



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Beechingstoke



BEECHINGSTOKE is a parish and village, 1 mile west from Patney station on the Great Western railway, 7 miles from Devizes and 78 from London, in the Eastern division of the county, Swanborough hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Devizes, Avebury rural deanery (Cannings portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Stephen is a small edifice of grey stone, in the Second Pointed of Decorated style, and consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and a small eastern gable pierced for 2 bells: the chancel contains a credence: the pulpit is of stone with marble shafts: the stained east window was erected by the Right Rev Edward Wyndham Tufnell, Bishop of Brisbane, 1859-75, and rector here 1846-57, to his mother and brother, and there are six other memorial windows, including one to the Rev Charles Mayo, ob. 1820, rector of this parish for 50 years: the church affords 110 sittings. The register dates from the year 1566. The living is a rectory, net income £199, including 32 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Major Godfrey Clement Walker-Heneage, of Compton Bassett, and held since 1908 by the Rev Hugh Effingham Tilney-Bassett BA of St Catharine's College, Cambridge. The Mayo charity, of the annual value of £2 10s bequeathed by a former rector, originally provided clothing for the old, and bibles and prayer books for the young, if regular attendants at church; and there is another charity of about 24s yearly value for general charitable purposes. Here are the remains of an ancient entrenchment, inclosing about 30 acres. The Earl of Normanton, who is lord of the manor, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and Edward McNiven esq. are the principal landowners. The soil and subsoil are green sand, with a little clay. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 891 acres; rateable value, £1,694; the population in 1911 was 157.

Parish Clerk: J Wootton

Letters through Marlborough arrive at 8.30am & through Pewsey at 4.30pm (postal address, Pewsey). Wall Box cleared at 11am & 5.50pm week days; 10.15am on Sundays. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Woodborough

Elementary School, Woodborough: built by Lord Normanton in 1883, for the united parishes of Beechingstoke, Manningboro' Bohune, North Newnton & Woodborough

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
McNiven	Charles Frederick			Puckshipton
Tilney-Bassett	Hugh Effingham	Reverend BA	Rector	Rectory

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Eavis	Robert		Farmer	Broad Street Farm
Plank	Charles		Farmer	
Searle	Henry Montague		Butcher	