



## Kellys Directory Extract 1915

### Bishopstone (Swindon)



BISHOPSTONE (near Shrivenham) is a village and parish, 2.75miles from Shrivenham station on the Great Western railway, and 7 east from Swindon, in the Northern section 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 3 bells; the church was restored in 1892 and 1893, at a cost of £1600 under the direction 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Friday evening, 1891 a disastrous fire broke out in the tower, consuming the belfry: the bells and clock have since been replaced by new, the whole restoration costing upwards of £2600; in the vestry are preserved the remains of an ancient clock, made by a blacksmith of the village, which did service for 258 years: 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. 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 two 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; 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 8p, which is distributed in coal: the rent of 40 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 wheat and turnips for sheep, and some land in pasture, The area is 3520 acres, rateable value £3087; the population in 1911 was 449.

| Surname     | Given Names      | Title    | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish             |
|-------------|------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Ault        | Herbert          | Reverend | Vicar               | Vicarage                 |
| Bird        | Edward           |          |                     | Hussey Park *            |
| Edmonds     |                  | Misses   |                     | The Cottage, High Street |
| Hall-Walker | William          | Colonel  |                     | Russley Park *           |
| Hibbert     |                  | Mrs.     |                     | The Coombes              |
| Leader      | Frederick George |          |                     | Russley Park *           |

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| Whitear | Henry |  |  | Sunnyside |
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| <b>Surname</b> | <b>Given Names</b> | <b>Title</b> | <b>Industry/Occupation</b>   | <b>Place/Parish</b>     |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beaden         | Alice              | Miss         | Dressmaker                   |                         |
| Cotterell      | Albert             |              | Farmer                       | Glebe Farm              |
| Cue            | Edwin              |              | Famer                        |                         |
| Edwards        | Albert             |              |                              | True Heart Public House |
| Hamilton       | Walter             |              | Boot Repairer                |                         |
| Harman         | Joseph             |              | Dog Trainer                  |                         |
| Whitear        | Henry              |              |                              | Sunnyside               |
| 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            |                         |
| Povey          | Frank              |              | Tailor                       | Mill House              |
| Povey          | John               |              | Tailor & Assistant Overseer  |                         |
| Smith          | Fred               |              | Farmer                       |                         |
| Stone          | Francis Joseph     |              | Market Gardener & Sexton     |                         |
| Tasker         | Thomas             |              | Blacksmith                   |                         |
| Tilley         | William            |              | Beer Retailer                |                         |
| Webb           | John               |              | Baker                        | Mount Pleasant          |
| Whatley        | Edward             |              | Farmer                       | Manor Farm              |
| Whatley        | John               |              | Farmer                       | Manor Farm              |
| Wilson         | James H.           |              | Farmer                       | Forrest House           |

\* denotes letters received through Baydon