



Kellys Directory Extract 1915

Castle Combe



CASTLE COMBE is a parish 4 miles south of Badminton station, 6 miles north-west from Chippenham station, 6 north from Corsham station, all on the Great Western railway, and 10.5 north east from Bath, in the Northern division of the county, Chippenham hundred, petty sessional division, union and county court district, and in Chippenham rural deanery, North Wilts archdeaconry and Bristol diocese. The church of St Andrew is a building of stone in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel with clerestoried aisles, nave of 3 bays, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles, 85 ft. in height, and containing 2 bells and a clock: the lower stage of the tower forms the principal entrance: the body of the church was built temp Richard II, 1377-1399, and the tower in the first half of the 15th century: the stained west window was the gift of the Rev R C Christie LLB, rector 1851-88: under the belfry is a stone groined ceiling of very elegant design: the chancel arch is decorated with figures of saints upon pedestals under canopies: in the gable is a stained rose window, and the east window, consisting of 4 Early English lancets, is also filled with richly stained glass, as well as all the remaining windows, 16 in number: one of these, in the Lady chapel, represents the arms of the lords who successively held the manor; there is an altar tomb, with a recumbent effigy of one of the De Dunstanvilles, d 1270, ancestors of the Scrope family; there are sittings for 430 persons. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £258 including 26 acres of glebe, but without residence, in the gift of the Rt. Hon Sir John E Gorst kt., and held since 1907 by the Rev Frank Langley Appleford MA, of Worcester College, Oxford, who resides at West Kington. Here is a Congregational chapel, founded in 1743, seating 200. In the village is a fine specimen of an ancient market cross, consisting of a square stone pedestal, raised upon 2 steps and ornamented with sunk quarter foiled panels bearing shields and roses alternately: from this springs a slender shaft capped by a finial; at each angle of the platform is a massive stone pier, about 6 feet high supporting the wooden lintels of a pyramidal roof, covered with tiles. On the Castle Hill are the remains of a British encampment, and the ruins of a castle built in the reign of Henry II. The great Roman road called the Fossway, leading from Bath to Cirencester, skirts the north-western limit of the manor: the property was held by the Scrope family from the 14th century, but is now held by the Rt. Hon Sir John Eldon Gorst, lord of the manor. The soil is brash, sub-soil clay; the chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 1555 acres, rateable value £1851: the population in 1911 was 355.

Sexton: Henry Pullen

Post Office: Daniel Taylor, sub-postmaster. Letters though Chippenham delivered at 6.30am & 3.20pm, dispatched at 10.30am and 9.2pm. Ford is the nearest money order and telegraph office. Wall Letter Box cleared at 10am & 8pm; no collection on Sundays.

Elementary School (mixed) for 200 children, Mrs Elizabeth Sully, mistress

Carriers to Bath: George Daniels & George Snell, wed & sat, and to Chippenham on Fri.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Allan		Mrs.		Brook House
Gorst	John Eldon	Rt. Hon. Sir		Manor House
Higgs	Walter A.			
Watkins	Robert Arundel			

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Blunsdon	Joseph		Farmer	
Bosy	Thomas		Farmer	Upper Combe
Bradfield	Leonard Bell		Farmer	Colham Mill
Bradfield	Thomas		Farmer, Estate Clerk & Overseer	
Brinsdon	Thomas		Haulier & Pig Dealer	
Brookman	Maxwell J.		Blacksmith	
Cryer	Guy Arthur		Publican & Farmer	Salutation Public House
Daniels	George		Refreshment Rooms	
Early	Caleb		Blacksmith	Upper Combe
Eels	A. C.		Wheelwright	
Eels	Stephen Burcombe		Farmer	Eastcombe Farm
Gale	Arthur		Publican	Old White Hart Public House
Gale	William J. W.		Relieving Officer 2nd District Register of Births & Deaths	
Granger	Ann	Miss	Shopkeeper	
Gregory	Stafford		Farmer	Upper Combe
Guy	Harry		Farmer	
Hammond	Isaac		Baker	
Higgs	Walter Alphaeus	MRCS, LRCP	Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator 3rd Combe District, Chippenham Union	
Hurley	Susanna	Mrs.	Baker	
James	Albert		Gardener to Sir John Gorst	
Luxton	Thomas		Publican	Cast Inn
Melsom	George		Plasterer & Tiler	
Miller	Edgar		Gamekeeper to Sir John Gorst	
Pullen		Bros.	Carpenters	
Pullen	John		Plumber	
Smith	Charlotte	Mrs.	Refreshment Rooms	
Smith	James		Refreshment Rooms	
Swan	Joseph		Farmer	West Way
Taylor	Daniel		Plasterer & Tiler & Post Office	
Watkins	Robert Arundel		Estate Agent to Sir John Gorst, Sir Gerald Codrington & Sir M. Meredith Brown	The Shrub