

and beans; the area is 295 acres; rateable value, £427; the population in 1891 was 22. The children of this place attend the schools at Wolvercote

Middleton Henry (Mrs.), farmer

**CUXHAM** is a village and parish  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles west from Watlington terminal station on the Princes Risborough and Watlington branch of the Great Western railway, 4 south-west from Tetsworth and  $6\frac{1}{2}$  north-east from Watlington, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Ewelme, petty sessional division of Watlington, county court district of Watlington, union of Henley, rural deanery of Aston and archdeaconry and diocese of Oxford. A stream passes through this parish, which turns several mills. The church of the Holy Rood is an ancient edifice of stone, apparently rebuilt of old materials at the beginning of the 18th century, and consists of chancel, nave, western porch and a western tower containing 3 small bells: a Norman doorway with twisted shafts and sculptured capitals remains, and there is a plain round font of the same date, and on the north side some good Perpendicular windows; a few good open oak benches remain, and there is a stone coffin on the south side: the church contains several tablets and a brass to John Gregory, 1506, and his wives Petronilla and Agnes, with four children; the church was restored in 1850, and affords 130 sittings. The register of baptisms dates from the year 1578;

Burton Mrs  
Fletcher Rev. Edward Sumner Bricknell M.A. Rectory  
Hicks Thomas, Ivy cottage  
Towerton Richard  
Viney John, Rose cottage

COMMERCIAL.  
Carey John, farmer, College farm  
Gale Robt. wheelwright & carpenter  
Hicks Edwin, farmer & cattle dealer,  
Cutt mill  
Moffat Wm. Alex. farmer, Manor farm

Williams Alfred, farmer

Letters through Oxford arrive about 9 a.m.; Pillar Box cleared at 5.30 p.m. Oxford is the nearest money order & telegraph office

marriages, 1577; burials, 1588. The living is a rectory, annexed by Order in Council to that of Easington, joint gross yearly value from tithe rent-charge £265, average £190, with 32 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Merton College, Oxford, and held since 1893 by the Rev. Edward Sumner Bicknell Fletcher M.A. of that college. The Warden and Fellows of Merton College are lords of the manor and own most of the land, but there are 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, £849; the population in 1891 was 135.

Sexton, John Newell.

Post Office.—Mrs. Jane Tappin, sub-postmistress. Letters from Tetsworth arrive at 8.5 a.m. & 3.5 p.m.; 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, 12; Mrs. Dimmock, mistress. The elder children attend the Board School at Watlington

Hicks Thomas Owen, farmer & miller (water & steam)  
Neal Thomas Bristow, Half Moon P.H.  
Newell John, blacksmith  
Tappin Jane (Mrs.), beerseller & farmer, Post office

**DEDDINGTON**, the "Town of the Dædings," formerly a market town, is a parish and small town 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, it is 2 miles west from Aynho station on the Oxford and Birmingham section of the Great Western railway and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-east from Adderbury station on the Banbury and Cheltenham section of the same system, completed in April, 1887,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  south from Banbury,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  north-east from Woodstock, 16 from Banbury and 70 from London, 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 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, and in an arched recess on the south side of the chancel, is a small square-headed low window, with a seat below it: 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 rood lofts of 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. William Cotton Risley M.A. vicar, 1836-48, and a continuance of the work was sanctioned by 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. R.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 Byllng, 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 memorials to the families of Appletree, Cary, Churchill, Faulkner, Harris, Walden and many others: the tower and bells were restored in 1893, as also the weather vanes, at a cost of £274: 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 £290, 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. There is also a Wesleyan Reform chapel, built in 1849. Sir Thomas Pope kt. founder of Trinity College, Oxford, was born here in 1508, and Sir William Scroggs kt. Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench (1678-81), in 1623: Ethelmar or Audomar de Valence, half-brother to Henry III. was instituted vicar of Deddington in 1247; in 1260 he became Bishop of Winchester, but dying in the following year at Paris, his body was there buried in the church of Ste. Genevieve, but his heart, at his own request, was immured at Winchester Cathedral on the north side of the choir, where there is an inscription with the date 1261. The market formerly held on Tuesday, has become obsolete; fairs were once held on the last Tuesday in every month and on the 21st of August, the day following Old Michaelmas day, but the only one now existing is held on the 22nd of November. There are almshouses for four men and four women, with an endowment of £72 yearly, derived from the feoffees' lands of 43 acres, which produce about £85 yearly. Cartwright's charity of £6 yearly is for bread. This place and Hempton are mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086, as amongst the possessions of Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, under the names of "Dadintone," and "Hantone." The ancient rectory house (or great house), built in the 16th century, the Plough Inn, in New street, together with a house on the Clifton road, bearing the date 1647, and the Hermitage, situated in Market square, and now the residence of W. Kinch esq. have each some interesting portions of old work. The site of the ancient castle is indicated by a rampart of earth, which remains complete; the fosse, which can also be traced, is the boundary of the present enclosure commonly known as "the Castle Ground," which is used by the

Deddington and District Lawn Tennis Club and by the local football club. The Dean and Canons of Windsor, Christ Church, Oxford, and William Cornwallis Cartwright esq. of Aynho, are lords of the manors. The principal landowners are Christ Church and New College, Oxford, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The land is arable and pasture; soil, light red land. The entire area of the parish is 4,232 acres of land and water; rateable value, £8,607; the entire population of the parish in 1891 was 1,777.

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. The school chapel here, built at the cost of the late Rev. William Wilson D.D. of Over Worton, consists 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; rateable value, £1,215; the population in 1891 was 166.

OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS &c.

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 6.30 a.m. 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. Morning delivery only on Sunday. Letter Box closes for dispatch for the north at 5.45, 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 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 & Clifton, & at 6 a.m. for Dunstew, North Aston, Hempton, Barford St. John & Barford St. Michael. Letters from London & south through Oxford; from north through Banbury

County Magistrates for Wootton North Petty Sessional Division.

Risley Holford Cotton esq. Deddington, chairman  
Bradshaw Vice-Admiral Richard C.B. The Grange, Steeple Aston, Oxford  
Cartwright William Cornwallis esq. D.L. Aynho park, Banbury  
Cottrell-Dormer Capt. Charles Walter, Middle Aston, Oxford  
Foster-Melliar William Melliar esq. North Aston hall, Deddington  
Hall Alex. William esq. Barton Abbey, Steeple Aston  
Ogle Bertram Saville esq. B.A. Hill house, Steeple Aston, Oxford

Clerk to the Magistrates, George Coggins, Hudson st 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, Market place, Joseph Edwin Davies, officer  
Constabulary Station, Inspector John Wright & 1 constable

Wall Letter Box, cleared at 6.15 p.m.

Carrier to Banbury.—James Archer Dixon, to 'White Hart,' thurs. & sat

CLIFTON is a chapelry and hamlet of Deddington, on the road from Buckingham to Chipping Norton and about a mile and a half east on the Northants border, skirted by the river Cherwell, the Oxford and Birmingham canal and the Great Western railway. The church of St. James, consecrated June 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. vicar of Deddington, 1836-48; the clergy of Deddington officiate. The principal landowners are Christ Church, Oxford, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and W. C. Cartwright esq. of Aynho. The area is 670 acres; rateable value, £1,684; the population in 1891 was 211.

Wall Letter Box, cleared at 9 a.m. & 12.55 & 7.15 p.m. Letters arrive 9 a.m.

Volunteers.

2nd Volunteer Battalion Oxfordshire Light Infantry (detachment of C company)

Public Officers.

Coroner for Northern District of Oxfordshire, George Coggins, Hudson street; deputy coroner, Charles Fortescue, Woodlands, Banbury  
Clerk & Receiver to the Charity Estates, William Kinch  
Collector of Income, Land & Assessed Taxes & Sub-distributor of Stamps, John Whetton, Market place  
High Bailiff, Lt.-Col. William Hewens Austin, New st  
Inland Revenue Officer, Joseph Edwin Davies, Market pl  
Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, No. 1 District, Woodstock union, Hy. Saunders M.R.C.S., L.S.A. Lond  
Stewards to the Manors of Deddington, George Coggins (Duchy), W. Kinch (Windsor manor), & C. Upperton (Christ Church manor)

Town Crier, John Knibbs, Church lane

Schools.

Schools controlled by the Deddington National School Society, first formed July 26, 1814.

National, built in 1853 & opened January 6, 1854, for about 300 children; average attendance, 94 boys, 57 girls & 65 infants; Thomas A. Manchip, master; Miss E. Ives, mistress; Miss E. Innell, 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, 31; Mrs. Susannah Harris, mist

Carriers to Banbury.—Thomas H. Deeley, 'Angel,' mon. thurs. & sat.; Samuel Callow, mon. wed. thurs. & sat. to 'White Hart;' John Boddington, from Lower Heyford, through, mon. & thurs.; John Weston, from Steeple Aston, through, mon. & thurs.; Edwd. Jones, from Sandford, through, mon. & thurs.; Jonathan Hounslow, from Barton, 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.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Austin Lt.-Col. Wm. Hewens, New st  
Bennet Thomas, Castle street  
Boniface Rev. Thos. M.A. Vicarage  
Brookes Henry Langham, New street  
Coggins George, The Laurels  
Coggins John, The Green  
Franklin Henry Robert  
Gulley Rev. H. F. James B.A. (curate), Castle street  
Gulliver Frederick, New street

Hainsselin Sydney, lay reader  
Hall Mrs. Bull ring  
Hands Alfred  
Hands James, New street  
Harris Miss, Market place  
Hill Rev. John M.A. (Congregational), New street  
Hopcraft Joseph  
Jones Geo. Horatio L.S.A. Lond. High st  
Kinch William, The Hermitage  
McNair Mrs. High street

Mahany Edward Charles, High street  
Manchip Thomas Alexander  
Page William  
Page William, jun. New street  
Parker The Misses, Bull ring  
Risley Holford Cotton J.P.  
Saunders Henry M.R.C.S. Eng.  
Smith Thomas  
Thrussell John William  
Turner Mrs. The Poplars  
Ward Mrs. High street

COMMERCIAL.

Baker Leonard, plasterer, Philcot street  
Banbury Co-operative Industrial Society Lim. (branch) Market place  
Banes James, boot & shoe maker, & temperance coffee rooms, good accommodation for cyclists, Chapel sq  
Bennett Charles, farmer & builder, Market square  
Bennett John, Red Lion P.H. & builder, Market square  
Bennett Thomas, solicitor, Castle street  
Bliss Charles, pork butcher, Philcot street

Bolton Frederick Thos. grocer & provision dlr. Chapel sq  
Brookes Hy. Langham, solicitor (firm, Kinch & Brookes)  
Bull Richard Page, M.R.C.V.S. veterinary surgeon  
Busby Joseph, carpenter & pump maker  
Callow Sarah (Mrs.), shopkeeper  
Canning Joseph, coal dealer, Chapel square  
Chislett James, draper, tailor & furnishing warehouse & insurance agent, Market square  
Churchill Ben, blacksmith, High street  
Churchill Arthur & Benjamin, blacksmiths, Chapel sq

Churchill Wm. grocer, wine & spirit mer. Market square  
 Clarke Joseph, farmer & butcher, New street  
 Coggins George, solicitor, perpetual commissioner, & commissioner for oaths, coroner for northern district of Oxfordshire, clerk to the justices of the North Wootton division, & steward to the duchy manor, Hudson street  
 Constitutional Club (Geo. Coggins, hon. sec.), Market pl  
 Cotterell Herbert, bird stuffer &c. New street  
 Course Walter, miller (water), Deddington mill  
 Daman Mrs. coal merchant, Castle street  
 Davies Joseph Edwin, inland revenue officer, Market pl  
 Deddington Gas Light & Coke Co. Lim. (E.F. Tucker, sec)  
 Deddington, Heyford & Aston Permanent Building Society (George Coggins, solicitor & sec)  
 Deely Thomas H. carrier  
 Dodwell William Heber, butcher & baker, Market place  
 Fowler William, sign writer, The Stile  
 Fowler William Willet, baker  
 Franklin Henry Robert, builder & contractor  
 Freeman Joseph, watch & clock maker, 2 New street  
 French John, farmer, Castle street  
 French William Joseph, farmer, New street  
 Gardner James, thatcher, Clifton road  
 Gibbs Joshua, shoe maker & shopkeeper, New street  
 Gibbs Martha Jane (Mrs.), shopkeeper, New street  
 Great Western Railway Goods & Parcels Office, Unicorn hotel, Market place  
 Gulliver Frederick, farmer & grazier, New street  
 Hands James, miller (water), New street  
 Hawkes William, farmer & grazier, Earl's farm  
 Heritage William, patten & clog maker, Philcot street  
 Hobbly Charles, printer & bookbinder, High street  
 Holiday John Arthur, ironmonger & agricultural implement agent, High street  
 Holland William, beer retailer, New street  
 Hopcraft George, shopkeeper, Philcot street  
 Hopcraft John, carpenter  
**Hopcraft Joseph**, builder & contractor & brick maker & drain pipe maker & monumental mason, New street  
 Hore Elizabeth (Miss), dress maker, Horsefair  
 Ilott Richard, carpenter & shopkeeper, Hudson street  
 Jarrett William, shopkeeper  
 Jennings Miss, ladies' school, Market place  
 Johnson George, tailor, Castle street

Jolley John, tailor, New street  
 Jones George, Crown & Tuns P.H. New street  
 Jones George Horatio L.S.A.Lond. surgeon, High st  
 Kinch & Brookes, solicitors, commissioners for oaths & perpetual commissioners  
 Knibbs John, town crier, Church lane  
 Lewis Henry, grocer & insurance agent, High street  
 Lewis James, herbalist, Satin lane  
 Longworth Harry, King's Arms P.H. Horsefair  
 Mason S. & Co. patent axletree makers, New street  
 Mason Herbert, beer retailer  
 Matthews Mrs. grocer, New street  
 Morse George, shoe maker, Philcot street  
 Mullis Henry, saddler, Market place  
 Oxfordshire Archæological Society (Rev. W. D. Macray, & Geo. Loveday esq. secs.; Wm. Kinch esq. treas)  
 Paxton & Holiday, auctioneers, High street  
 Petty Thomas, chemist, Market place  
 Power William, cooper, New street  
 Roddis Thomas, farmer  
 Rogers William, saddler & boot maker, Hudson street  
 Saunders Henry, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.Lond. surgeon, & medical officer & public vaccinator No. 1 district, Woodstock union, & Fritwell district, Bicester union  
 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  
 Sturch Alfred, plumber, glazier & house decorator, Castle street  
 Taylor Henry, Exhibition P.H. Bull ring  
 Townsend William, shopkeeper, New street  
 Tucker Elisha Frederick, grocer, Market place  
 Turner Misses, private school  
 Volunteer Battalion (2nd) Oxfordshire Light Infantry (detachment of C company)  
 Warren Henry, Unicorn P.H.  
 Wells Thomas Henry, draper, New street  
 Whetton Arthur, stationer & photographer, Market pl  
 Whetton John, postmaster, stamp distributor & collector of income, land & assessed taxes, Post office, Market pl  
 Woolgrove Jonathan, seedsman, High street  
 Wright John, inspector of police  
 Yerbury Alfred, chimney sweeper, 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  
 Hone Thomas, carrier  
 Howe Richard & Sons, Great Western Arms hotel & goods agents to the Great Western Railway Company, coal, hay & straw merchants, conveyances meet all trains, Aynho station

Keen John, Duke of Cumberland P.H.  
 Taylor William, shoe maker  
 Vincent William, miller (water)  
 Welford Wm. & Sons, colliery agents & hay & straw mers. Aynho station  
 Woolgrove Wm. A. crpnt. & wheelwright  
 Wright Thomas, farmer

## HEMPTON.

Churchill John, farmer  
 Dixon Jas. Archer, Plough inn & carrier  
 French Charles, farmer  
 Hicks Berkeley William, farmer

Hollier John, dairyman  
 Parish James, farmer, Ilbury farm  
 Parish Joseph, farmer  
 Pratt William, baker

Shirley Richard, farmer  
 Smith Edward, hurdle maker  
 Townsend Brothers, nurserymen

**DORCHESTER** is a parish and village which gives name to a hundred, and is 4 miles east-by-south from Culham station on the Didcot and Oxford branch of 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 Thame, over which there is here a handsome stone bridge of three arches, built in 1833; a few hundred yards below the bridge the rivers Thame and Isis unite and form the Thames, which separates this county from Berkshire; the nearest bridge up the river is at Clifton Hampden, 2½ miles distant, and down at Shillingford, 2 miles. S. Birinus, the apostle of the West Saxons, here baptized Cynegils, 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 Cwichelm, the son of Cynegils: 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 605 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 "dwr," water, and was called by the Romans "Durocina;" Bede terms it "Civitas Dorcinia;" and Leland named it "Hydropolis," the town of water. The village has of late years grown into favour as a summer resort on account of its rural attractiveness, splendid abbey church and the delightful scenery about the river, which also affords good boating and fishing.

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 £190.

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, 300 feet in length and 40 feet high, singular and irregular in all its features, and consisting of two collateral naves, the eastern por-