



Post Office Directory Extract 1855

Bishopstone Swindon



Bishopstone, near Swindon, is a township and parish, in the Hundred of Ramsbury, Highworth Union, North Wilts, bishopric of Gloucester and Bristol; distant 7 miles from Shrivenham station, 3 miles south-west; 74 from London, 9 from Farringdon, and 7 east of Swindon; contained in 1851, 755 inhabitants, and 4,452 acres of land; the Bishop of Salisbury is lord of the manor, and Lord Holland, lessee under him. The church is a plain structure, with a square tower, containing a fine peal of 8 bells; the living in a vicarage, in the gift of the Bishop, value £200 per annum; the incumbent is the Rev. John H. Landon, M.A.; and his curate, the Rev. Henry F. Beasley, A.M.. The rectorial tithes and advowson were formerly attached to the prebend of Bishopstone in Salisbury Cathedral. There is a school, erected in 1850, mainly by the exertions of the Rev. Henry Beasley, the curate. In the old manor house a room was built for the entertainment of James II. On the tomb of Christopher Willoughby, in the chancel, is an epitaph setting forth that he was most happy with his first wife, but very unlucky with his second. There are several charities belonging to this parish, viz., £900 left by Mr. T. Goddard, for the education of the poor children of both sexes, and keeping in repair the tower of the church and bells; £110 per annum left by Christopher Willoughby Esq., in 1681, to be divided amongst the poor of the parish; also £15 per annum left by Gilbert Keate, Esq., to be divided amongst four poor persons belonging to the parish; with several others of trifling amounts. Bricks and tiles made here.

RUSLEY PARK is to the south. Starveall is 1½ miles south-west; Lumby Down 1 mile south; Charlbury, 2 miles south-west.

POST OFFICE - Edward Lawrence, postmaster. Letters arrive through Farringdon, by messenger, ¼ to 12 a.m.; dispatched at 4 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Swindon.

CARRIER - Daniel Tayler, from Idston, Berkshire, through Bishopstone to Swindon, every Monday; to Highworth every Wednesday; to Newbury, every Wednesday night; to Wantage, every Saturday

Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Beasley	Henry F.	Reverend		Bishopstone Vicarage
Coster	Richard	Esq.		
Edmonds	William	Esq.		
Smith	Thomas	Esq.		Rusley Park

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
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Bailard	Nathaniel		Brick & Tile Maker	
Bye	William		Shopkeeper	
Cue	Thomas		Farmer	
Cue	Walter		Beer Retailer	
Day	James		Shoemaker	
Dore	William		Farmer	
Hedges	Thomas		Farmer	
Hibbard	Joseph		Cattle dealer	
Hibbard	Thomas		Farmer	
Keylock	Thomas		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Lawrence	Edward		Shopkeeper, Postmaster, Tailor & Draper	
Milsum	William		Miller	
Nobes	Aaron		Shopkeeper & Cab Master	
Norris	William, Jnr.		Carpenter	
Norris	William		Land Measurer	
Povey	George		Blacksmith	
Povey	George		Tailor	
Povey	Jane	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Pusey	Sophia	Mrs.	Schoolmistress	
Redford	Richard		Parish clerk	
Sharman	Amos		Beer Retailer	
Smith	John		Farmer	
Smith	Joseph		Farmer	
Tayler	Daniel		Carrier	Idston, Berkshire
Tayler	Henry		Publican	True Heart
White	J.		Shoemaker	