



Post Office Directory Extract 1855

All Cannings and Bishops Cannings



All Cannings is a township, parish and village, near the Kennet and Avon canal, in the Hundred of Swanborough, and divisions and Union of Devizes, North Wilts, Salisbury bishopric, situated 5 miles east of Devizes, and 23 north of Salisbury, in a plain, in the midst of a well-cultivated district. The land is chiefly a fine loam. The parish contains 5,483 acres of land, and 1,109 inhabitants, of which 649 are in All Cannings tithing. The Kennet and Avon canal passes through here, running from east to west. The church, repaired in 1842, in an ancient cruciform structure, consisting of a nave, chancel, transept, north and south aisles, and a square tower rising from the intersection, having a turret and plain parapet, and containing 5 bells. The living is a rectory, value £1,200, with 36 acres of glebe land, in the gift of Lord Ashburton; the incumbent is the Rev. Thomas Anthony Methuen, M.A. Here is a Free school, built and chiefly supported by the rector. There are charities of the yearly value of £16. ST. ANN'S HILL fair, August 6th, for cattle and sheep, is held within the precincts of the parish. Lord Ashburton is the lord of the manor.

ALLINGTON is a tithing is half a mile north, with 184 inhabitants. On Clifford's Hill, 1½ miles north-east, is Rybury camp. On the downs are many barrows.

BISHOPS CANNINGS is a parish consisting a scattered village of the same name, and the tithings of Horton, Bourton, Easton, and Coate. The village is situated near the Kennet and Avon canal, 3 miles north-east of Devizes and 24 north of Salisbury, in the Potterne and Cannings Hundred, the division and Union of Devizes, Salisbury bishopric, North Wilts. There are 1,264 acres of arable, pasture, and down land. The population, at the last census, was 3,925. The church, built more than 600 years, is a large and beautiful cruciform structure, in the Norman and Gothic styles, having a nave, chancel, north and south aisles, transept, and a lofty tower rising from the intersection of the building, which has a turret, plain parapet, contains 8 bells, and is surmounted with a spire, measuring 230 feet from the ground to its point. The interior was repewed in 1829; the aisles are separated from the nave by pointed arches, supported by cylindrical pillars. The chance is very roomy; it has a groined ceiling and a small but finely-painted eastern window; the subject, Christ raising Jairus's Daughter from Death. The organ erected in 1809 at a cost of 401 guineas, with the yearly interest of £600 to keep the instrument in ord4r and pay the organist, was the bequest of Mr. William Bayley, a native of this village, and once a schoolmaster here; he circumnavigated the globe with the celebrated Captain Cook, and died in 1809. The living is a vicarage, value £350, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury; the present incumbent is the Rev. William MacDonald, D.D., who is also an Archdeacon of Salisbury Cathedral; the Rev. William Savage, M.A., is the curate. Here is a Nation school, founded in 185. Thomas Henry Sutton Sotheron, Esq., M.P. for North Wilts, is lord of the manor.

ST. JAMES, or South Broom Chapelry, with 2,648 acres, and 2,517 inhabitants, is in the town and borough of Devizes; Borton or Bourton tithing, a Roman settlement, is half a mile, north-east; Horton tithing is half a mile south-east; Coate tithing and Corcutt, 1½ miles south; Easton tithing, 1 mile north-east; On Pound Down are many barrows. Chittoe ecclesiastical district is partly in this parish.

POST OFFICE – James Maslen, receiver. Letters received – from Devizes 10 a.m. and dispatched thereto at 5 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Devizes.

All Cannings

Gentry

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Cannings	Jane	Mrs.		Rectory
Hitchcock	Simon	Esq.		
Methuen	Thomas Anthony	Rev., M. A.		

Traders

Akerman	Stephen		Baker, Grocer & Brewer	
Bailey	John		Baker	
Burry	Edmund		Parish Clerk	
Burry	William		Carpenter	
Caudry	John		Farmer	
Denford	Ann	Mrs.	Mistress of Free School	
Hitchcock	Simon		Farmer	
Maslen	Daniel		Farmer	
Maslen	George		Farmer	
Maslen	James		Miller, Farmer, Butcher, Baker & Postmaster	
Maslen	Joseph		Shoemaker	
Maslen	Michael		Baker and Shopkeeper	
Neate	Stephen		Farmer	
Page	John		Farmer	
Page	Stephen		Farmer	
Rundle	George		Tailor	
Tasker	Robert		Publican & Blacksmith	King's Arms
Witchell	George		Farmer	

Bishops Cannings

Gentry

Brown	Thomas	Esq.		Horton
Brown	William	Esq.		Horton
Macdonald	William	Rev., M.A.	Vicar	
Ruddle	Sarah	Mrs.		
Savage	William	Rev., M. A.	Curate	
Stone	Henry	Esq.		Calcot Farm, Coate

Traders

Bailey	William		Carpenter	
Benjamin	Lewyn Thomas		Farmer	Coate
Brown	Thomas		Farmer	Horton
Brown	William		Farmer	Horton
Burgess	John		Farmer	Bourton
Clarke	William		Farmer	Bourton
Drew	John		Beer Retailer	
Drew	John		Miller	Horton Mill
Etwell	Henry		Farmer	Bearton
Francis	Emma	Mrs.	Mistress of National School	
Giddings	Thomas		Farmer	Horton
Harraway	William		Farmer	Horton
Kerton	Ann	Mrs.	Baker & Shopkeeper	
King	Daniel		Parish Clerk	
Miller	John		Blacksmith	Horton
Neate	Robert		Carpenter	Coate
Neate	William		Carpenter	Coate
Powell	Stephen		Carpenter	Horton
Prior	Thomas		Bricklayer	
Ruddle	George Skeate		Farmer	
Ruddle	Robert		Farmer	
Sloper	James		Miller, Baker & Farmer	
Sloper	Mark		Farmer	
Sloper	Simon		Harness Maker & Blacksmith	
Sloper	William		Farmer	

Smith	George		Beer Retailer	
Spreadbury	Charles		Publican	Crown Inn
Wells	Sarah	Mrs.	Farmer	Coate
White	John		Shoemaker	
Wild	David		Farmer	Coate
Wild	Robert		Farmer	Coate