



Kellys Directory Extract 1903

Fonthill Bishop



FONTHILL BISHOP (or Bishop's Fonthill) is a village and parish, 3 miles north from the Tisbury station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the London and South Western railway, 14 west from Salisbury, and 10 north-east from Shaftesbury, in the Southern division of the county, Downton hundred, Tisbury petty sessional division and union, Shaftesbury county court district, Chalke rural deanery (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury. The church of All Saints is a cruciform edifice of stone, originally in the Norman style, consisting of chancel, nave, transepts, south porch, and a central tower containing 2 bells: in 1871, the chancel was rebuilt at the expense of the late rector, and the whole church was thoroughly restored in 1879 at the cost of Thomas Sheldon esq. of Clevedon, his brother, Mr. Wyatt being the architect: there are 125 sittings. The registers date from the year 1754. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £162, including 4 ½ acres of glebe, and residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Oxford, and held since 1900 by the Rev. Thomas Norwood Perkins M.A, of St. John's College, Cambridge. There is a small charity, dispensed by the rector and churchwardens. The Bishop of Winchester is lord of the manor, Hugh Morrison esq. Fonthill House, Fonthill Gifford, is principal land owner. The soil is chalky loam; subsoil, chalk and stone. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and some land in pasturage. The area is 1,794 acres; rateable value, £787; the population in 1901 was 141.

Sexton, James Buckland

Post Office. - Fred Smith sub-postmaster. Letters from Salisbury by mail cart, arrive at 5.55 a.m.; dispatched at 6.40 p.m.: The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Hindon, 2 miles distant.

Elementary (formerly Free) School endowed with £10 annually, left by Saul Gattrell, in the year 1847, for 60 children; average attendance, 48; Miss Emily Manning, mistress

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Buckland	James		Sexton	
Coombs	George Percival			
Fox	Charles		Publican	Kings Arms
Manning	Emily	Miss	Schoolmistress	
Perkins	Thomas Norwood	Rev., M.A.		Rectory
Lodder	James		Farmer	Kingstead
Smith	Fred		Grocer & Post Office	