



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

Coombe Bissett



COOMBE BISSETT is a parish situated on both banks of the river Chalk (Chalke or Ebele), which is here crossed by a bridge of 3 arches, south-west from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Cawden and Cadworth, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, Salisbury union, Salisbury county court district, rural deanery of Chalke, (Chalke portion), archdeaconry of Sarum, and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Michael and All Angels is a cruciform building of stone and flint, consisting of chancel, nave of 3 bays, aisles, transepts, south porch, and an embattled tower on the south side, containing a clock and 6 bells. The church exhibits specimens of every type of architecture, from the traditional Norman nave arcade, to the Perpendicular work in the aisle, windows and transepts; the rood screen, removed in 1845, has been replaced, the old work being as far as possible preserved: the stained east window is a memorial to the late Canon T L Kingsbury MA, vicar of this parish 1885-92: the church was restored in 1845 and affords 250 sittings. The parish registers, which are imperfect, date from the year 1636. The living is a vicarage, with that of Homington, annexed in joint net yearly value £305, with residence, in the alternate gift of the Bishop and Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held since 1899, by the Rev Charles Wood MA of Christ's College, Cambridge. The charities include a sum of £5 yearly, charged by the late Mr Hancock in 1725, on an estate at Farley: this amount is distributed by the vicar and 2 other trustees, to the poorest inhabitants, on the feast of St John the Evangelist (Dec 27th): there is also the interest on £45, (donor unknown) and of £50, the bequest of Mr Feltham in 1862, both distributed in bread, and the interest of £100 left by the Misses Fleetwood, and distributed in coal to the aged poor in the month of January. The Earl of Radnor, and Winchester College are the principal landowners. The soil is chalk and gravel, sub-soil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and turnips; the area is 2397 acres, rateable value £1739: the population in 1911 was 263 in the civil parish and 425 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Parish Clerk: William Kimber

Clerk of the Parish Council, Joseph Drake

Post & T Office: Mrs Emma Scammell. Sub-postmistress. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 4.5am & 3.30pm, and are delivered at 6.25am, dispatched at 3.25 & 8.30pm, Sundays, 5.50pm: Wall Letter Box cleared at 3.45 & 8.35pm, Sundays, 5.40pm; the nearest money order office is at East Harnham.

Elementary School: built in 1845 and enlarged in 1889: Joseph Drake, master, Misses Diana & G Drake, assistant mistresses.

Carriers to Salisbury: Henry Jerome and Herbert Lawes, Tues., Thurs. & Sat.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Benson	Frederick William	Major General, Sir, KCB		Felthams
Escourt		Misses		Coombe Bissett House
Pinnegar		Miss		
Pinnegar		Mrs.		
Powell	Tyndale	Mrs.		Old Gate House
Read		Mrs.		
Sidford		Mrs.		
Wood	Charles	Reverend, MA.	Vicar	Vicarage

COMMERCIAL

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Arnold	William James		Publican	Fox & Goose Public House
Blake	Alfred		Farmer	
Farris	George		Mechanical Engineer	
Lillington	Elias D.		Blacksmith	
Miles	Annie R.	Mrs.	Farmer	Church Farm
Morris	Sidney		Carpenter	
Spear	Jane	Mrs.	Baker	
Troup	Alan Gordon		Farmer	Dogdean Farm *
Wagg	William		Grocer	

* Letters via Salisbury