



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915

## Castle Eaton



**CASTLE EATON** is a village and parish, near the river Thames on the Gloucestershire border, 4 miles east-by-north from Cricklade station, on the Midland & South Western Junction railway, 8 miles North from Swindon, and 5 north-west from Highworth, in the Northern division of the county, Highworth hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Swindon, rural deanery of Cricklade, archdeaconry of North Wilts and diocese of Bristol. The church of St Mary is an edifice of stone in the Norman and Early English styles, consisting of chancel, nave of 3 bays, north aisle, south porch, and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing 6 bells; and over the chancel arch, is a fine octagonal bell turret: in the tower is a marble monument to Walter Parker of Lushill, who died 1664: the stained east window is a memorial to John Gandy esq, who died in 1857, and there are 4 other stained windows: the north wall retains a painting of the Virgin and Child: there are sittings for 200 persons. The register dates from the year 1549. The living is a rectory, yearly value £400, including 80 acres of glebe with residence, in the gift of the late Rev W J G Luckman MA and held since 1898 by the Rev Charles Montague Roscoe Luckman. In 1901 a Reading Room was erected by Lieut Col Archer, at a cost of £150. The interest on £100, amounting to 55s yearly, left by John Hurst in 1827, is distributed to the poor on Good Friday. Capt Samuel Frank Alderson Archer is lord of the manor and chief landowner. The soil is gravel; the chief crops are wheat, barley, roots and some land is in pasture. The area is 1964 acres of land and 15 of water, rateable value £2010: population in 1911, 225.

LUSHILL (or Lush Hill) is a tithing, 2 miles south-east, BLACKFORD 1 mile east.

Post Office: Edward Slatter, sub-postmaster. Letters from Swindon, via Cricklade, arrive at 7.10am & 3.45pm, dispatched at 7.15am & 7.25pm. Kempford is the nearest money order and telegraph Office, 2 miles distant. Letters for Lushill are received from Highworth at 8am. Highworth is the nearest telegraph office for Lushill, about 3 miles distant.

Elementary School (mixed): built in 1855 for 80 children, Miss Mabel Eleanor Long, mistress.

Carriers: H Barrett, (Fairford) Mon & Fri to Swindon & Strange (Kempford), on Sat to Swindon.

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Archer	Samuel Frank Anderson	Captain		Bridge House
Luckman	Charles Montague Roscoe	Reverend	Rector	Rectory
Rankin	Edwin C.			Lushill House

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Archard	Emily	Mrs. & Sons	Farmers	Castle Eaton Farm
Greenaway	William		Publican	Red Lion Inn
Rankin	Edwin C.			Lushill House
Hoskins	Samuel		Farmer	Lushill Farm

Johnson	Harry		Shopkeeper	
Pike	Sidney Charles		Farmer	Manor Farm
King	Carrie	Miss	Caretaker	Reading Room
Slatter	Edward		Blacksmith & Post Office	
Taylor	Austin		Carpenter	
Vines	Charles D.		Farmer	Blackford