



Kellys Directory Extract

1903

Bishop's Cannings



BISHOP'S CANNINGS is a scattered parish containing a village of the same name, near the Kennet and Avon canal, 3 miles north-east from Devizes station, and the tithings of Horton, Bourton, Easton and Coate, in the Eastern division of the county, Potterne and Cannings hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Devizes, Avebury rural deanery (Cannings portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Mary, built about A.D. 1190-1200, is a large and beautiful cruciform structure in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave of four bays, aisles, transepts, chantry chapel, south porch and a central tower with turret, and a spire of the 15th century, 130 feet in height and containing 8 bells: the nave arcade is Transition Norman: the south porch has a groined stone roof, and seems to have been added in the Decorated period: within the porch are traces of a holy water stoup, and over the inner doorway is a bracket which formerly supported a small statue: the nave roof and clerestory are Perpendicular, and were probably added in the earlier half of the 15th century: the chancel is large, and has a groined stone ceiling: it contains a piscina of Early English date, and the remains of sedilia: in the south wall of the south transept is another piscina with stone shelf, probably indicating an altar here: at the north-east angle of the chancel is the ancient sacristy, having a groined stone roof and two small lancet windows, deeply splayed internally: in the outer wall of the north aisle, on the west side of the small doorway, is another stoup: the chapel to the east of the south transept was dedicated to "Our Lady of the Bower"; in 1563 the churchwardens conveyed it by deed to John Ernle, of Bourton, "to construct seats therein for the purpose of hearing divine service in the church, and also as a place of burial for himself and family"; against the north wall is a freestone monument to John Ernle, ob. 1571, with the arms of Ernle quartering Malwyn; and another monument to Edward Ernle, ob. 1656, of Etchilhampton, with a shield of arms of Ernle quartered with Hungerford; immediately above, on the sill of the east window, is an ancient helmet surmounted with the Ernle crest: the organ, erected in 1809, at a cost of 400 guineas, has since been enlarged, and the yearly interest of £600 was bequeathed by Mr. William Bayley, a native of this village, who circumnavigated the globe with Captain Cook, and died in 1809, to keep the instrument in order and pay an organist: a curious oak chair with painted panels is preserved in the church: the stained east window was erected in 1860 by the clergy and churchwardens of the archdeaconry of Wilts and other friends to the Ven. William Macdonald M.A. 46 years vicar, who died in 1862: there is a brass to William Ewart and Joseph Christopher Ewart, both representatives in Parliament for Liverpool, and many mural tablets and floor stones: the church was restored in 1883-4, at a cost of about £3,600, under the direction Mr. Charles E. Ponting, architect, of Marlborough, when the floors were relaid, the interior refitted and reseated with oak benches, carved by Mr. Harry Hems, of Exeter: there are sittings for 500 persons. The register dates from the year 1591. The living is a vicarage, net income £230, including 20 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held since 1907 by the Rev. Henry Herbert Mogg B.A. of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Here are Baptist and Wesleyan chapels. The charities include the rents of two pieces of land of about 4 acres, which are distributed by the vicar and churchwardens to the two oldest men in the parish not in receipt of parish relief; there is also a sum of £5 7s. per annum left by the late Mr. William Brown for the poor of Horton. The church also receives a net yearly income of £50 from property held by trustees; this sum is devoted to the repair of the fabric and the maintenance of the church services. The Devizes waterworks, in this parish, and distant from that town 4½ miles, were erected in 1879, at a cost of £11,700; John Carter, manager. The Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods and Forests, who are lords of the manor, and Mr. George Skeate Ruddle are the principal landowners. Mrs Ernle-Erle Drax, of Charborough Park, Wareham, is the principal landowner in the hamlet of Coate. The soil is greensand and clay chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, beans and turnips. The parish contains 8,856 acres of land, of which 1,389 are in the tithing of Coate, and consists of partly arable, pasture and down land, and 17 of water; rateable value, including Coate and Bourton, £3,160; the population in 1901 was 762.

Borton (or Bourton) tithing, a Roman settlement, is half a mile north-east; Horton tithing, half a mile south-east; Coate tithing, 1½ miles south; Easton tithing, 1 mile north-east. On Pound Down are many barrows.

St. James (or South Broom), formerly a chapelry attached to this parish, was in 1832 made a separate ecclesiastical parish: it is partly within the town and borough of Devizes, which see.

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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.

Sexton, Edward John Moss

Post, M.O. & T Office. - Cornelius Burry, sub-postmaster. Letters through Devizes, arrive at 8 a.m. & 6.15 p.m.; dispatched thereto at 9.30 a.m. & 6.45 p.m.; Sundays, 9.15 a.m. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid. The Barracks, Devizes, is the nearest money order service & telegraph office, 2 miles distant. Pillar Letter Box, Horton, cleared 6 p.m.; Sundays, 11.15 a.m.

SCHOOLS

Elementary, founded in 1830, for 90 children; average attendance, 70; George Ruddle, master

Elementary, Coate, established in 1877, for 50 children; average attendance, 46; Miss Westell, mistress

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Combes		Mrs		Manor house
Giddings		Miss		
Hony	Charles William	Rev., M. A.		Vicarage

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Benger	Alfred Charles		Baker & Grocer	
Bishop	Frank		Publican	The New Inn, Coate
Bollen	William Henry		Farmer	Coate
Burry	Cornelius		Shopkeeper & Post Office	Post Office
Burry	Eli		Publican	Crown
Butcher	James Moses		Farmer	Coate
Carter	Arthur		Assistant Manager	Devizes Waterworks
Carter	John		Manager	Devizes Waterworks
Combes	Albert James		Farmer	Manor House
Dally	Louisa	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	
Greader		Bros.	Farmer	Horton
Harraway	John		Farmer & Stock Breeder	Easton
Hillier	Albert James		Shoeing & General Smith, Cycle Agent & Repairer, All Kinds of Repairs to Agricultural Machinery & Implements	And at Coate
Hiscock	Abel		Miller (Water)	Horton Water Mill
Hiscock	Frederick		Carpenter	Horton
Lane	Thomas		Blacksmith	Horton
Lucas	Thomas Sloper		Farmer	Bourton
Maggs	Frank		Farmer	Cross Farm, Coate
Matthews	Louisa	Mrs.	Shopkeeper	Coate
Moss	Edward John		Saddler & Harness Maker, Stable Requisites of Every Description in Stock, Repairs Etc. & Sexton, St. Mary's Church	
Portch	Samuel		Cowkeeper & Shopkeeper	
Portch	Thomas		Farmer	Coate
Pottenger	James Harvey		Farmer	Manor Farm & Lodge Farm, Coate
Ruddle	George		Farmer & Schoolmaster	Westend Farm Elementary School
Ruddle	George Giddings		Farmer	Bourton

Ruddle	George Skeate		Farmer & Landowner	Lyne's Farm
Sloper	Jane	Mrs.	Publican & Baker	Bridge Inn, Horton
Smith	Isaac		Market Gardener	Coate
Westell		Miss	Schoolmistress	Elementary School, Coate
Wordley	Decimus		Road Contractor	Bourton
Wordley	Frank		Market Gardener	Coate