



Swindon & District Yearbook - 1948



Stratton St. Margaret

The growth of this village has been coincident with the development of Swindon, and the two places are now closely associated. Stratton has a station on the G.W.R. on the Highworth branch, and another on the main line at the Park Cross Roads, Lower Stratton, and is in the Swindon Division of Wilts, Swindon Petty Sessional Division and County Court District, and Diocese of Bristol. The Parish Church of St. Margaret is an ancient stone structure with a register dating to 1608. The living is a vicarage, net value £160 a year, with the residence, to which the Bishop of Bristol nominates and Merton College presents. There is Church dedicated to St. Philip at Upper Stratton. There are now two ecclesiastical parishes – St. Margaret's, under the Rev. G. R. Fooks (vicar), and St. Philip's, Upper Stratton, which includes a part of Pinehurst, under the Rev. J. C. Hawksworth (vicar). There are three Methodist and two Baptist Chapels in the village. The principal landowners are Merton College, Oxford and Mr. T. Arkell's executors. Letters arrive through Swindon, and are dispatched at 2.5 and 10p.m. There are Post Offices at Upper And lower Stratton and Stratton Park. Rateable value £30,227; Estimated Population 6,180.

KINGSDOWN is 1½ miles north, and PENHILL 2 miles North West.

VICARS – Rev. G. R. Fooks and Rev. J. C. Hawksworth.

SANITARY INSPECTOR – Mr. A. G. Underwood, 17 Bath Road.

RELEIVING OFFICER – B. S. Fountain, 36 & 37 Milton Road.

POSTMASTERS – C. T. Maslin (Upper Stratton) and Arthur Heath (Lower Stratton).

SUB-POSTMASTER – Mr. E. Cook, 87 Oxford Road.

SCHOOLMASTERS – A. D. Padfield (Upper Stratton) and F. J. Appleford (Lower Stratton)

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