



# Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

## Upton Scudamore



**UPTON SCUDAMORE** is a parish, 2 miles north from Warminster station on the Salisbury branch of the Great Western railway, and 2½ south-west from Westbury, in the Western division of the county, hundred, union, petty sessional division and county court district of Warminster, rural deanery of Wylve (Heytesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Mary the Virgin is an edifice of stone in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, north aisle and an embattled western tower containing a clock and 3 bells, two of which were presented in 1882 by the late rector: the font is of Norman date and there are two mutilated effigies of the Scudamores, who were the chief owners of the parish from the Conquest to the reign of Edward III: the porch has a finely sculptured Norman doorway and all the windows are stained: the church was restored in 1859, and affords 180 sittings. The register dates from the year 1654. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £260, including 23 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Queen's College, Oxford, and held since 1914 by the Rev Charles Newman Tanner MA of that college. Here is a Baptist chapel. At Biss, a quarter of a mile north, are the sources of the small river Biss, which flows to Trowbridge, about 7 miles distant: that town and Melksham are both supplied with pure water from these springs. A water tower for the supply of water to the parish was erected in 1906 as a memorial to the Rev John Baron DD a former rector, and his wife, by their relatives; the water is obtained from a well and is raised by a windmill. The principal landowners are the Marquess of Bath, Grenville Newton Temple esq. JP and Charles Nicholas Paul Phipps esq. The soil is a strong loam; subsoil, marl. The chief crops are wheat and a good deal of land in pasture; the area is 2,538 acres; rateable value £3,136; the population in 1911 was 217 in the civil and 228 in the ecclesiastical parish.

**THOULSTON** is a tithing, 2 miles north-west; **NORRIDGE**, a tithing, 1 mile south-west.

Under the provisions of the "Divided Parishes Act, 1882" detached parts of Upton Scudamore have been transferred to Westbury and Warminster for civil purposes.

**Sexton:** Henry Newbury

**Letters through Warminster**, arrive at 7am & 6,30pm. The nearest money order offices are at Warminster, Westbury & Westbury Leigh. The nearest telegraph office is at Warminster

**Wall Letter Box:** cleared at 7.10am & 6.45pm; Sundays 7.30am

**Elementary School (mixed):** built in 1856, for 80 children; Mrs Annie Daniells, mistress

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Horne	James			
Howell		Mrs		The Grange
Tanner	Charles Newman	Reverend MA	Rector	Rectory

## Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brunt	Edwin		Farmer	Thoulston (letters through Westbury)
Dunning	Frederick		Harness Maker	
Gagen	Ernest Henry		Farmer	Manor Farm
Gunning	Francis John P		Farmer	Norridge Farm
Jarvis	Henry Thomas		Good Accommodation for Parties; Stabling etc; also Blacksmith & Shopkeeper	Angel Hotel
Maidment	John		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Pearce	Godwin	Mrs	Farmer	Millards Farm
Pullin	Frederick Charles		Farmer	
Singer	Samuel Butler		Farmer	Thoulston Farm (letters through Westbury)
Wake	Ernest George		Farmer	Temple Farm
White	John William Thomas		Farmer	Biss Farm