles south-east from Canterbury, 9 north-west from Dover, 4 south south-west from Adisham station, delightfully situated on the Dover road. The church of St. John the Baptist is an ancient building of flint, chalk and rubble, chiefly in the Decorated style, with portions of Early English and Perpendicular work; consisting of chancel, nave, south aisle and a western tower with a lofty shingled spire: the north transept belongs to the Dering family and the south transept to that of Oxenden; the nave is divided from the aisle by three pointed arches on light octagonal pillars; the chancel retains a piscina and all its windows, except the east window, are stained. The register dates from the year 1558. The living is a rectory, gross yearly value £800, with residence, in the gift of the Archbishop of Canterbury and held by the Rev. Samuel Webb Lloyd M.A. of St. John's College, Cambridge. The living was formerly united to Bishopsbourne, but was separated by an Order in Council in 1846. Matthew Bell esq. is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are Sir Henry Chudleigh Oxenden bart. and G. E. Dering esq. Here are Barham Downs, on which are many remains of Anglo-Saxon works, entrenchments and barrows. On Breach Down, 1 mile south-west, are a number of tumuli or barrows, in which many skeletons have been found, one of which had round its neck a string of beads of various forms and sizes and close to the same were a sword, dagger and spear. The late Mr. Fausset, of Heppington, opened upwards of 300

Graham Miss
Harrison Miss
Lloyd Rev. Samuel Webb M.A. Rectory
Long Edward, Out Elmstead house
Oliverson Thomas, Broome park
Oxenden Sir Henry Chudleigh bart. J.P.
Parker Mrs. The Lawn
Quested Mrs. Derringstone
Tynte Major M.C.S. 4th Dragoon Guards
(Adjutant Royal East Kent Yeomanry),
The Red House, Derringstone

Woodward Rev. Mervyn [curate], Derringstone
COMMERCIAL.
Allen Thomas, tailor
Arter Augustus Clifford, engineer, millwright & agricultural implement agnt
Arter Edward, *Halfway House*, Canterbury road
Bishop Stephen, carrier
Boufne Geo. boot maker, Derringstone
Broadley Thomas, farmer, Breach farm

Clifford Ashley Allen, farmer
Collyer Hy. farmer, Barham Court farm
Croft Wanley, farmer
Curtis John, beer retailer
Ellen Stephen, cowkeeper
Fagg William, farmer, Derringstone
Ford Emily (Miss), seminary, Derringstone
Foster Emily (Mrs.), cowkeeper, Derringstone
Gibson Jn. hurdle maker, Derringstone

quarter of a mile north-east; RADFIELD, 1 mile east on Watling Street.

Parish Clerk, John Moss.

POST OFFICE.—Henry Reeves, receiver. Letters by foot post from Sittingbourne arrive at 6.50 a.m. Box closes at 7 p.m.: sundays 12.25 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Sittingbourne

National School (for Bapchild & Tong) (mixed), built in 1852, for 149 children, with an average attendance of 115; Thomas Upton, master; Miss Clara Alice Harrison & Miss Dorothea Woollven, assistants

elaborate sculpture; the door itself is square-headed and in the centre is represented Our Saviour enthroned on a cloud, around which is foliated and scroll work, with medallions, enclosing heads of saints and bishops: the circular arches and windows on the outside are adorned with a profusion of wreaths, heads, figures and other devices in carved stone: the church was repaired and the ancient sculpture restored in 1840 by subscription. The register dates from the year 1572. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £182, with residence and 8 acres of glebe, in the gift of St. John's College, Oxford and held by the Rev. Edward Thomas Austen M.A. of that college. The principal landowners are the trustees of Bethlehem Hospital, who are lords of the manor and C. J. Plumtre esq. The soil is chalky; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and turnips; the area is 500 acres; rateable value, £699; and the population in 1881 was 117.

Parish Clerk, Robert Friend.

Letters through Sandwich, *via* Wingham, arrive at 9 a.m.; dispatched at 6 a.m. The nearest money order and telegraph office is at Shepherdswell

CARRIER TO DOVER.—Stephen Groombridge, every Wednesday, returning same evening

barrows and greatly enriched his valuable collection of Anglo-Saxon and Roman antiquities by the numerous coins they contained: this collection is now at Liverpool. The Roman military way, or Watling Street, from Canterbury to Dover, passes along the lower side of the downs. Broome Park is a mile and a quarter long and contains about 500 acres; it is occupied by Thomas Oliverson esq. Barham Court, now unoccupied, is the property of George Edward Dering esq. The soil is gravel and chalk; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and peas. The area is 4,600 acres; rateable value, £6,054; the population in 1881 was 1,012.

DERRINGSTONE is a hamlet, half a mile south, with a Wesleyan chapel; BROOME, 1½ miles south-east. One half of the village of WOOTTON, 2½ miles south-east and one half of the village of DENTON, 2 miles south, are in the parish of Barham.

Parish Clerk, now vacant.

POST, MONEY ORDER & TELEGRAPH OFFICE & SAVINGS BANK.—William Sprinks, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Canterbury by mail cart at 6.50 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.; dispatched at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. There are two deliveries daily viz.: at 9 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.

PILLAR LETTER BOX at Derringstone End. Cleared at 6.40 p.m.; on sundays at 11.55 a.m.

National School, built in 1857 for 250 children, with an average attendance of 230 & supported by voluntary contributions; John Carter, master; Mrs. Jane Carter, mistress

CARRIER TO CANTERBURY.—Stephen Bishop, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday, returning same day