



# Kellys Directory Extract 1867

## Bishopstone (Swindon)



Bishopstone (near Shrivenham) is a village and parish, in the Northern Division of the county, hundred of Ramsbury, Highworth union, county court district of Swindon, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Cricklade, distant from Shrivenham station 3 miles south-west, 74 from London, 9 from Faringdon, and 7 east from Swindon. The church of St. Mary is a plain structure, with square tower, containing a fine peal of 8 bells; the chancel has lately been restored by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and an old piscina revealed: they now hold the great tithes, about £800 per year: on the tomb of Christopher Willoughby, in the chancel, is an epitaph, setting forth that he was the most happy with his first wife, but unhappy in the second nuptials. The register dates from 1873. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £220, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and held by the Rev. John W. R. Landon, M.A., of Worcester College, Oxford; the Rev. Henry F. Beasley, M.A., of Trinity College, Dublin, is resident curate. The rectorial tithes and advowson were formerly attached to the prebend of Bishopstone in Salisbury cathedral. There is a school and a house erected in 1850, mainly by the exertions of the curate, at the cost of £540. There are several charities belonging to this parish, viz., £900 left by Mr. T. Goddard for the education of the poor 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 £16 per annum left by Gilbert Keate, Esq., to be divided amongst four persons belonging to the parish; a field at Purton and £300 for the school left by Rev. Thomas Coker, prebendary and vicar, and £180 for a poor person left by Stephen Goddard. The Bishop of Salisbury is lord of the manor, and sole landowner. The soil is chalk; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat, and turnips for sheep. The parish contains in 1861 a population of 716, and 3,385 acres of land.

Rushley Park is to the south.

Clerk and sexton, Henry Redford.

Post Office. - Ann Lawrence, postmistress. Letters arrive through Shrivenham, by messenger, at 8.30 a.m.; dispatched at 6 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Shrivenham

National School, Mr. William George Knight, master; Mrs. Fanny Knight, mistress.

Carrier. - Daniel Tayler, from Idston, Berkshire, through Bishopstone to Swindon, every Monday.

### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Beasley	Henry F.	Rev, M.A.	Curate	Vicarage
Edwards	Christopher William	Mr.		The Cottage

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bray	John		Beer Retailer	
Couzens	Richard		Grocer	
Dore	William		Farmer	
Grimshaw	James		Horse Trainer	
Grist	George		Carpenter	
Hibbard	Thomas		Farmer	
Knight	Fanny	Mrs.	National Schoolmistress	
Knight	William G.		Land Measurer	
Lawrence	Ann	Mrs.	Grocer, Tailor & Linen Draper	
Newton	Henry		Miller	
Nobes	William		Gardener	

Norris	William		Carpenter	
Povey	George		Blacksmith	
Povey	George		Tailor	
Povey	John		Grocer & Tailor	
Redford	Henry		Parish Clerk & Sexton	
Smith	John		Farmer	
Smith	Joseph		Farmer	
Stallard	Thomas		Beer Retailer	
Taylor	Daniel		Carrier (of Idston, Berkshire)	
Waugh	James		Horse Trainer	
Wells	Elijah		Shoemaker	
Westall	George		Publican	True Hart
Wicks	Ezra		Shoemaker	
Williams	John		Farmer	
Young	Thomas		Blacksmith	