



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Bishopstone (Swindon)



BISHOPSTONE (near Shrivenham) is a village and parish, 2.75miles from Shrivenham station on the Great Western railway, and 7 east from Swindon, in the Northern section of the county, on the Berks border, Ramsbury hundred, Swindon petty sessional division, union, county court district, Cricklade rural deanery, North Wilts archdeaconry, and diocese of Bristol. The church of St Mary, to a great extent, reconstructed in the 14th and 15th centuries, is an edifice of stone, in the Norman and later styles, consisting of chancel, nave of 5 bays, aisles, south porch, and an embattled western tower containing a clock and 3 bells; the church was restored in 1892 and 1893, at a cost of £1600 under the direction of the late Ewan Christian esq, architect: but on Good Friday evening, 1891 a disastrous fire broke out in the tower, consuming the belfry: the bells and clock have since been replaced by new, the whole restoration costing upwards of £2600; in the vestry are preserved the remains of an ancient clock, made by a blacksmith of the village, which did service for 258 years: a new organ was provided in 1910: there are 240 sittings. The register dates from the year 1574. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £220, including 132 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and held since 1886, by the Rev Herbert Ault. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners now own the land allotted by the award of 1814 to the former prebend in lieu of tithes. The Primitive Methodist chapel, built in 1886, has sittings for 100 persons. The charities belonging to the parish include the interest on money in Consols, £50, left by Mr T Goddard for the education of the poor children of both sexes; also £65 yearly, left by Christopher Willoughby esq in 1680, for keeping in repair the tower of the church and bells, and for paving walks about the churchyard, the remainder being distributed as follows; £16 to the parish of Aylburton, Gloucestershire, £7 in equal proportions to two poor persons, £2.10s to the vicar for preaching, and £1 for the ringing of the Curfew bell; any further surplus to be divided between 4 poor persons; a field at Purton, and £300 for the school, left by the Rev Thomas Coker, sometime prebendary and vicar, and £180 for a poor person, left by Stephen Goddard; the interest on £100 Consols left by Christopher Edmunds esq for the Sunday School; the interest on £206 13s 8p, which is distributed in coal: the rent of 40 gardens distributed in fuel or clothing, and in the centre of the village is a piece of ground, purchased by the late Rev A J Pile, and left in trust by him for a future parochial institute. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England are lords of the manor, and owners of the Salisbury Bishopric estates, and of the estate formerly attached to the prebend of Bishopstone. The soil is chalk, subsoil clay. The chief crops are wheat and turnips for sheep, and some land in pasture, The area is 3520 acres, rateable value £3087; the population in 1911 was 449.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ault	Herbert	Reverend	Vicar	Vicarage
Bird	Edward			Hussey Park *
Edmonds		Misses		The Cottage, High Street
Hall-Walker	William	Colonel		Russley Park *
Hibbert		Mrs.		The Coombes
Leader	Frederick George			Russley Park *

Whitear	Henry			Sunnyside
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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Beaden	Alice	Miss	Dressmaker	
Cotterell	Albert		Farmer	Glebe Farm
Cue	Edwin		Famer	
Edwards	Albert			True Heart Public House
Hamilton	Walter		Boot Repairer	
Harman	Joseph		Dog Trainer	
Whitear	Henry			Sunnyside
Hedges	Frederick Ernest		Draper, Grocer & Post Office	
Hickman	Ernest		Farmer	Forty
Hickman	Thomas		Farmer	Townsend Farm
Hunt	Charles		Haulier	High Street
Hunt	John		Carrier	High Street
Lawford	Frederick George		Watercress Grower	
Povey	Frank		Tailor	Mill House
Povey	John		Tailor & Assistant Overseer	
Smith	Fred		Farmer	
Stone	Francis Joseph		Market Gardener & Sexton	
Tasker	Thomas		Blacksmith	
Tilley	William		Beer Retailer	
Webb	John		Baker	Mount Pleasant
Whatley	Edward		Farmer	Manor Farm
Whatley	John		Farmer	Manor Farm
Wilson	James H.		Farmer	Forrest House

* denotes letters received through Baydon