



Post Office Directory Extract 1855

Bishopstone Swindon



Bishopstone, near Swindon, is a township and parish, in the Hundred of Ramsbury, Highworth Union, North Wilts, bishopric of Gloucester and Bristol; distant 7 miles from Shrivenham station, 3 miles south-west; 74 from London, 9 from Farringdon, and 7 east of Swindon; contained in 1851, 755 inhabitants, and 4,452 acres of land; the Bishop of Salisbury is lord of the manor, and Lord Holland, lessee under him.

The church is a plain structure, with a square tower, containing a fine peal of 8 bells; the living in a vicarage, in the gift of the Bishop, value £200 per annum; the incumbent is the **Rev. John H. Landon, M.A.**; and his curate, the **Rev. Henry F. Beasley, A.M.**. The rectorial tithes and advowson were formerly attached to the prebend of Bishopstone in Salisbury Cathedral.

There is a school, erected in 1850, mainly by the exertions of the **Rev. Henry Beasley**, the curate. In the old manor house a room was built for the entertainment of James II. On the tomb of **Christopher Willoughby**, in the chancel, is an epitaph setting forth that he was most happy with his first wife, but very unlucky with his second. There are several charities belonging to this parish, viz., £900 left by **Mr T. Goddard**, for the education of the poor children of both sexes, and keeping in repair the tower of the church and bells; £110 per annum left by Christopher Willoughby Esq., in 1681, to be divided amongst the poor of the parish; also £15 per annum left by **Gilbert Keate**, Esq., to be divided amongst four poor persons belonging to the parish; with several others of trifling amounts. Bricks and tiles made here.

Rusley Park is to the south. Starveall is 1½ miles south-west; Lumby Down 1 mile south; Charlbury, 2 miles south-west.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Gentry				
Beasley	Henry F.	Reverend		Bishopstone Vicarage
Coster	Richard	Esq		
Edmonds	William	Esq		
Smith	Thomas	Esq		Rusley Park
Traders				
Bailard	Nathaniel		Brick & Tile Maker	
Bye	William		Shopkeeper	
Cue	Thomas		Farmer	
Cue	Walter		Beer Retailer	
Day	James		Shoemaker	
Dore	William		Farmer	
Hedges	Thomas		Farmer	
Hibbard	Joseph		Cattle dealer	
Hibbard	Thomas		Farmer	
Keylock	Thomas		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Lawrence	Edward		Shopkeeper, Postmaster, Tailor & Draper	
Milsum	William		Miller	
Nobes	Aaron		Shopkeeper & Cab Master	
Norris	William jun		Carpenter	
Norris	William		Land Measurer	
Povey	George		Blacksmith	
Povey	George		Tailor	
Povey	Jane	Mrs	Shopkeeper	
Pusey	Sophia	Mrs		School
Redford	Richard		Parish clerk	
Sharman	Amos		Beer Retailer	
Smith	John		Farmer	
Smith	Joseph		Farmer	
Tayler	Henry			'True Heart'
White	J.		Shoemaker	
Young	Thomas		Blacksmith	