



Kellys Directory Extract 1911

Bishopstone (Swindon)



BISHOPSTONE (near Shrivenham) is a village and parish, $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles south-west from Shrivenham station on the Great Western railway, and 7 east from Swindon, in the Northern division 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 8 bells; the church was restored in 1882 and 1883, at a cost of £1.600 under the directions 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 a disastrous fire broke out in the tower, consuming the belfry: the bells and clock have since been replaced by new, the whole restoration costing upwards of £2,600; a new organ was provided in 1910: there are 240 sittings.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, rural dean of Cricklade. 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 2 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; there is also a sum of £16, a left by Gilbert Keate esq. to be divided amongst 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. 8. which is distributed in coal: the rent of forty 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 grass, wheat and turnips for sheep. The area is 3,385 acres; rateable value £2,882; the population in 1901 was 404.

Sexton - Francis J. Stone

Post, M. O. & T Office - Frederick Ernest Hedges, postmaster. Letters arrive through Shrivenham (Berks) by messenger at 7.30 a.m. & 3.55 p.m.; dispatched at 12.45 & 6.50 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.

School, with house, erected in 1849, & enlarged in 1871, at the cost of £450, for children; average attendance, 72; William Moore, master.

Carriers - John Hunt, to Swindon from this parish every Monday & Friday; George Stroud, to Swindon, every day except Wednesday.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ault	Herbert	Rev.	Vicar & Rural Dean	Vicarage

Chivers	John			Court Cottage
Edmonds		Misses		The Cottage, High Street
Ferguson	John			Russley Park
Hall-Walker	William	Colonel		Russley Park
Hibberd		Mrs.		The Coombes
Lawrence		Miss		Fairview Villa

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brickell	Robert James		Beer Retailer	
Cotterell	Albert		Farmer	Glebe Farm
Cue	Edwin		Famer	
Edwards	Albert		Publican	True Heart
Harman	Joseph		Dog Trainer	
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	Church Hill Villa
Moore	William		Schoolmaster	
Povey	John		Tailor & Assistant Overseer	
Stone	Francis Joseph		Boot Maker & Sexton	
Stroud	George		Carrier	
Tasker	Thomas		Blacksmith	
Titchener	David		Watercress Grower	West End
Whatley	Edward		Farmer	Manor Farm
Whatley	John		Farmer	Manor Farm
Whitear	William		Haulier	Sunnyside
Wilson	James H.		Farmer	Forrest House