



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

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 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 piscine 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 old "undertaker's 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 MA 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 3230, 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 BA 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 born in lawful wedlock in the tiding of Bishop'd Cannings, and not in receipt of parish relief, but this is now given to one only; there is also a sum of £5 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. 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 is the principal landowner in the hamlet of Coate. The soil is greensand and clay chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats, 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, £5,388; the population in 1911 was 717.

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.

Post, MO, T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office: (to places within a limited distance) Cornelius Burry, sub-postmaster. Letters through Devizes arrive at 6.40am & 5.30pm; dispatched thereto at 9.40am & 6.50pm; Sundays, 9.25am

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

Schools

Elementary, founded in 1830, & rebuilt in 1906, for 94 children, at a cost of 31,200; George Ruddle, master

Elementary, Coate, established in 1877, for 37 children; Miss Weston, mistress

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
De Mestre	E G			Lynes House
Mogg	Henry Herbert	Reverend BA		The Vicarage
Ruddle	G G			Bourton

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Benger	Sarah	Mrs	Baker & Grocer	
Bishop	Frank			The New Inn, Coate
Bollen	William Henry		Farmer	Coate
Burry	Cornelius		Seedsman	Post Office
Butcher	Herbert James		Farmer	Coate
Carter	Arthur	Manager	Devizes Waterworks	
Carter	Charles Gregory		Farmer	Coate
Combes	Albert James		Farmer	Manor House
Cox	Richard		Farmer	Townsend Farm, Horton
De Mestre	E G		Racehorse Trainer	Lynes House
Eden	Albert Thomas			Crown PH
Greader	Frederick		Farmer	Horton
Gregory	Frank		Farmer	Coate
Harraway	Charles		Farmers & Stock Breeders	Easton
Harraway	George		Farmers & Stock Breeders	Easton
Hillier	Albert James	RSS	Shoeing & General Smith, Cycle Agent & Repairer, All Kinds of Repairs to Agricultural Machinery & Implements; General Engineer	and at Horton
Hiscock	Albert			Horton Water Mill
Hiscock	Alfred		Carpenter	Horton
Hughes	William Francis		Farm Bailiff to MR A M Lucas	Bourton
Hunt	George		Horse Slaughterer	Coate Lane
Lane	Thomas		Blacksmith	Horton
Moss	Edward John		Saddler & Harness Maker	
Paradise	James Richard		Farmer	Westend Farm
Portch	Samuel	& Sons	Cowkeepers	
Portch	Thomas		Farmer	Coate
Pottenger	James Harvey		Farmer & District Councillor & Chairman to Parish Council	Manor Farm & Cross Farm, Coate
Ruddle	George Giddings		Farmer & Landowner	Bourton
Sloper	Jane	Mrs	Baker	Bridge Inn, Horton
Wordley	Frank		Farmer	