



Post Office Directory Extract

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Bishop's Cannings

BISHOP'S CANNINGS is a parish containing 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, union and county court district of Devizes, Salisbury bishopric, Wilts archdeaconry, and Avebury deanery, North Wilts. There are 1,264 acres of arable, pasture, and down land. The population, at the last census, was 3,925. The church of St Mary, built more than 600 years, is a large and beautiful cruciform structure, in the Norman and Gothic styles, have 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 re-pewed in 1829; the aisles are separated from the nave by pointed arches, supported by cylindrical pillars. The chancel is very roomy; it has a groined ceiling, and a small but finely-painted English window; the subject, Christ raising Jairus's daughter from death. The organ, erected in 1809 at a cost of 400 guineas, with the yearly interest of £600 to keep the instrument in order 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, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury; the present incumbent is the Venerable William Macdonald, Archdeacon of Wilts, and canon residentiary of Salisbury cathedral; The Rev. William Savage, M.A., is the curate. Here is a National school, founded in 1830. The Right Hon. Thomas Henry Sutton Sotheron Estcourt, M.P. for North Wilts, was lately the lord of the manor, but the property is now vested in the Crown, under the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who have recently purchased it.

ST. JAMES, or South Broom chapelry, with 2,648 acres, and 2,517 inhabitants, is in the town and borough of Devizes. The living is a perpetual curacy annual value £150, with residence, in the gift of the Vicar, and held by the Rev. Benjamin Charles Dowding, M.A.

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 mile south; Easton tithing, 1 mile north-east. On Pound Down are many barrows. Chittoe ecclesiastical district is partly in this parish.

National School, Richard Oliver, master, & organist to the church

Letters delivered through Devizes. There is a receiving house at All Cannings, the adjoining parish, where the box closes at 5 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Devizes.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Brown	Thomas	Esq.		Horton
Brown	William	Esq.		Horton
Macdonald	William	Ven. Archdeacon	Vicar	
Ruddle	Sarah	Mrs.		
Savage	William	Rev., M.A.	Curate	

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bailey	William		Carpenter	Townsend Farm, Horton
Benjamin	Lewin Thomas		Farmer	Coate
Bolland	William		Farmer	Coate

Breadmore	George		Carpenter	Horton
Burgess	John		Farmer	Bourton
Clarke	William		Farmer	Bourton
Davis	William		Grocer & Cheesemonger	Bourton
Drew	John		Miller	Horton Mill
Giddings	Thomas		Farmer	Horton
Harraway	William		Farmer	Easton
King	Daniel		Parish Clerk	
Miller	John		Blacksmith	Horton
Nash	William		Shopkeeper	
Neate	Robert		Carpenter	Coate
Neate	William		Carpenter	Coate
Oliver	Richard		National Schoolmaster & Organist to the Parish Church	
Price	Thomas		Bricklayer	
Rabbets	William		Farmer	Corcutt Farm
Ruddle	George Skeate		Farmer	
Ruddle	Robert		Farmer	
Sloper	James		Miller, Baker & Farmer	Black House Farm
Sloper	Mark		Farmer	
Smith	George		Beer Retailer	
Spreadbury	Charles		Publican	Crown
White	John		Shoemaker	
Wild	David		Farmer	Coate
Wild	Robert		Farmer	Coate
Wordley	Thomas		Shoe Maker	