

some smaller owners. The soil is good loam; subsoil, rubble. The chief crops are wheat, beans, roots and barley. The area is 477A. 14P.; rateable value, £940; the population in 1881 was 139.

Sexton, John Newell.

Post Office.—Thomas Treble Tappin, sub-postmaster.

Letters from Tetsworth arrive at 8.45 a.m. & 3.5 p.m.;

Munday Mrs. Brightwell cottages  
Munday Thomas Alexander  
Perrin Edmund  
Pigott Rev. John David B.A. [rector]  
Towerton Richard  
Viney John, Rose cottage

Brown Sophia, Salome & Rebecca  
(Misses), dress makers  
Carey John, farmer, College farm  
Gale Robert, wheelwright & carpenter  
Hicks Thomas, corn dealer  
Hicks Thos. Owen, miller (water & steam)

dispatched at 5.25 p.m.; no post on Sunday. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Watlington. This parish contributes one member to the Watlington School Board.  
Day School (infants), for 35 children; average attendance, 14; Mrs. Dimmock, mistress. The elder children attend the Board School at Watlington.

Hicks Wm. frmr. & millr. (water), Cut mill  
Moffat William, farmer, Manor farm  
Newell John, blacksmith  
Tappin Thomas Treble, beerseller & farmer, Post office  
Williams Joseph, Half Moon P.H.

**DEDDINGTON**, the "Town of the Dredings," formerly a market town, is a parish situated at the intersection of the high road from Oxford to Banbury with that from Buckingham to Chipping Norton, separated from Northamptonshire on the east by the river Cherwell and bounded on the north by the Swere brook, 70 miles from London, 16 from Oxford, 10 north-east from Woodstock and 6 south from Banbury, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Wootton, North Wootton petty sessional division, county court district and union of Woodstock, rural deanery of Deddington and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The Great Western railway passes 2 miles east of the town, with a station at Aynho (Northants). A station has also been opened at Adderbury, 2 miles north-west, on the direct Cheltenham and Banbury branch of the same line of railway, completed in April, 1887. The place is lighted with gas by a company formed in 1855; the only supply of water is from wells. The church of SS. Peter and Paul, originally of the Decorated period, is now a building of stone in mixed styles, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, north and south porches and a western tower surmounted by pinnacles and containing a clock and 7 bells, 6 of which were cast in 1791, and the small bell in 1869; in the chancel are three sedilia and a piscina; an oak screen separates the chancel from the nave, which has arcades of four arches: the aisles are chiefly of the 14th century and in each remain steps formerly leading to the roof of the two chantry chapels: underneath the east end of the south aisle is a small low crypt, with groined roof, reached by steps from the outside, where also are two recessed stone arches, and on the inside, but in a different part of the wall, two similar arches, in one of which is a mutilated recumbent figure: there are also some remains of a stairway once conducting to a parvise over the south porch: a piscina and statue niche remain in the north aisle, the porch of which, of the 15th century, has fan tracery in the roof: the tower fell in March, 1635, occasioning an estimated damage of £8,250, and letters patent were issued authorizing general collections for its restoration: the font, as appears from the registers, was placed in the church in 1663. Various alterations were begun in the church during the vicariate of the late Rev. W. C. Risley M.A. from 1840 onwards, and a continuance of the work was sanctioned by a vote of the vestry in 1858, but it was not completed until 1865, when the vestry, south porch and organ chamber were built and repairs effected at a cost of £2,600, under the direction of the late G. E. Street esq. B.A.: the stained east window was placed there in 1888 by subscription. There are brasses in the church to a civilian, with half-effigy, c. 1370; John Higgins gent. 1641, and a brass inscription mutilated and lying loose in the church chest with several others, to William Byllynge, merchant of the staple of Calais, 1533, and Elizabeth, his wife, 1522; this inscription, with effigies now lost, belongs to an altar tomb in the north aisle; there are other memorials to the families of Appletree, Cary, Churchill, Faulkner, Harris and Walden: there are 600 sittings. The churchyard was enlarged in 1874. The register dates from the year 1631, and contains entries of marriages effected under the Act of 1656. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £295, in the gift of the Dean and Canons of Windsor, and held since 1878 by the Rev. Thomas Boniface M.A. of Jesus College, Cambridge, and surrogate. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners allow £120 for the curate. The Congregational chapel, in New street, opened May, 1881, is a building of simple Early Gothic character, with a gabled central doorway and an octagonal turret above it, rising to a height of 60 feet: there are sittings for about 300 on the ground floor. There is also a Wesleyan Reform chapel, built in 1849, and a Primitive Methodist chapel.

#### Official Establishments.

Post, M. O. & T. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—John Whetton, sub-postmaster. Open on week days at 7 a.m.; closed at 9 p.m.; open on Sunday from 8 till 10 a.m. Delivery commences at 7 a.m. 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. Morning delivery only on Sunday. Letter Box closes for dispatch for the north at 6.5, 8.25 & 9 p.m. & for London & the south & west at 11.55 a.m. & 8.25 p.m. Money orders are issued & paid from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. except on

#### Local Institutions &c.

Sunday, when no money order business is transacted. Except on Sunday, letter carriers are dispatched at 6 a.m. & 2 p.m. for the villages of Dunstew, North Aston, & at 6 p.m. for Dunstew, North Aston, Clifton, Hempton, Barford St. John & Barford St. Michael. Letters from Banbury

**Hempton** is a small hamlet in the parish of Deddington, a mile and a quarter west from the village, on the road to Chipping Norton. Here is a school chapel, built at the cost of the late Rev. William Wilson D.D. of Over Worton, consisting of nave with north aisle (used as a school) and a bell-cote containing one bell: the building is the property of trustees, and is licensed but unconsecrated: it is served from Deddington: there are 100 sittings. The poor's land of 7 acres, awarded in 1808, produces £20 yearly for fuel. The area is 970 acres; the population in 1881 was 214.

WALL LETTER BOX, cleared at 6.15 p.m.

**Clifton** is a chapelry and hamlet of Deddington, situated on the road from Buckingham to Chipping Norton, about a mile and a half east on the Northants border, close to which run the river Cherwell, the Oxford canal and a branch of the Great Western railway. The church of St. James, consecrated July 10th, 1853, is a plain building of stone, consisting of nave, with south porch and a western turret containing 2 bells, and was built chiefly at the expense of the late Rev. W. C. Risley M.A. for several years vicar of Deddington; the clergy of Deddington officiate. The principal landowners are Christ Church, Oxford, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and W. C. Cartwright esq. The area is 670 acres; rateable value, £2,200; the population in 1881 was 260.

WALL LETTER BOX, cleared at 9 a.m. & 12.55 & 7.15 p.m. Letters arrive 9 a.m.

#### DIRECTORY.]

#### COUNTY MAGISTRATES FOR WOOTTON NORTH PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION.

Risley Holford Cotton esq. Deddington, chairman  
Bradshaw Rear-Admiral Richard C.B. The Grange, Steeple Aston, Oxford  
Byass Robert Nicholl esq. Rousham, Banbury  
Cartwright Wm. Cornwallis esq. D.L. Aynhoe park, Banbury  
Foster-Melliar Wm. Melliar esq. North Aston pk. Deddington  
Hall Alexander William esq. M.P. Barton Abbey, Steeple Aston  
Ogle Bertram Saville esq. B.A. Hill house, Steeple Aston, Oxford

Wynne Llewellyn Malcolm esq. Cornbury park, Oxford  
Clerk to the Magistrates, George Coggins, Hudson street  
Petty Sessions are held on alternate Fridays. The following places are in the petty sessional division: North Aston, Steeple Aston, Middle Aston, Steeple Barton, Westcott Barton, Great Barford, Deddington, Duns Tew, Rousham, Sandford Saint Martin, South Newington, Great Tew, Little Tew, Over Worton & Nether Worton

**PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS:—**  
Inland Revenue office, "King's Arms," John Ballinghall Whyte, officer  
Constabulary Station, Inspector William Hawtin Leach & 2 constables  
Oxfordshire Light Infantry, 2nd Volunteer Battalion (detachment of C company), Major Wm. H. Austin, commandant

**PUBLIC OFFICERS:—**  
Coroner for Northern District of Oxfordshire, C. Duffell Faulkner, Hudson street; Deputy Coroner, George Coggins, Market place

#### PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Austin Major William Hewens, New st  
Bennett Thomas, Castle street  
Boniface Rev. Thomas M.A. [vicar]  
Coggins George, The Laurels  
Coggins John, The Green  
Faulkner C. Duffell, Hudson street

#### COMMERCIAL.

Baker Leonard, plasterer, Philcot street  
Banbury Co-operative Industrial Soc. Lim. (branch), New st  
Banes James, shoe maker, Chapel square  
Bennett Charles, farmer & builder, Market square  
Bennett John, builder, Church street  
Bennett Peter, road surveyor, Chapel square  
Bennett Thomas, solicitor, Castle street  
Bidmead Samuel R. chimney sweeper, New street  
Bliss Charles, pork butcher, Philcot street  
Bolton Frederick Thos. grocer & provision dealer, Chapel sq  
Bryan & Son, watch & clock makers, 2 New street  
Bull & Sons, veterinary surgeons  
Busby Joseph carpenter & pump maker  
Canning Joseph, coal dealer, Chapel square  
Chislett James, draper & furnishing warehouse, Market pl  
Churchill Benjamin, beer retailer, New street  
Churchill Arthur & Benjamin, blacksmiths, Chapel square  
Churchill William, grocer  
Clarke Joseph, farmer & butcher, New street  
Coggins George, solicitor & commissioner for oaths, deputy coroner for northern district of Oxfordshire, clerk to the justices of the North Wootton division & steward to the duchy manor, Hudson street  
Cotterell Herbert, bird stuffer &c. New street  
Course Joseph, miller (water), Deddington mill  
Daman Mrs. coal merchant, Castle street  
Dawes James, tailor, Castle street  
Deddington District Conservative Association (George Coggins, hon. sec)  
Deddington Gas Light & Coke Co. Lim. (E. F. Tucker, sec)  
Deddington, Heyford & Aston Benefit Building Society (George Coggins, solicitor & sec)  
Deeley Thomas, carrier  
Dixon Charles, chimney sweeper, Castle street  
Dodwell William Heber, butcher, Market place  
Faulkner C. Duffell, solicitor, perpetual commissioner & commissioner for oaths & coroner for northern district of Oxfordshire, Hudson street  
Fowler William Willet, baker  
Franklin Henry Robert, builder  
French John, farmer, Castle street  
Gardner James, thatcher, Philcot street  
Gibbs Joseph, shopkeeper, New street  
Gibbs Joshua, shoe maker & shopkeeper, New street  
Great Western Railway Goods & Parcels Office, Unicorn hotel, Market place  
Gulliver Frederick, farmer & grazier, New street  
Hands Alfred, solicitor  
Hands James, miller (steam), New street

Clerk & Receiver to the Charity Estates, William Kinch  
Collector of Income, Land & Assessed Taxes & Sub-distributor of Stamps, John Whetton, Market place  
High Bailiff, George Strange Hedges  
Inland Revenue Officer, John Ballinghall Whyte, Castle st  
Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, No. 1 District, Woodstock Union, George McNair L.R.C.P. Lond. & M.R.C.S. Eng  
Stewards to the Manors of Deddington, George Coggins (Duchy), W. Kinch (Windsor manor), & C. Upperton (Christ Church manor)  
Town Crier, John Knibbs, Philcot street

**SCHOOLS:—**  
National, built in 1853 & opened January 6, 1854, for about 300 children; average attendance, 88 boys, 70 girls & 67 infants; Thomas A. Manchip, master; Miss Mary White, mistress; Miss Miriam Jane Spies, infants' mistress  
National (Hempton), built in 1850, for 60 children; average attendance, 18; Miss Clara French, mistress  
National (Clifton), established in 1870, for 70 children; average attendance, 28; the Deddington National School Society was first formed July 26, 1814; Mrs. Susan Hart, mistress

**CARRIERS TO BANBURY:—**Thomas Deeley, "White Hart," mon. thurs. & sat.; Robert Callow, mon. wed. thurs. & sat. to "White Hart"; George Durran, from Duns Tew, through, mon. & thurs.; John Boddington, from Lower Heyford, through, mon. & thurs.; John Weston, from Steeple Aston, through, mon. & thurs  
Receiving house for goods & parcels for the Great Western Railway for London, the north & all parts of the Kingdom, the Unicorn hotel, Market place

#### Deddington.

Franklin Henry Robert  
Garlick Rev. George [Cong.], High st  
Gulliver Frederick, New street  
Hands Alfred  
Hands James, New street  
Harris Miss, Market place  
Holt Rev. Vernon M.A. [curate], High st  
Hopcraft Joseph

Kinch William, The Hermitage  
Painter Mrs. Market place  
Parker The Misses, Bull ring  
Risley Holford Cotton J.P.  
Samman Mrs. New street  
Smith Mrs. New street  
Turner Mrs. The Poplars  
Ward Mrs. High street

Hawkes William, farmer & grazier, Earl's farm  
Hedges George Strange, King's Arms P.H. Horsefair  
Heritage William, patten & clog maker, Philcot street  
Hobley Charles, printer & bookbinder, High street  
Holiday John Arthur, ironmonger, High street  
Hopcraft George, shopkeeper, Philcot street  
Hopcraft James William, builder, Bull ring  
Hopcraft John, carpenter  
Hopcraft Joseph, builder & brick maker, New street  
Hore Elizabeth (Miss), dress maker, Horsefair  
Hott Richard, carpenter, Hudson street  
Jarrett William, shopkeeper  
Jennings Miss, ladies' school, New street  
Jones George, Crown & Tans P.H. New street  
Kinch William, solicitor, commissioner for oaths & perpetual commissioner  
Knibbs John, town crier, Philcot street  
Lewis Henry, grocer, High street  
Lewis James, herbalist, Satin lane  
McNair George L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. medical officer & public vaccinator No. 1 district, Woodstock union  
Marshall Alfred, chemist  
Marshall Amy (Mrs.), milliner  
Mason Herbert, beer retailer  
Mason S. & Co. patent axletree makers, New street  
Matthews Mrs. grocer, New street  
Morse George, shoe maker, Philcot street  
Moss William, baker  
Mullis Henry, saddler, Market place  
Oxfordshire Archaeological Society (Rev. W. D. Macray & Geo. Loveday esq. secs.; Wm. Kinch esq. treasurer)  
Oxfordshire Light Infantry (2nd Volunteer Battalion (detachment of C company) (Major Wm. H. Austin, commandant)  
Paxton & Holiday, auctioneers  
Petty Thomas, chemist, Market place  
Power William, cooper, New street  
Rogers William, saddler, Hudson street  
Smith George, horse slaughterer, Philcot street  
Smith James Lee, plumber & glazier, High street  
Smith Mary Ann (Miss), dress maker, Market place  
Smith William H. Plough P.H. New street  
Starch Alfred, plumber, Castle street  
Sykes Mrs. William, confectioner, Market place  
Taylor Henry, Exhibition P.H. Bull ring  
Townsend William, shopkeeper, New street  
Tucker Elisha Frederick, grocer, Market place  
Turner Misses, private school  
Tustain George, Red Lion P.H. Market place  
Warren Henry, Unicorn P.H.  
Wells Thomas Henry, draper, New street



DIRECTORY.

stone, supported by sculptured figures of the Evangelists ; the east and other windows are stained. The Missionary College of SS. Peter and Paul was founded October 30, 1873, and through the exertions of the late Rev. W. C. Macfarlane, and is intended for the training of students for the mission work of the Church of England in foreign parts ; the course of study, which extends over two or three years, includes the study of the Holy Scriptures in the original languages, classics, history, the careful and practical study of the Prayer Book and of theology, based on Pearson and Hooker ; the buildings, consisting in part of converted dwelling houses, are in a quaint English Domestic style, and besides rooms for students, include a chapel, library, and refectory ; the college is at present available for 15 students ; the government is in the hands of a committee, with the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford as visitor ; the Rev. D. Stone M.A. Merton College, Oxford, principal, and the Rev. Watkin Wynn Williams, of Christ Church, Oxford, vice-principal. Here is a Cottagers' Horticultural Society, established in 1869 ; shows are held annually and prizes offered for competition. Good fishing for barbel, pike, tench and perch may be had from Day's lock and weir as far as Shillingford. Dunch's charity of £33 yearly is for distribution in money, and Sir G. Pettipiece's of £10 for bread. At a short distance from the town are the remains of an ancient Roman camp, called "Dike Hill," consisting of a double intrenchment about three-quarters of a mile long ; the banks being in general about 20 yards apart and 20 feet in extreme height, a considerable portion on the west side and a small portion of the east side have, however, been recently levelled by the plough ; at the north-west corner of the village stands a farm house, called "Bishop's Court," occupying the site of the ancient palace. Sinodun Hill, in the neighbourhood on the opposite bank of the Thames, is an ancient British work ; and in the town and its vicinity coins of gold, silver and brass, from Julius Cæsar to Heraclius, have been plentifully met with ; in 1731 a small inscribed altar was found here, and in 1736 a ring of gold, inscribed with the date of the consecration of St. Birinus, A.D. 636 ; this hill forms

Dorchester

### PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Barry Rev. William D.D. [Catholic]  
 Blackett Edward, Rose cottage  
 Blunt Col. Arthur, Manor house  
 Boshier William  
 Byass William Clutton  
 Cozens William, Bishops court  
 Harris Henry  
 Jemmett Mrs. Port house  
 Lowe Harry  
 Poyntz Rev. Nathaniel Castleton Stephen M.A. [vicar], The Vicarage  
 Minchin Thomas, Beech house  
 Simpson Rev. Thos. Crompton [curate]  
 Stone Rev. Darwell M.A. (principal of the Missionary college)  
 Turrill Mrs  
 Whitehorn William  
 Williams Rev. Watkin Wynn (vice-principal of the Missionary college)  
 Winter William  
 Young Miss

COMMERCIAL

Bannister Rosa (Mrs.) & Son, butchers  
Byass William Clutton, surgeon, &  
medical officer & public vaccinator  
Dorchester district. Wallingford union

remarkable land mark from the river. The market has long been discontinued, but there is still an annual pleasure fair on Easter Tuesday. Sir John Christopher Willoughby bart. J.P. of Baldon, is lord of the manor and the principal landowner. The soil is alluvial; subsoil, gravel. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley. The entire area of the parish is 3,194 acres, including 38 of water; rateable value, £4,107; the population in 1881 was 813.

Post, M. O. & T. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—William Gardner, receiver. Letters through Wallingford arrive at 7 a.m. & 2.10 p.m.; dispatched at 11.30 a.m. & 7 p.m.; on Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

SCHOOLS :—

**SCHOOLS:—**National (boys), founded in 1653, with an endowment of £10 yearly, & holding 80 boys; average attendance, 48; this school, founded as a Grammar school by the Fettiplace family, has been converted, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, into a National School for boys; William Henry Mackett, master  
National (girls & infants), built in 1878, for 200 children; average attendance, 97; Miss Crook, mistress  
**CARRIER.**—James Greenaway, to Abingdon, mon. & thurs.; to Oxford, sat.; to Wallingford, fri  
**OVERY** is a hamlet in the parish, half a mile south from the town, on the east of the Thame. The population is returned with Dorchester.

BURCOTT is a hamlet in this parish, in the union of Abingdon, a mile and a half north-west from the town, on the river Isis. The area is 679 acres; rateable value, £1,049; the population in 1881 was 199. The school here is licensed by the bishop for divine service, which is held every Sunday and Wednesday evening.

Dorchester is the nearest money order & telegraph office.  
WALL LETTER BOX cleared at 5.40 p.m. ; sundays, 10.50 a.m.

School (mixed), built in 1869, for 80 children; average attendance, 34; Miss Mina Wilson, mistress

Ballock Edwin, baker & grocer  
 Chambers Frederick, carpenter, & draper  
 Cobb John, ironmonger & general smith  
 Cobb Vincent, tailor  
 Cobb William, builder & contractor.  
     british & foreign asphalte manufac-  
     turer & layer. See advertisement  
 Cook Albert Henry, farmer  
 Fletcher Tom, grocer  
 Freeman Hy. watch ma. & photographer  
 Gardner William, grocer &c  
 Green Ann (Mrs.), plumber & glazier  
 Green Edward, farmer  
 Green Edward, grocer  
 Green George, assistant overseer & col-  
     lector of taxes  
 Green George, shopkeeper  
 Greenaway James, carrier & shopkeeper  
 Hatt Richard, farmer, Queenford mill  
 Hawes Vincent, boot & shoe maker  
 Hawkins William, The Plough P. U  
 Holliday Mary (Mrs.), beer retailer  
 Holliday William, boot & shoe maker  
 Honeybone Albert, stone mason  
 Howse John, Fleur-de-Lis P. U  
 Jordan Henry, wheelwright  
 Jordan Thomas, Grocer inn  
 Palmer John, boot maker  
 Pizzott Francis, boot & shoe maker

SS. Peter & Paul Missionary College  
(Rev. Darwell Stone M.A. principal;  
Rev. Watkin Wynn Williams B.A.  
vice-principal)  
Smith William H. The Old Castle P.H.  
Tame Thomas, beer retailer  
Turner Amelia (Mrs.), White Hart com-  
mercial hotel, good accommodation  
for fishing & boating parties  
Wheeler George, builder  
Whicelo Rachael (Mrs.), Crown inn  
Williams Alfred, beer retailer  
Willsdon Thomas, wheelwright  
Woodbridge Chas. corn mer. & saddler  
Working Men's Club (Hv. Mackett, sec.)

Burcott

Balfour Jabez Spencer M.P., J.P. Burcott ho  
 Morrell Charles J.P. Croft house  
 Smith Mrs. Clinchers close  
 Gammon Joseph William, farmer  
 Latham Thomas, farmer  
 Ody Mary Maria (Mrs.), Chequers r.h.  
 Whitehorn William, dairymen

Overy.

Davey Robert, Overy house  
Jones Henry, farm bailiff to Mrs  
Shrubb of Shillingford  
Turner William, miller (water)

stone sarcophagus, with carved foliage on the lid: the nave is separated from the aisles by arcades of three plain arches on either side: the font is plain and round: there are 15 sittings. The register dates from the 25th July, 1577. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £260, with residence and 80 acres of glebe, in the gift of the Oxford trustees and held since 1878 by the Rev. Percival Walsh Jordan. There are charities, amounting to upwards of £30, distributed annually. Coins of the later Roman emperors have been found here. Earl De La Warr, who is lord of the manor, and Lord North &c. are the principal landowners. The soil is red loam; subsoil, clay. The crops are generally wheat &c. The area is 926 acres; rateable value, £1,545; the population in 1881 was 162.

Sexton, Henry Brown.  
Letters through Banbury arrive at 7 a.m. Banbury is the  
nearest money order & Wroxton the nearest telegraph  
offices. WALL LETTER BOX, near the Rectory, is closed  
at 5.35 p.m. week days only  
National School (mixed), for 80 children; average attend-  
ance, 30; chiefly supported by voluntary contributions.

OXFORDSHIRE

Whetton Arthur, stationer, Market place  
Whetton John, postmaster, stamp distributor & collector of  
income, land & assessed taxes. Post office, Market place

Clifton

COMMERCIAL.

Boffin Joshua, basket maker  
Elston William, farmer  
Fowler John, farmer  
Garrett Francis Beesley, farmer  
Harris Hannah (Mrs.), grocer

Harris Henry, baker  
Hawkes Thomas, farmer  
Hicks William, miller (water)  
Hone Thomas, carrier  
Howe Richd. Great Western Arms P.H.  
& goods agent to the Great Western  
Railway Company, Aynho station

## Hempton

Smith Thomas, The Lodge  
COMMERCIAL.  
Billingham John, cowkeeper  
Churchill John, farmer

Evans William, market gardener  
French Charles, farmer  
Hollier John, dairyman  
Owen Samuel, farmer  
Parish James, farmer, Ilbury farm

Keen John, Duke of Cumberland P.H  
Taylor William, shoe maker  
Welford William & Son, colliery agents  
& hay & straw mers. Aynho station  
Woolgrove Wm. A. carpnt. & wheel wright  
Wright Thomas, farmer

Parish Joseph, farmer  
Pratt William, baker & carrier  
Smith Edward, hurdle maker  
Thornton Reuben, Plough inn  
Thompson Brothers, nurserymen

**DORCHESTER** is a parish which gives name to a hundred, 4 miles east-by-south from Culham station on the Great Western railway, 8 south-east-by-south from Oxford and 6 east from Abingdon, in the Southern division of the county, petty sessional division of Bullingdon, union and county court district of Wallingford, rural deanery of Cuddesdon and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The village is on the western bank of the Thames, over which there is here a handsome stone bridge of three arches, built in 1813; a few hundred yards below the bridge the rivers Thames and Isis unite and form the Thames, which separates this county from Berkshire; the nearest bridge up the river is at Clifton Hampden,  $\frac{2}{3}$  miles distant, and down at Shillingford, 2 miles, S. Birinus, the apostle of the West Saxons, here baptized Cyneigils, king of the West Saxons, A.D. 630, to whom St. Oswald, king of Northumbria, was godfather; these two kings gave the bishop this city in order that it might become the head of an episcopal see, and he built and consecrated in the immediate neighbourhood various churches, and subsequently baptized king Cuthred and king Wicthelm, the son of Cyneigils: S. Birinus died A.D. 650, and was buried at Dorchester, but his remains were afterwards removed to Winchester. This see, after four hundred and sixty years' continuance, first as a West Saxon and afterwards as a Mercian bishopric, including from 965 the sees of Lindsey and Leicester, was translated to Lincoln by Remigius, 23rd bishop, in the time of William the Conqueror, A.D. 1086, at which time, says William of Malmesbury (who flourished in that age), "Dorchester was a small and unfrequented town; yet the beauty and state of its churches were very remarkable, as well for the ancient work as the present care taken of them." The great road to London, which lay through this place, being turned in another direction, so weakened and impoverished the town that from the middle of the 12th century it began rapidly to decay, and from its former grandeur it is now reduced to a humble agricultural village. It derives its name from the Welsh *dwyr*, water, and was called by the Romans "Durocina;" Bede terms it "Civitas Dorencia;" and Leland named it "Hydropolis," the town of water.

The abbey is supposed to have been first founded by S. Birinus in 635 for secular canons, who worked as parish priests, but on the reconstitution of the abbey by Alexander, bishop of Lincoln, in 1140, these were replaced by canons of the Augustinian order; of the cloisters, which stood north of the church, the chapter house and domestic buildings there are now no remains: on its suppression the revenues of the abbey were estimated at £100.

The Abbey church of SS. Peter and Paul, purchased by Richard Bewforrest at the Dissolution for £140, and presented by him to the parish in 1554, is a spacious and highly interesting edifice of stone, singular and irregular in all its features, consisting of two collateral naves, the eastern portion of the northern nave forming the choir, north choir aisle, south porch and a massive embattled western tower, rebuilt about 1602 and containing a clock and 8 bells, the tenor weighing 18 cwt. and bearing the legend "Protege Birine quos convoco tu sine fine." It exhibits portions of every ecclesiastical style and of transitions from one style to another: the exterior, there being no clerestory, appears long and low, but the interior, from the peculiarity of its arrangement, is striking, and its proportions are unquestionably fine and the Decorated arcades of the choir are particularly elegant: the north aisle is Transitional Early English, with an east window of the Decorated period and a piscina and aumbries: the presbytery and south nave are of a date somewhat later than the Decorated period, and the latter has a round altar platform, a singular doorway, with enriched triangular headed arch in the south-east angle, and next it a piscina of the same character, with hanging tracery in the head; and here also is an early and curious fresco painting of the "Crucifixion," and on an altar tomb is the recumbent effigy of a warrior in chain mail. c. 1250.

and south of this another altar tomb, with a draped figure of the 14th century, believed on good authority to represent of the 14th century, believed on good authority to represent John de Stonor, chief justice of the Common Pleas, ob. 1354; there is also a Perpendicular altar tomb bearing a fine recumbent knightly effigy of alabaster, believed from the arms upon it to represent a member of the Segrave family; the sides of the tomb are surrounded by many small buttresses, alternating with canopied arches: this part of the church has also a stone incised with a figure of a bishop and an inscription to Roger, prior of Ranton, Staffordshire, abbot of Dorchester and suffragan bishop of Lydda, ob. 1510; beneath is a crypt about 11 by 8 feet in area: the chancel arch is Transitional Norman, dating from 1180, and to this style belong also the north nave wall above the string course (below being Saxon) and its western and eastern bays: the east window of the choir, of Transitional Decorated work, has fine reticulated tracery, and is adorned with statuettes and pinnacles, and divided into two portions of three lights each, by a large plain buttress: the Jesse window, on the north side of the choir, also Decorated, is of four lights with imagery on the mullions, which are crossed by foliated waving lines, intended to represent branches, and the whole forms a genealogical tree springing from a figure of Jesse recumbent on the ledge under the centre mullion; the crowning figure of Our Lady, bearing in her arms the infant Jesus, has been unfortunately destroyed: the south window of the choir is Perpendicular, and remarkable as having a transom across the centre of the window with figures in stone representing a procession of ecclesiastics to celebrate the Holy Eucharist; below it are three canopied sedilia and a piscina, also canopied; the sedilia are pierced at the back and glazed near the top with glass of the 14th century, c. 1370, representing incidents in the life of S. Birinus: the choir stalls are Perpendicular, with poppy heads and panelled ends, one of which bears a scroll with the name of Richard Bewforescote, entwining his pastoral staff: the font is a Norman work of lead, with figures of the apostles, and is set on a stone base; some suppose the font to be a relic of the old Saxon church: on the north side of the nave is a memorial window to the Rev. W. C. Macfarlane M.A. vicar, 1856-86; there are brasses to Sir John Drayton kt. c. 1411, with collar of SS. and his wife Isabella; a shield of arms of the Drayton family, c. 1450; Sir Richard Bewforescote, abbot, 1510; a lady, c. 1490; William Tauner, Richard Bewforescote and his wife Margaret, 1513; a wool-merchant's mark and a matrix of John Sutton, abbot, 1349: in the south nave is a memorial to Thomas Day, 1693, with a quaint verse; and there are mural monuments, with arms, to Mrs. Agnes Charles, son of William Caster, ob. 1668; Anne (Clarke), wife of Edward Carleton, of Penrith, ob. 1669; and to Mary (Port), wife of John Granger, d. 1751: several stone coffins retained remains wrapped in gilt leather, and a pewter chalice: the whole building was restored under the superintendence of the late Sir Gilbert Scott B.A.; the work having begun under the auspices of the Architectural Society of Oxford in 1846: the entrance to the church is on the south side by a spacious stone porch, with timbered roof, south of which, in the churchyard, is an ancient cross, the head of which has been restored: at the entrance the head of a good lych gate, overshadowed by a very fine chestnut tree. The register of baptisms and burials dates from the year 1638; marriages, 1639. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £160, with residence and 2½ acres of glebe, in the gift of the Bishop of Oxford, and held since 1886 by Rev. Nathaniel Castleton Stephen Poyntz B.A. of Pembroke College, Oxford, and surrogate. The Catholic church, dedicated to St. Birinus, is an edifice in the Decorated style, built and opened in 1849, at the sole expense of the late John Davey esq. who also devised his house for the use of the resident priest: it consists of chancel and nave, separated by a carved oak screen, and south porch, separate from the

**DRAYTON** (near Banbury) is a parish and village, 2 miles north-west from Banbury and 25 north-west from Oxford, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Bloxham, union and county court district of Banbury, Banbury and Bloxham petty sessional division, rural deanery of Deddington and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. The church of St. Peter is a small edifice of stone of the 14th century, and consists of chancel, clerestoried nave of three bays, and aisles, all of good Decorated work, south porch and a low western tower of modern date, containing 3 bells: the east window of three lights is stained, and the east window of the north aisle is also stained: there is a piscina in the chancel and in the south aisle two sedilia and a piscina: there are various memorials of the Grevilles who once had a mansion here; these include an altar tomb the upper slab of which is incised with figures of a knight and lady, and the arms of Greville impaling Arden; and above, a scroll, with inscription in Latin, to Lodovick Greville, 1438, and Margaret (Arden), his wife: in the south aisle is a similar tomb, with incised figure and inscription to William Greville, eldest son of the preceding, 1440: beneath a recessed archway, with a figure of a knight, is a tomb to William Greville, 1500, and to his wife, 1501.

stone sarcophagus, with carved foliage on the lid: the nave is separated from the aisles by arcades of three plain arches on either side: the font is plain and round: there are 15 sittings. The register dates from the 25th July, 1577. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £260, with residence and 80 acres of glebe, in the gift of the Oxford trustees and held since 1878 by the Rev. Percival Walsh Jordan. There are charities, amounting to upwards of £30, distributed annually. Coins of the later Roman emperors have been found here. Earl De La Warr, who is lord of the manor, and Lord North J.P. are the principal landowners. The soil is red loam; subsoil, clay. The crops are generally wheat and barley. The area is 926 acres; rateable value, £1,543; the population in 1881 was 162.

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