



# Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

## Tockenham



**TOCKENHAM** is a parish, 3 miles south-west from Wootton Bassett station on the Swindon and Bath section of the Great Western railway, and 9 south-west from Swindon, in the Northern division of the county, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett union, petty sessional division of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett, and county court division of Swindon, rural deanery of Avebury (Avebury portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The Great Western railway passes through the parish. The church of St Giles is a small but ancient edifice of stone in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and a western bell-cot with one bell: it was partially restored in 1876 at the sole cost of the Rev J J Stanton, a former rector, and has a monument to the Goddard-Smith family dating from 1692: built into the south wall of the church is a figure of Æsculapius. The church was thoroughly restored in 1908, when the plaster was removed from the walls and several interesting features brought to light. There are 150 sittings. The register dates from the commencement of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and there is a list of rectors from 1313. The living is a rectory, net yearly income £190, including 36 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Lord Chancellor, and held since 1892 by the Rev William Henry Hewlett Cooper MA of Trinity College, Dublin, and FRGS. The charities amount to about £13 yearly, including 33 marsh money, chargeable on the Tockenham estate, and arising from £500 invested in Consols by Mrs Ann Jacob in 1780, and from £200 similarly invested by Mrs Mary Clutterbuck in 1784; the cost (about £2) of keeping the family tombs in repair is deducted, and the remainder is distributed among such of the poor as are not in receipt of parish relief. The Manor House, a fine example of the Jacobean style, was built by Richard Danvers, who died in 1604: in the 18<sup>th</sup> century it became the property by marriage of the Buxtons, of Channonz and Shadwell in Norfolk; in 1904 it was restored, and is now the property and residence of Gerard James Buxton esq. JP who is the principal landowner. The soil is of a sandy nature; subsoil, rock. The land is chiefly in pasture. The area is 779 acres; rateable value £1,632; population in 1911, 173.

**Sexton:** George Davis

**Post Office:** Mrs Angelina Reeves, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Swindon, via Wootton Bassett, at 7.15am & 6.40pm week days only. Letter box cleared at 7.15am & 7.15pm week days only. Bradenstoke, about 3 miles distant, is the nearest money order office & the nearest telegraph office is Clyffe Pypard, 1½ miles distant

**Wall Letter Box:** Tockenham Cross Roads, cleared 7.25pm week days only

**Elementary (Free) School (mixed):** built in 1844; the school & school house were considerably enlarged in 1908, for 80 children; Miss Lily Cook, mistress

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Buxton	Gerard James	JP		Manor House
Cooper	William Henry Hewlett	Reverend MA FRGS		Rectory
Foster	Stanley C			

## Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Akers	John		Farmer	Lower Greenway
Constable	Mary Jane	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Foster	Stanley C		Agent to Gerard James Buxton esq. JP	
Fry	William Charles		Farm Manager to Gerard James Buxton esq. JP	Manor Farm
Gaisford	Herbert		Farmer	Shaw Farm (letters through Wootton Bassett)
Hosier	William		Farmer	Queen's Court
Twine	Frederick Charles		Farmer	Greenway House
Wilkins	William James		Grocer	