

**INKPEN** is a parish on the borders of Wiltshire, 4 miles south-east-by-south from Hungerford and 3 south from Kintbury station on the Reading and Hungerford branch of the Great Western railway, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Kintbury-Eagle, petty sessional division and county court district of Hungerford, Hungerford and Ramsbury union, rural deanery of Newbury, archdeaconry of Berks and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Michael is a small but ancient structure of flint and stone in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and a low western tower carried on four piers of oak and containing 3 bells: it contains tablets to the family of Brickenden, who built the rectory and restored the church: there are also memorials to the Butlers, including one to Capt. Thomas Butler R.N. lost on board the "Scarborough" during a hurricane in the West Indies, in 1780: the church was extensively repaired and restored in 1896, under the direction of Mr. O. C. Rolfe, architect, of Oxford, when an oak chancel screen with rood was erected and an altar table of carved and gilded oak presented: the porch is a memorial to the Rev. John Butler M.A. rector, 1838-95, and has a carving in low relief of "The Entombment," from a picture by Taddeo Gaddi: there are 150 sittings. The register dates from the year 1545. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £340, with 12 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of and held since 1895 by the Rev. Henry Dobree Butler B.A. of Trinity College, Oxford. There is a Primitive Methodist chapel, built in 1860, and a Wesleyan chapel with a Sunday school. The interest on Baster's charity of £200 is distributed yearly at Christmas, amongst the aged poor and most industrious inhabitants of Inkpen in such proportion as the trustees think proper. Mrs. Harriet Butler's charity consists of the interest upon £300, to be spent in the purchase of bread, to be given to the poor of the parish of Inkpen. In this parish rises the river Auborn, which runs in an eastward direction till it

reaches Hide End, in Brimpton parish, then, bending northward, takes an oblique line between Brimpton and Wasing and falls into the Kennet a little below Wasing, forming, through its course of about 17 miles, the boundary between this county and Hampshire. Walbury Camp, the highest point of which is just outside the parish boundary of Inkpen, is the highest point of the chalk range in the south of England, being 959 feet high. Kirby House, the property and residence of B. E. Peto esq. belonged at one time to Thomas Brickenden, who was Reader of Gray's Inn, and Judge of the Lord Mayor's court, who died in 1664: about 1779 it passed by purchase to the Frankland Russells, and subsequently to the Butler family. The Earl of Craven is lord of the manor and Humphrey Jeffrey Walmesley esq. J.P. of Inglewood House, Kintbury, W. D. Brown esq. and B. E. Peto esq. are the principal landowners. The soil is mixed, light and heavy; subsoil, clay and loam. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and turnips. The area is 2,853 acres of land and 3 of water; rateable value, £2,814; the population in 1901 was 658.

Parish Clerk, James Rolfe.

Post & T. O., T. M. O., E. D. & P. P. Office, Common.

—Miss Rachel Homer, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Hungerford at 7.30 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.; dispatched at 5.35 p.m.; sundays, 10.35 a.m. Wall Letter Box at Lower Green cleared at 5.15 p.m.; on sundays, at 10.15 a.m. Kintbury, 3 miles distant, is the nearest money order office.

Elementary School (mixed), built in 1877, for 180 children; average attendance, 128; Arthur J. Pearce, master; Mrs. Pearce, infants' mistress.

Carriers to:—

Newbury—Mrs. Pole, thurs.; Alfred Levy, from Shal-bourn, passes through on mon. & thurs.; John May, thurs.

Hungerford—John May, wed. & sat. & Ernest Oswald Rolfe, wed. & sat.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Barnes Albert Henry, Maymead  
Bridgeman Walter, Rose cottage  
Buckeridge Elias, Mistletoe cottage  
Butler Rev. Hy. Dobree B.A. Rectory  
Butler John George  
Hercomb Miss, West view  
Lawless Harry James, Bay cottage  
Osborne Mrs. West court  
Peto Basil Edward, Kirby house  
Scott Mrs. Fox hill  
Sermon William, The Folly  
Spickernell Joshua, Vine cottage  
Weston Arthur Francis Anderdon,  
Totterdown house

COMMERCIAL.

Abraham Charles, shoe maker  
Ambrose Ernest, grocer  
Annetts Charles, farmer  
Annetts Reuben, blacksmith, Lower  
Green  
Bance Robert, farmer  
Barden Alfred, builder, Fox hill

Black Amos, horse dealer  
Brown Frank, farm bailiff to B. E.  
Peto esq. Kirby farm  
Buckeridge David, farmer & potter  
Collins Anthony, Craven Arms P.H.  
Collins Charles, watch maker &  
assistant overseer  
Cooling Albert, farmer, Ham spray  
Deacon James, boot maker  
Dewey Frederick, beer retailer  
Dymond Mary Jane (Mrs.), farmer  
Edwards James & Son, builders, con-  
tractors, painters & decorators &  
farmers; field gates, portable  
buildings (poultry appliances a  
speciality)  
Faulknor Arthur, nurseryman  
Fox William, bricklayer & cowkeepr.  
Lower Green  
Froome Francis, farmer, Broadlands  
Froome John, farmer, North croft  
Hercomb Charles, Swan P.H. Lower  
Green

Homer William Thomas, grocer &  
draper, Upper Green  
Lawrence Albert Arnold, farmer,  
Church farm  
Lawrence Richd. farmer, Manor fm.  
Lawrence Sidney, head gardener to  
Mrs. Goodhart  
May Emma (Mrs.), carrier  
Osborne Wm. Edwd. frmr. Upper Grm  
Palmer Charles, blacksmith  
Rogers Charles John, beer retailer  
Rolfe Henry, basket ma. Lower Green  
Rolfe Ernest Oswald, carrier  
Rolph William, basket maker  
Rosier John, coal merchant  
Stroud George, shopkeeper  
Taylor Edwin, cattle dealer  
Walters James William, farmer,  
Saddler's farm  
Ward Brothers, grocers & drapers,  
Great Common  
Watts Hy. carpenter, Gt. Common  
Wright Oliver, cowkeeper