



Kellys Directory Extract 1931

Compton Bassett



COMPTON BASSETT is a small parish and village 4 miles north-east by road and 2½ by footpath from Calne terminal station on a branch of the Great Western railway, 8 south from Wootton Bassett and 86 from London, in the Chippenham division of the county, hundred, rural district, county court district and petty sessional division of Calne, rural deanery of Avebury (Avebury portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Swithun is an edifice in the Norman and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of four bays, aisles, north porch and an embattled western tower containing 5 bells: there is a rich Tudor rood-screen: the chancel was rebuilt in 1866, and a stained window inserted in memory of the Rev. William Dalby, a former rector, and there are seven others: the church affords sittings for 250 persons. The register dates from the year 1558. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £544 and residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1915 by the Rev. Lawrence William Greenstreet B.A. of Worcester College, Oxford. Compton House, a mansion of stone, was erected in the latter half of the 17th century. The land is mostly owned by the farmers. The soil is chalky; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and turnips. The area is 2,576 acres; the population in 1921 was 334 in the civil and 361 in the ecclesiastical parish.

By Local Government Board Order 14,451, dated March 25 1883, Cowitch Farm and Cottages were transferred from Compton Bassett to Hilmarton for civil purposes.
Sexton, William Clark.

Post & Tel. Call Office (available for calls to places within a limited distance). Letters through Calne. Hilmarton nearest M. O. office & Calne nearest T. office.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ettle	Walter			
Greenstreet	Lawrence William	Rev.; B.A.	Rector	Rectory
Wild	John			

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Blackford	Harold H.			White Horse Inn
Durston	John		Farmer	Street Farm
Goodenough	Albert John		Wheelwright	
Johnson	Fielding	Capt.	Farmer	Manor Farm
Liddiard	Fras.		Farmer	Home Farm
Rumming	J.		Secretary, Wiltshire Working Men's Conservative Benefit Society (branch)	
Russell	Arthur		Farmer	Lower End Farm
Smith	Frederick		Farmer	White's Farm