



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Bishops Cannings



Bishop's Cannings is a scattered parish, containing a village of the same name, and tithings of Horton, Bourton, Easton, and Coate, in the Northern division of the county, Potterne and Cannings hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Devizes, Salisbury diocese, Wilts archdeaconry, and Avebury rural deanery, second portion. The village is situated near the Kennet and Avon canal, 3 miles north-east from Devizes.

The church of St. Mary, built about A.D. 1199-1200, is a large and beautiful cruciform structure, in the Early English style, having a chancel, nave and aisles, transepts, and at the intersection is a lofty tower, with a turret, plain parapet, containing 8 bells, and surmounted by a spire, measuring 230 feet from the ground to its summit. The interior was re-pewed in 1829; the aisles are separated from the nave by pointed arches, supported by cylindrical pillars; the chancel is large; it has a groined ceiling, and a small but finely painted eastern window, subject—"The Passion and Crucifixion of the Saviour". The organ, erected in 1819, at a cost of 100 guineas, and the yearly interest of £600 to keep the instrument in order and pay the organist, were bequeathed by Mr. William Bayley, a native of this village, and once a schoolmaster here. He circumnavigated the globe with the celebrated Captain Cook, and died in 1800. There is a very curious chair in the church, date unknown. The register dates from 1591. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £350, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. Charles William Hony, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford.

Here is a National school, founded in 1830; also chapels for Baptists and Wesleyans.

The Right Hon. Thomas Henry Sutton Sotheron-Estcourt was lord of the manor, but the property is now vested in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, who have purchased it.

The soil is green sand and chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans and turnips.

The parish contains 12,641 acres of arable, pasture and down land; gross estimated rental of the entire parish, £11,019; rateable value, £10,143; the population in 1871 was 1,062 exclusive of South Broom and Chittoe.

St. James (or South Broom) was formerly a chapelry attached to this parish, but in 1832, it was 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 and Calcot, a mile and a half 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.

POST OFFICE, Richard Hicks Oliver, receiver. Letters through Devizes, arrive at 8 a.m.; dispatched thereto at 6.45 p.m.; Sundays, 11.15 a.m. Devizes is the nearest money order office.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Richards Hicks Oliver, master, & organist to the church.

Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------|
| Gould | Louis Philip | Capt. | | |
| Hony | Charles Wm. | Rev. M.A. | | Vicarage |
| Macdonald | | Mrs. | | |
| Sloper | | Miss | | |

Commercial

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| Bailey | George | | Grocer | |
| Bailey | Thomas | | Grocer | Horton |
| Bartlett | George | | Farmer | Coate |
| Bollen | William | | Farmer | Coate |
| Breadmore | George | | Carpenter | Horton |
| Brown | Thomas | | Farmer | Horton |
| Burgess | John | | Farmer | Bourton |
| Creed | Thomas | | Farmer | Coate |
| Davis | William | | Cheese factor | Bourton |
| Drew | Frederick John | | Miller | Horton Mill |
| Ferris | William Edward Styles | | Farmer | Horton |
| Filliter | Sidney | | Farmer | Bourton |
| Giddings | Aaron | | Farmer | Horton |
| Giddings | Mary | & sisters - Misses | Farmers | Calcot farm |
| Harraway | Charlotte | Mrs. | Farmer | Easton |
| Hillier | James | | Blacksmith | Horton |
| Lane | Thomas | | Blacksmith | Horton |
| Lucas | Thomas Sloper | | Publican | Crown |
| Phipps | Daniel | | Dairy | Bourton |
| Prior | Thomas | | Bricklayer | |
| Ruddle | George | | Farmer | |
| Ruddle | George Skeate | | Farmer | |
| Sloper | Andrew Mark Vincent | | Farmer | Manor House |
| Sloper | Jane | Mrs. | Farmer | Blackhouse farm |
| Sloper | John | | Saddler | |
| Sloper | Michael | | Baker | Bridge Inn Horton |
| Sloper | Simon | | Blacksmith | |
| Smith | Lucy | Mrs. | Beer retailer | |
| Wild | David | Mrs. | Farmer | Coate |
| Wordley | Robert | | Shoe maker | Coate |