



# Kellys Directory Extract 1889

## Wootton Bassett



WOOTTON BASSETT is a market town and parish (formerly a borough), pleasantly situated on an eminence overlooking a large extent of fertile and highly cultivated country, with a station on the Great Western railway, 83 miles from London, 5  $\frac{3}{4}$  west from Swindon, 24 from Bath, 38 north from Salisbury, and 31 miles by rail, 18 north from Devizes, in the Northern division of the county, Kingsbridge hundred, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett union, Swindon county court district, petty sessional division of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett, rural deanery of Avebury, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury: it was formerly governed by a mayor, two aldermen and twelve capital burgesses, but under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1883, the incorporation ceased to exist in March, 1886. The Wilts and Berks canal passes within half a mile south of the town. Wootton Bassett was at the time of the Norman accession called Wodeton, and about a century after it became the property of the Bassetts, from whom it received the adjunct to its name; it consists of a single street nearly half a mile long, near the centre of which stands the Market House and Town Hall. Henry VI. enfranchised the town; the charter of incorporation was granted by Queen Elizabeth, which was renewed with increased privileges by Charles II. in a charter dated 2nd December, 1679, and the borough returned two members to Parliament till deprived of it by the Reform Act. The town is lighted with gas by a limited liability company, and has been much improved. The church of St. Bartholomew is of stone, in the Early English style, and consists of a chancel, nave of five bays, and aisles, south porch, and square embattled western tower containing 5 bells, and contains an organ: in cleaning the south wall some years ago a curious painting, in a rude style, was discovered of the murder of Thomas a Becket: in 1871 the church was thoroughly restored, at a cost of between £6,000 and £7,000, by the trustees of the late Sir Henry Meux bart.: in 1877 a handsome stained window was added in memory of the late Earl and Countess of Clarendon; in 1884 a clock was placed in the tower at a cost of £150 by public subscription. There are several stained windows: there are sittings for 800 persons. The register dates from the year 1584. In the vestry are various old deeds and a list of vicars from 1,200. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £520, including 92 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Sir Henry Bruce Meux bart. and held since 1886 by the Rev. Henry Kennedy Anketell. Here is a Congregational Chapel, with 200 sittings; a Wesleyan chapel, built in 1855, seating 200 persons; a Baptist chapel, built 1878 with 100 seats; and Primitive Methodist chapel, built in 1838, with sittings for 400 persons, with vestry attached. The Cemetery of 2 acres, with two mortuary chapels, was opened in 1871 at a cost of £2,000, and is governed by a burial board of 9 members. There are charities, producing about £52 yearly, left by Charles Compton in 1700, Rev. Charles Pynner, Sir Francis Inglefield Gallimores, Lord Clarendon's charity (left in 1786); and Lord Clarendon, in 1824, left £100, the interest to be given to the poor not receiving parochial relief. Hiring fairs are held on the Tuesday before the 6th of April, and Tuesday before the 11th of October, instituted in 1836, which are nearly obsolete. A large market is held on the first Wednesday in every month for cattle. The Town Hall is now (1889) being thoroughly restored, at the cost of Sir Henry Bruce Meux: it is a half-timbered structure, with oak staircase; the upper part will form reading-rooms and a museum, to which will be restored the ancient ducking-stool which had been removed from here to Devizes; the lower portion will be used as a market and corn exchange. An ancient hospital formerly existed here, and was dedicated to St. John, and in the reign of Henry IV was united to the Priory of Bradenstoke.

There is a saline spring on Whitehill Farm, in the parish, the waters of which are considered beneficial. Vasterne House, the old manor house, once a royal residence, has been restored by Sir H. B. Meux bart. and is now occupied by his estate agent, Ernest C. Trepplin esq. M.A. Sir Henry Bruce Meux bart. of Dauntsey, is lord of the manor and chief landowner. The soil is oolite brash; subsoil, clay. The land is chiefly in pasture. The area is 4,830 acres; rateable value, £15,203; and the population in 1881 was 2,237. Greenhill, 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles south, and Woodshaw 1 east, are tithings in this parish.

**Parish Clerk** - Samuel Wiltshire.

**POST, M. O. & T. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office** (Sub-Office. Letters should have S.O. Wilts added). - Geo. Watts, postmaster. Letters arrive at 4 a.m. & 2 p.m.; deliveries commence at 7 a.m. & 2.15 p.m.; dispatched at 3.20 & 8.20 p.m. Money orders granted & paid between 9 a.m. & 6 p.m. Telegraph office open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The old corporation has been abolished, but the corporation property is vested in trustees, of whom the lord of the manor, Sir Henry B. Meux is one, two aldermen & three elected members.

**INSURANCE AGENTS :-**

Commercial Union -	G. R. Platt, High Street
County Fire -	J. H. Wills, Capital & Counties Bank
General -	F. Wiltshire, High Street
General Life -	Robert Little
Hand-in-Hand -	J. Knapp, Great Field House
Imperial Fire & Life -	James Smith, High Street; & F. Mundy, Wilts & Dorset Bank (fire only)
Provident Life -	J. H. Wills, Capital & Counties Bank
Sun Fire -	H. Bevir, High Street

**PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS :-**

Cemetery	Edward Dodd, clerk to the burial board
County Police Station	Henry Field, sergeant in charge, & 1 constable
Fire Brigade	Thomas Lansdown, superintendent & 10 men
Inland Revenue Office, Angel inn, High Street	James Rickards, officer
Market Hall	
Town Hall	Samuel Wiltshire, hall keeper, Cemetery

**CRICKLADE & WOOTTON BASSETT UNION.**

Board day, alternate Wednesdays, at the workhouse, Purton, at 10.30 a. m.

The parishes & places in the Union are :-Ashton Keynes, Braydon, Broad Town, Cliffe Pypard, Cricklade St. Mary, Cricklade St. Sampson, Eisey, Latton, Leigh, Lydiard, Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham or Lineham, Marston Maisey, Purton, Tockenham, Wootton Bassett; the population of the union in 1881 was 11,613, & the rateable value is £88,561.

<b>Clerk to the Guardians &amp; Assessment Committee</b>	Harry Bevir, Wootton Bassett
<b>Treasurer</b>	William Brewer Wearing, Swindon
<b>Collectors to the Guardians, Relieving &amp; Vaccination Officers:-</b>	
<b>First district</b>	Isaac Watts, Wootton Bassett
<b>Second district</b>	W. B. C. Horsell, Cricklade
<b>Medical Officers:-</b>	
<b>Nos. 1 &amp; 2 districts</b>	Joseph Miller Kirkman, L.R.C.P. Edin. Wootton Bassett
<b>No. 3 district</b>	Noah Beldom Langley, Cricklade
<b>No. 4 district</b>	Samuel Waldegrave, Purton
<b>Public Vaccinators:-</b>	
<b>Nos. 1 &amp; 2 districts</b>	Noah Beldom Langley, Cricklade
<b>Nos. 3 &amp; 4 districts</b>	Samuel Waldegrave, Purton
<b>Superintendent Registrar</b>	Edward Dodd, High Street, Wootton Bassett
<b>Deputy Registrar</b>	Robert Little, High Street, Wootton Bassett
<b>Registrar of Births &amp; Deaths:-</b>	
<b>Wootton Bassett sub-district</b>	Isaac Watts, High Street, Wootton Bassett
<b>Deputy Registrar</b>	Robert Little, High Street, Wootton Bassett
<b>Cricklade sub-district</b>	William B. C. Horsell, Cricklade
<b>Deputy Registrar</b>	Abijak A. Ockwell, Cricklade
<b>Registrar of Marriages</b>	Walter Richard Armstrong, High Street, Wootton Bassett;
<b>Deputy Registrar</b>	George Watts, Jnr., Church Street, Wootton Bassett

**Workhouse** - Purton, a building of brick, built in 1838, & will hold 250 inmates.

<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. John Veysey
<b>Medical Officer</b>	Samuel Waldegrave
<b>Master</b>	Ezekiel Jones
<b>Matron</b>	Mrs. Hannah Jones

**RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY**

Meets at the Workhouse, Purton, every alternate Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon.

<b>Clerk</b>	Harry Bevir, Wootton Bassett
<b>Treasurer</b>	William Brewer Wearing, Swindon
<b>Medical Officer of Health</b>	Joseph Miller Kirkman, Wootton Bassett
<b>Inspector of Nuisances</b>	Francis Armstrong, High Street Wootton Bassett

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE,**

Meets at the Workhouse, Purton, on the days of the Guardians' meeting at 12 o'clock.

**Clerk** Harry Bevir, Wootton Bassett  
**Attendance & Inquiry Officer** Francis John Barnes, Purton

**PUBLIC OFFICERS:-**

**Assistant Overseer** Robert Little  
**Clerk to the Burial Board** Edward Dodd  
**Stamp Distributor** George Watts, High Street  
**Town Crier** Samuel Wiltshire, Cemetery

**PLACES OF WORSHIP, with times of services:-**

**All Saints Church** Rev. Henry Kennedy Anketell, vicar; 11 a. m. & 6.30 p.m.  
**Baptist** ministers various; 10. 30 a. m, 6 p. m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.  
**Congregational** Rev. David Morgan, minister; 10.30 a. m. & 6 p.m. ; Thurs. 7 p.m  
**Primitive Methodist** Rev. Daniel Harding, minister; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m. ; Wed. 7 p.m.  
**Wesleyan** ministers various; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7.30 p.m.

**SCHOOLS:-**

**Free**, founded in 1886, by Richard Jones, of Nether Stowey, Somerset, & endowed with lands now producing about £21 per year; it is now amalgamated with the National schools : these were rebuilt in 1860.

**National**, for 300 children; average attendance, 48 boys, 43 girls & 46 infants; William Pollitt, master; Mrs. Margaret Pollitt, mistress.

**British** (mixed), built in 1858, for 281 children; average attendance, 137 boys & girls & 66 infants ; James Smith, master ; Mrs. Smith, mistress.

**Railway Station** James Parry, station master.

**CARRIER TO RAILWAY STATION** - J. C. Wall.

**Private Residents**

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Anketell	Henry Kennedy	Rev.	Vicar	
Armstrong	Francis Abl. William Tyler			Lyme House
Beaven	Alfred			Newmarsh
Bennett	John			High Street
Bevir	Harry			High Street
Blanchett	William			
Bond	Richard			High Street
Byrch	Thomas			High Street
Cartwright	George Nethbridge			High Street
Castle		Miss		Coxtalls
Dodd	Edward			High Street
Ellison		Mrs.		Lundy House
Gantlett		Mrs.		High Street
Gilbert		Miss		Wood Street
Haggard	John			High Street
Hale		Mrs.		High Street
Harding	Daniel	Rev.	Primitive Methodist	High Street
Hicks	Raymond			High Street
Horsell	Charles			High Street
Horsell	Howard			Dudley House
Humphries		Mrs.		High Street
Humphries	Alfred Ricks			Fair View
King	Henry			High Street

Kirkman	Joseph Miller			High Street
Leighfield		Mrs.		Marsh Villa
Leslie	Thomas			High Street
Mapson		Mrs.		High Street
Matthews	Jacob			Coxtails
Matthews	James J. G.	Capt.		High Street
Morgan	David	Rev.	Congregational	High Street
Mundy	Frank			High Street
Ness	Richard E. D.	Col.		Vasterne Lodge
Oswell	Thomas St. John			Nore Marsh Road
Panting	William			Wood Street
Riddick		Mrs.		High Street
Robbins	Thomas			Clematis Villa
Rumming	John			High Street
Smith		Miss		High Street
Spackman		Miss		Summerfield Villa
Stevens	Henry James			High Street
Teagle		Mrs.		Church Street
Telling	Edward			High Street
Tombs	Henry Coggin			High Street
Trepplin	Ernest C.	M.A.		Vasterne House
Twine	Adam			Vasterne Bridge
Twine	Adam, Jnr.			High Street
Vockins	Edward			High Street
Warman		Mrs		High Street
Weston	Frederick			High Street
Wheeler	Joseph			High Street
Wiggins	William Hunt			High Street
Willis	Edward James			High Street
Wiltshire	Francis			High Street
Woodward		Miss		Wood Street
Woodward	Abraham			Wood Street
Wyatt	William			High Street

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
		Bartlett Brothers	Outfitters	High Street
		Bristol Provision Stores		High Street
		Kinnear & Tombs	Solicitors	High Street
Angel	George		Butcher	High Street
Angelinetta	John		Greengrocer	Church Street
Angelinetta	William		Furniture Broker	High Street
Archer	William		Farmer	Black Dog Farm
Armstrong	Francis		Auctioneer, Corn Merchant & Inspector of Nuisances	High Street
Armstrong	Walter Richard		Land Surveyor & Registrar of Marriages	High Street
Baker	Henry		Nursery & Seedsman	Coxtalls
Ballard	Frank Perry		Chemist	High Street
Bartlett	Rowland		Boot & Shoe Maker	High Street
Bendry	Isaac		Tent Proprietor	High Street
Bevir	Harry		Solicitor & Clerk to the Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Board of Guardians, School Attendance & Assessment	High Street

			Committees & Rural Sanitary Authority	
Bevir	Harry	Captain	Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's) 2nd Volunteer Battalion (Part of K Co.)	Head Quarters, Royal Oak
Bew	Thomas		Cooper	High Street
Blanchett	Robert		Machine Agent	
Bond	Richard		Wholesale Grocer	High Street
Boulter	David		Brick Maker	Church Street
Boulter	John		Brick Maker	
Bryant	John		Farmer	Hunt Mill
Bryant	John William		Miller (Steam)	Hunt Mill
Bryant	Uriah		Ironmonger	High Street
Byrch	Thomas		Manager of Capital & Counties Bank Limited (sub-branch)	High Street; Draw On Head Office, 39 Threadneedle Street, London EC
Caudwell	Ernest		Brewer	Steam Brewery
Cave	George		Grocer	High Street
Cave	William		Plasterer	High Street
Chequer	Henry		Wheelwright	Coxtails
Church	William		Shoe Maker	High Street
Clarke	William		Publican	Fox & Hounds, Coped Hall
Comley	Anthony		Baker & Grocer	High Street
Cook	Charles		Plumber & Glazier	High Street
Corp	Frederick		Farmer	Old Park Farm
Cushing	Frederick		Harness Maker	High Street
Dainton	William		Basket Maker	Beaman's Lane
Dodd	Edward		Cemetery, Clerk to the Burial Board & Superintendent Registrar	High Street
Easley	Levi		Baker	High Street
Eddols	John		Farmer	Bishop's Vowley Farm
Eddols	Walter		Farmer	Woodshaw Farm
Ellis	Edgar John		Grocer & Draper	High Street
Flewing	Henry		Plumber & Glazier	High Street
Gale	Emma	Miss	Milliner	High Street
Gibbs	John		Farmer	Banner's Ash
Gough	Frederick John		Farmer	Woodshaw
Gough	William		Farmer	Nore Marsh
Gray	Samuel		Beer Retailer	Hunt Mill Road
Hathway	Harry		Farmer	White Hill Farm
Hawkes	Robert		Tailor	High Street
Henley	Richard		Baker	High Street
Henley	Thomas, Jnr.		Farmer	Vasterne Farm
Hibberd	Edmund		Farmer	Little Park Farm
Higgs	Joseph		Baker & Grocer	High Street
Horsell	Howard		Brewer	Beaufort Brewery
Houldey	Louis		Boot Maker	High Street
Humphries	Alfred Ricks		Builder	High Street
Humphries	James		Farmer	Nore Marsh
Humphries	Levi	Mrs.	Farmer	Coped Hall
Hunt	Charles		Publican	Red Lion, High Street
Hunt	Harry		Publican	Castle & Ball, High Street
Hunt	Heber		Baker & Groom	High Street
Hunt	John		Coal Dealer	High Street
Hunt	William		Coal Dealer	Church Street
Hutchins	Jane E.	Miss	Milliner	High Street
Jefferies	Edward		Coal Dealer	Coxstalls

Jefferies	Edward Albert		Coal Merchant	Station
Jefferies	John William		Coal Merchant	High Street
Jefferies	Robert		Coal Merchant	Vasterne Wharf
King	Henry	Mrs.	Ladies' Boarding School	High Street
Kirkman	Joseph Miller	L.R.C.P. Edin.	Surgeon & Medical Officer, 1 & 2 Districts, Cricklade,& Wootton Bassett Union, Medical Officer for Health for Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Rural Sanitation Authority	High Street
Knighton	Thomas		Nurseryman	Coxstalls
Lansdown	Thomas		Builder, Contractor & House Decorator	High Street
Lawrence	Harry		Shoeing Smith	High Street
Leighfield	Charles		Farmer	Harris Croft Farmhouse
Leighfield	Henry		Farmer	Hart Farm
Leighfield	John		Shopkeeper	
Little	John		Secretary of the Gas, Coal, Coke & Fitting Co. Limited	High Street
Little	John		Secretary for the Wootton Bassett Gas, Coal Coke & Fitting Co. Ltd.	Station Road
Little	Robert		Assistant Overseer & Deputy Superintendent Registrar	High Street
Little	Thomas		Waggon & Horses P.H.	High Street
Mapson	William		Watch & Clock Maker	High Street
Maslin	Charles		Draper	High Street
Maslin	Henry		Glass & China Dealer & Upholsterer	High Street
Maundrell	Herbert		Farmer	Upper Greenhill
Miles	Alfred		Tailor	High Street
Miller	Alfred		Hair Dresser	High Street
Mills	Jas.		Linen & Woollen Draper	High Street
Moody	Richard		Beer Retailer	Marlborough Road
Mundy	Frank		Manager of Wilts & Dorset Bank	High Street Draw On London & Westminster Bank Limited, London EC
Newth	John		Grocer	Wood Street
Oswell	Thomas St. John		Solicitor	Nore Marsh Road
Panting	Henry		Beaufort Arms	Beaufort Arms, Station
Parry	James		Station Master	
Parsons	Richard		Farmer	
Parsons	William F.		Farmer	Hunt Mill Farm
Pearce	George		Publican	Railway Inn, Station Road
Price	Thomas		Farmer	Wootton Fields
Rawlings	John		Shoemaker	High Street
Renwick	Alfred Andrew		Hotelier	Royal Oak Commercial Hotel, High Street
Rickards	James		Officer, Inland Revenue Office	Angel Inn, High Street
Riddick	Silas		Clothier & Boot Maker	High Street
Rogers	Tom		Hotelier	Crown Hotel, High Street
Roper	John		Dairyman	Coped Hall
Rouse	Charles		Rope & Cloth Manufacturer	High Street
Rudler	Thomas		Publican	Prince of Wales, Coped Hall

Sainsbury	Thomas		Carpenter	Church Street
Salter	William		Cattle Dealer	
Sellars	Robert George		Beer Retailer	Wood Street
Sellwood	William		Watch & Clock Maker	High Street
Shepherd	Simeon		Chimney Sweep	Wood Street
Smith	Charles	& Son	Ironmongers & Smiths	High Street
Smith	George		Publican	Lamb Inn, High Street
Smith	Harry		Butcher	High Street
Snell	John		Tobacconist	High Street
Spackman	George		Plasterer	High Street
Spackman	William		Plasterer	Coxstalls
Taylor		& Son	Mineral Water Manufacturers	High Street
Taylor	Harry		Beer Retailer	High Street
Taylor	Robert James		Farmer	Callow Hill Farm
Taylor	Thomas		Paper Hanger & Plasterer	High Street
Teagle	Charles		Butcher	Coxtalls
Teagle	Thomas Arthur		Hair Dresser & Fancy Repository	High Street
Telling	Frederick		Saddler & Harness Maker	High Street
Titcombe	Thomas		Haulier	Banner's Ash
Tombs	Henry Croggan		Solicitor (See Kinneir & Tombs)	
Townsend	Charles		Hotelier & Posting House	Angel Hotel, High Street
Trow	Henry		Farmer	High Street
Trow	Henry		Plumber &c.	High Street
Trow	Sarah	Mrs.	Grocer	High Street
Trow	Thomas		Coal Merchant	High Street
Tuck	Henry James		Chimney Sweeper	High Street
Tuck	Thomas		Well Contractor	Church Street
Tugwell	James		Coal Merchant	Wood Street
Twine	Adam		Timber Merchant, Builder & Contractor	Vasterne Bridge
Twine	George		Beer Retailer	Wood Street
Twine	George		Farmer	Greenhill
Wakefield	Isaac		Wheelwright	Coped Hall
Wallis	Albert		Horse Proprietor	High Street
Wallis	Robert		Mason	
Wallis	William		Beer Retailer	Wood Street
Watts	George		Grocer, Stationer & News Agent & Stamp Distributor	High Street
Watts	George, Jr.		Baker & Deputy Registrar of Marriages	Church Street
Watts	Isaac		Relieving & Vaccination Officer, Collector to Guardians & Registrar Of Births & Deaths for Sub- District of Wootton Bassett	High Street
Watts	Sydney James		Grocer & Draper & Agent for W. & A. Gilbey, Wine & Spirit Merchants	High Street
Weston	Frederick		Grocer & Provision Factor	High Street
Wiltshire	Samuel		Keeper of the Town Hall	
Wiltshire	Samuel		Parish Clerk & Town Crier	Cemetery
Woods	George		Pork Butcher	High Street
Wright	James		Corn Dealer	High Street
Young	Charles Arthur		Hotelier	Cross Keys Commercial & Family Hotel, High Street