



# Kellys Directory Extract

1889

## Bishop's Cannings



**BISHOP'S CANNINGS** is a scattered parish containing a village of the same name, near the Kennet and Avon canal, 3 miles north-east from Devizes station, and the tithings of HORTON, BOURTON, EASTON and COATE, in the Eastern division of the county, Potterne and Cannings hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Devizes, Avebury rural deanery Cannings portion, archdeaconry of Wilts and Salisbury diocese. The church of St. Mary, built about A.D. 1190-1200, is a large and beautiful cruciform structure, in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays, aisles, transepts, chantry chapel, south porch and a central tower with turret, and surmounted by a spire of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, 230 feet in height and containing 8 bells: the chancel is large, and has a groined stone ceiling: the organ, erected in 1809, at a cost of 400 guineas and since enlarged, and the yearly interest of £600 to keep the instrument in order and pay an organist, were bequeathed by Mr. William Bayley, a native of this village, who circumnavigated the globe with Captain Cook, and died in 1809: there is a very curious chair in the church, date unknown: the church was restored in 1883-4, at a cost of about £3,600, under the direction Mr. Charles E. Ponting, architect, of Marlborough, when the floors were relaid, the interior refitted and re-seated with oak benches, carved by Mr. Harry Hems, of Exeter, no two being alike: there are sittings for 500 persons. The register dates from the year 1591. The living is a vicarage, yearly value from tithe rent-charge £618, net £322, including 20 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held since 1873 by the Rev. Charles William Hony M.A. of Exeter College, Oxford. Here are Baptist and Wesleyan chapels. The Devizes waterworks, situated in this parish, and distant from that town 4½ miles, were erected in 1879, at a cost of £11,700. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, who are lords of the manor, and Mr. George Skeate Ruddle, are the principal landowners. Mrs Erle Drax, of Bere Regis, Wareham, is the principal landowner of the hamlet of Coate. The soil is greensand and clay chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans and turnips. The parish contains 8,879 acres of land, of which 1,389 are in the tithing of Coate, and consists of partly arable, pasture and down land; rateable value, £5,776; the population in 1881 was 955, exclusive of South Broom and Chittoe.

ST. JAMES (or South Broom) formerly a chapelry attached to this parish, was in 1832 made a separate ecclesiastical parish: it is partly within the town and borough of Devizes, which see.

BORTON (or Bourton) tithing, a Roman settlement, is half a mile north-east; HORTON tithing, half a mile south-east; COATE tithing, 1½ miles south; EASTON tithing, 1 mile north-east. On Pound Down are many barrows. CHITTOE ecclesiastical district is partly in this parish, but will be found under a separate heading. A part of this parish is included in the ecclesiastical parish of DERRY HILL.

Sexton, Edward Moss

POST OFFICE - Richard Hicks Oliver, receiver. Letters through Devizes, arrive at 8 a.m.; dispatched thereto at 6.45 p.m.; Sundays, 9.15 a.m. Devizes, is the nearest money order & telegraph office. PILLAR BOX, Horton, cleared 6.15 p.m.; Sundays, 11.15 a.m.

**SCHOOLS:-**

National, founded in 1830, for 100 children; average attendance, 85; George Ruddle, master  
National, Coate, established in 1877, for 50 children; average attendance, 30; Miss Barclay, mistress

**Gentry/Private Residents**

| Surname | Given Names        | Title       | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|---------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Hony    | Charles<br>William | Rev., M. A. |                     | Vicarage     |
| Lucas   | John               |             |                     |              |

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| Oliver | Richard |  |  |
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### Traders

| Surname    | Given Names      | Title | Industry/Occupation       | Place/Parish                    |
|------------|------------------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Anstee     | John             |       | Farmer                    | Townsend Farm, Horton           |
| Barclay    |                  | Miss  | School Mistress           | National School, Coate          |
| Benger     | Alfred           |       | Shopkeeper & Baker        |                                 |
| Berry      | Thomas Alexander |       | Maltster (of Devizes)     |                                 |
| Bollen     | William          |       | Farmer                    | Coate                           |
| Brown      | Thomas           |       | Farmer                    | Coate                           |
| Burry      | Albert           |       | Haulier                   |                                 |
| Burry      | Eli              |       | Farmer                    |                                 |
| Burry      | Sidney           |       | Coal Dealer               | Coate                           |
| Butcher    | James Moses      |       | Farmer                    | Coate                           |
| Combes     | James            |       | Farmer                    | Manor House                     |
| Grose      | William          |       | Farmer                    | Coate                           |
| Harraway   | Charlotte        | Mrs.  | Farmer                    |                                 |
| Harraway   | John             |       | Farmer                    | Easton                          |
| Herrington | Henry            |       | Dairyman                  | Horton                          |
| Hiscock    | Abel             |       | Miller (Steam & Water)    | Horton Mill                     |
| Hiscock    | Charles, Jnr.    |       | Carpenter & Wheelwright   | Coate                           |
| Hiscock    | James            |       | Carpenter & Wheelwright   | Horton                          |
| Hunt       | Joseph           | Mrs   | Publican                  | Crown PH                        |
| Lane       | Thomas           |       | Blacksmith                | Horton                          |
| Lucas      | Thomas Sloper    |       | Farmer                    | Bourton                         |
| Matthews   | Elizabeth        | Mrs.  | Beer Retailer             | Coate                           |
| Matthews   | Louisa           | Mrs.  | Shopkeeper                | Coate                           |
| Mifflin    | William Brind    |       | Dairyman                  | Horton                          |
| Moss       | Edward           |       | Sexton, St. Mary's Church |                                 |
| Moss       | Edward John      |       | Saddler                   |                                 |
| Oliver     | Richard Hicks    |       | Receiver                  | Post Office                     |
| Portch     | Samuel           |       | Cowkeeper                 |                                 |
| Ruddle     | George           |       | Farmer & School Master    | Westend Farm<br>National School |
| Ruddle     | George Skeate    |       | Farmer & Landowner        | Lyne's Farm                     |
| Sloper     | Jane             | Mrs.  | Publican & Baker          | Bridge Inn, Horton              |
| Smith      | Jane             | Miss  | Grocer & Baker            |                                 |
| Wells      | Henry Edwin      |       | Blacksmith                |                                 |
| White      | Henry            |       | Farmer                    | Cross Farm, Coate               |
| Wordley    | Philip           |       | Shoe Maker                | Coate                           |
| Wordley    | Thomas           |       | Shoe Maker                |                                 |