



## Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

### COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS



**COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS** (or Lower Collingbourne) is a parish on the river Bourne with a station on the Midland and South Western Junction railway, 3 miles north-west from Ludgershall, 11 south-east from Marlborough, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Elstub, Everleigh and Pewsey petty sessional division, union of Pewsey, county court district of Marlborough, and in the rural deanery of Marlborough (Pewsey portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The adjunct of Ducis is derived from this place having once been parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster. The church of St Andrew is an ancient edifice of flint and stone in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and an embattled western tower containing a clock and 5 bells: the tower was restored in 1900 and all the bells refitted and retuned, at a cost of £380; the tower has its middle stage constructed with interval niches so as to form a dovecote, an entrance (now closed) being left on the south side. The stained east window was given by Mr John Russ in 1880 in memory of his wife, and the west window by Mr John Mackrell as a memorial to his parents and family: in 1897 a memorial window was erected to the Rev Canon J D Hodgson MA, rector of the parish 1875-96: the chancel was rebuilt by the Rev W C Lukis, a former rector, and in 1877 the church was restored at a cost of £1300 under the direction of the late Sir Arthur Bloomfield ARA, architect (died 1899): there are 225 sittings: some ground was added to the churchyard and consecrated in 1878. The register dates from 1640. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £376, including 56 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Marquis of Ailesbury, and held since 1896 by the Rev George Frederick Tanner MA of Clare College, Cambridge, rural dean of Marlborough (Pewsey portion) and surrogate. Here is a Primitive Methodist chapel. The Rev Charles Francis bequeathed the sum of £100, the interest of which is distributed in coals to aged widows, and Mrs M Hooper, in 1865, left £100, the interest for blankets. Mr John Mackrell gave in 1895 a sum of £200 in 2.5% Bank Annuities, the interest to be spent in insuring and repairing the west window, and the balance to go to the aged and sick poor. There are a great number of barrows on the down south of the parish, and many ancient British relics have been found here. The Marquess of Ailesbury is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is gravelly loam; sub-soil chalk. The chief crops are wheat and oats. The area is 3431 acres; rateable value £2058; population in 1911, 365.

Clerk & Sexton:- Frederick Wilkins.

Post M O & T Office – George Robert Peel Sheppard, sub-postmaster. Letters from Marlborough arrive at 6.35am and at 1pm; dispatched at 12.35, 6.55 & 7.10pm; Sundays at 6.40pm. Wall Letter Boxes:- Shears Road: cleared at 7.45am and 5.55pm. Santon cleared at 11.35am and 6.5 and 6.50pm.

Elementary School (mixed) built in 1861 by the Marquess of Ailesbury, for 120 children, A R Ranmell, master.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
<b>PRIVATE RESIDENTS</b>				
Pike	George			The Poplars
Tanner	George Frederick	MA., Rev.	Rector, rural dean & surrogate	Rectory
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
Annetts	Henry		Manager to William Rawlings, Engineer	
Bale	John		Coal Dealer	
Cass	Frank			Blue Lion Hotel
Collins	John		Butcher	
Eyles	James		Farmer	Court Farm
Gilbert	Ernest		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Goddard	Edwin George		Sporting Journalist	
Pullen		Mrs. Henry	Farmer	Mat. Orleans
Rawlings	William		Agricultural implement maker & drill manufacturer	Bourne Iron Works
Sheppard	George Robert Peel		Saddler & Harness maker	Post Office
Trueman	Charles			Shears Public House
Trueman	Jane	Miss	Beer Retailer	
Wiltshire	Jabez Perren		Farmer	Hougoument