

EXPLANATION FOR TRADE DIRECTORIES

Trade directories provide information about local communities and their inhabitants. It gives a summary about the village, lists private individuals and traders. They were published more widely from 1800 onwards and were more frequent than census returns therefore providing extra information in searching for people.


We have directories for Kelly's, Kent Messenger, Pigot's, Post Office, Bradshaw's, Maidstone, Marden, Melville's, Harrod's, Green's. This is another table which we are continually updating. So far we have directories for these dates:

1822/3/4, 1828/9, 1840, 1884/5, 1845, 1847, 1850, 1852, 1855, 1858, 1859, 1862, 1866, 1867, 1870, 1874, 1878, 1887, 1891, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1917/8, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1924, 1925/6, 1927, 1927/8, 1930, 1933/4, 1934, 1937/8, 1938.




To view the Trade Directories database point to TABLES and click TRADE DIRECTORIES from the drop-down menu.


The database will appear as a series of records. An asterisk in each of the green column headings denote whether that field is searchable, and clicking on each one arranges contents ascending or descending - signified by an upward or downward pointing triangle respectively.


The Search Bar will accept any names, dates or terms and has options for entering multiple terms. The page selection buttons will move through pages of batched records - one page up or down, or to the beginning and end of the whole database or selection. There are also options to export data to Word or Excel files.


To view an individual record, click the magnifying glass button on the extreme right hand side of each one. 

The column names of a record's table are:

- Column 1 - **Ref No (*)** – the item’s unique database reference number.
- Column 2 - **Name (*)** – the surname and first name/s of the individual.
- Column 3 - **Title (*)** – their title of address or rank e.g. Rev, Mrs, Brigadier General, Miss, MB. etc.
- Column 4 - **Address (*)** – the name of the house, not usually the road but sometimes left blank.
- Column 5 - **Type (*)** – private or commercial property. The private properties are always listed first.
- Column 6 - **Trade/occupation (*)** – for commercial entries only and self-explanatory.
- Column 7 - **Directory (*)** – which directory had compiled. the list.
- Column 8 - **Date (*)** - the date of publication of the directory.
- Column 9 -  - clicking on this will show you the individual record.
- Column 10 -  - for editors only.
- Column 11 -  - for editors only.

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