



Kellys Directory Extract 1911



Bishops 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 the Virgin, built during the 12th to the 15th centuries, is a large and beautiful cruciform structure in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave of four bays, aisles, transepts, lady 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 piscine 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 resealed 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 23 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, but this is now (1911) given to one only; there is also a sum of £5 7s. yearly, 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. White's charity of about £24 yearly, bequeathed in 1909, is administered by the vicar and churchwardens for various purposes. 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 Giddings Ruddle are the principal landowners. Lady Dunsany, 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, £5,209; 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.

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.

Post, M.O. & T Office. – Cornelius Burry, sub-postmaster. Letters through Devizes, arrive at 6.40 a.m. & 5.30 p.m.; dispatched thereto at 9.40 a.m. & 6.50 p.m.; Sundays, 9.25 a.m.

Pillar Letter Box, opposite Vicarage, cleared 9.35 a.m. & 6.45 p.m. & Sundays 9.25 a.m.; **Pillar Letter Box, Horton**, cleared 6.55 p.m.; Sundays, 11.25 a.m. **Cross Farm Letter Box, Coate**, cleared at 7.15 p.m.; Sundays, 11.45 a.m.

SCHOOLS

Elementary, founded in 1830, & rebuilt in 1906, for 94 children, at a cost of £1,200; average attendance, 82; George Ruddle, master

Elementary, Coate, established in 1877, for 37 children; average attendance, 25; Miss M. M. Butler, mistress

Police Constable, Sydney Knight

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Combes		Mrs.		Manor House
Crees		Mrs.		Old Manor House
Davidson	John Francis			Lynes House
Mogg	Henry Herbert	Rev., B. A.		The Vicarage
Ruddle	G. G.			Bourton

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Benger	Sarah	Mrs.	Baker & Grocer	
Bishop	Frank		Publican	The New Inn, Coate
Bollen	William Henry		Farmer	Coate
Burry	Cornelius		Sub Postmaster	Post Office
Butcher	Herbert James		Farmer	Coate
Butler	M. M.		Elementary Schoolmistress	Coate
Carter	John		Manager of Devizes Waterworks	
Combes	Albert James		Farmer	Manor House
Cox	Richard		Farmer	Townsend Farm, Horton
Davidson	John Francis		Horse Trainer	Lynes House
Doble	Robert		Farm Bailiff to Mr. Arthur Maslen Lucas, Bourton	Bourton
Eden	Albert Thomas		Publican	Crown P.H.
Greader	Frederick		Farmer	Horton
Gregory	Francis Arthur		Farmer	Coate
Harraway	Charles		Farmers & Stock Breeders	Easton
Harraway	George		Farmers & Stock Breeders	Easton
Hillier	Albert James		Shoeing & General Smith, Cycle Agent & Repairer, All Kinds of Repairs to Agricultural Machinery & Implements	And at Horton
Hiscock		& Sons		Horton Water Mill
Hiscock	Frederick		Carpenter	Horton
Knight	Sydney		Police Constable	
Lane	Thomas		Blacksmith	Horton
Moss	Edward John		Saddler & Harness Maker	
Paradise	James Richard		Farmer	Westend Farm
Portch	Samuel		Cowkeeper & Shopkeeper	
Portch	Thomas		Farmer	Coate
Pottenger	James Harvey		Farmer, District Councillor &	Manor Farm & Cross

			Chairman to the Parish Council	Farm, Coate
Ruddle	George		Elementary Schoolmaster	
Ruddle	George Giddings		Farmer & Landowner	Bourton
Sloper	Jane	Mrs.	Bridge Inn & Baker	Bridge Inn, Horton
Wordley	Frank		Farmer	
Wordley	Robert		Insurance Agent	