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Kelly's Directory of Kent by E. R. Kelly, M.A., F.S.S.
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Note
Only Kent Weald Towns are included

Directory

Two-up display

Tunbridge Wells (continued)

1882

OTFORD is a village and parish on the Darent, 3 miles north from Sevenoaks and 22 from London, in the Western division of the county, Codsheath hundred, lathe of Sutton-at-Hone, Sevenoaks union and county court district, Shoreham rural deanery, Maidstone archdeaconry and Canterbury diocese, on the Sevenoaks branch of the London, Chatham and Dover Railway and a station is now (1882) being built. A line of railway between Otford Junction and Maidstone was opened on the 1st of June, 1874; it is nearly 15½ miles in length and passes through the parishes of Kemsing, Ighiteam, Wrotham and Malling. The church of St. Bartholomew, an edifice in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, was burnt down about 1637 but subsequently re-built, when the arcade of the nave was restored with columns of wood; in 1863 the church was again restored by subscription, the arcade being renewed with massive arches of stone; the east window, a Decorated work of five lights, was renewed at the expense of Lord Willoughby de Broke, the lessee of the great tithes; and in 1868 two stained windows were placed in the south aisle, at the expense of Samuel Wreford esq. J.P. of Broughton House, as memorials to his sister and son; the church contains various monuments to the Polhill family, including a fine marble monument to Charles Polhill esq. 1755; in 1869 an organ was erected in the south aisle, contiguous to the chancel; on the north side is a small vestry of Perpendicular character, containing a canopied tomb of the same date; the sittings are all open and free. The register of baptisms and burials begins with the year 1630; marriages, 1631. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £422, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and held since 1878 by the Rev. John Hunt D.D. of St. Andrew's University, Scotland. The poor have £30 10s. yearly from a charity left by Sir T. Smythe, of Sutton-at-Hone, in this county, and under the control of the Skinners' Company, of London, which is distributed in bread. There is a place of worship for the Wesleyans. The Sevenoaks steeples were instituted in 1866 have since taken place annually in this parish, Richard Russell esq. of Otford Castle, allowing the course, which is of a circular form and about a mile and a half round, to be formed over the land he occupies. The kennels of the West Kent Hunt, established here, are perfectly fitted and maintained by subscription. Otford was attached to the see of Canterbury so early as 1006 as the Archbishops appear to have had a dwelling place here from the time of their first possession, and it would seem to have

been a favourite place of residence; Archbishop Warham rebuilt the castle or palace in a magnificent style, at a cost of £33,000, and several times entertained Henry VIII. here with splendid hospitality; the existing remains furnishing an admirable specimen of brickwork of the time of Henry VI. include a roofless octagonal tower of three stories, with double square-headed windows, and the cloistered side of a court, now a stable. There is a spring of water in the castle grounds, which flows into a chamber upwards of 30 feet in length by about 15 in breadth, and known as St. Thomas A'Beckett's well; this chamber has been thoroughly restored and the surrounding ground tastefully laid out by Richard Russell esq. There are brick fields, those of Messrs. Crampton employ over 100 hands, and lime-burning is carried on here. The principal landowners are Earl Amherst, lord of the manor, Samuel Wreford esq. J.P. Henry Bingham Milham esq. J.P. and the trustees of the late Charles Polhill esq. The soil is chalky, subsoil clay. The chief crops are wheat, oats, roots and hops. The area is 2,791 acres; rateable value, £12,353; and the population in 1881 was, including Dunton Green, 1388.

DUNTON GREEN is a large village, a mile and a half south-west, with a station on the South Eastern railway. A Congregational chapel was built here in 1873. **TWITTON** is 1 mile west; Broughton House, the seat of Samuel Wreford esq. J.P. (who is lord of the manor of the Broughton estate, a manor within itself), is a mile and a half south-west.

Parish Clerk, Richard Hoff.
Post Office.—Thomas Henry Knight, receiver. Letters arrive from Sevenoaks at 7.30 a.m. & 12.30 p.m.; dispatched at 2 p.m. & 6.40 p.m. The nearest money order office is at St. John's hill; telegraph office at Sevenoaks.
WALL LETTER BOX, Dunton Green, cleared at 7.25 p.m. week days; 12 noon sundays.

INSURANCE AGENT.—Liverpool & London & Globe, W. Jessup
Registrar of Births & Deaths & Collector of Poor Rates, Benjamin Parish

SCHOOLS.—**National**, Richard Hoff, master; Miss Harriet Stephens, mistress
Infants, Dunton Green; Miss Ann Kimpton, mistress
Railway Station (South Eastern), Dunton Green; Richard Clifford, station master
Otford Station (London, Chatham & Dover); station master, vacant

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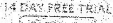
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1909	English Homes and Villages (Kent & Sussex) also published as Tunbridge Wells and its Neighbourhood by Lady Hope ⇒ <i>p. 166</i>
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Historical records

3 rd Apr 1881	Census	Richard Russell, M, Head, married, age 65, born Horton Kirby, Kent, employs 20 men and 5 boys; occupation Farmer
3 rd Apr 1881	Census	Julia Caroline Russell, F, Wife, married, age 46, born Farningham, Kent
3 rd Apr 1881	Census	Alfred Ernest Russell, M, Son, single, age 6, born Otford, Kent
3 rd Apr 1881	Census	Ann Croucher, F, Servant, single, age 20, born Swanley, Kent; occupation: servant
3 rd Apr 1881	Census	Charlotte Packman, F, Servant, single, age 25, born Swanley, Kent; occupation Cook