



Kelly's Directory Extract 1895

Compton Chamberlayne



Compton Chamberlayne is a parish and village, bounded on the north by the river Nadder, 3 miles south-east from Dinton station, on the London and South Western Railway, 6 west-by-south from Wilton and 9 west from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, South Damerham hundred, Wilton Union, Salisbury county court district, petty sessional division of Salisbury and Amesbury, rural deanery of Chalke (Chalke portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St Michael is a stone edifice, close to the manor house, containing remains of Norman and Early English architecture: its general style is that of the late Decorated period, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch and small square tower: it has been very well restored with an addition of 3 bells, making a peal of 6; the chancel contains a tablet in white marble to the Penruddocke family, who have been interred here since 1598, one of whom, Col. John Penruddocke, was beheaded by Cromwell's order, 1655, for proclaiming Charles II. king: there are sittings for 150 persons.

The register dates from 1538. The living is a vicarage, with residence, in the gift of Charles Penruddocke, esq., and held since 1884 by the Rev. Dudley Digges, of St Bees.

A cemetery of half an acre was formed in 1876, containing a mortuary chapel; it is under control of a Burial Board of three members.

Compton Park is the seat of Charles Penruddocke, esq., D.L., J.P., F.G.H.S. who is lord of the manor and owns the entire parish; the mansion, formerly in the style of the Henry VIII. period, has been altered to Italian, but retains some of its former style: it contains a large number of family paintings by celebrated artists, including Vandyke, Sir Antonio More, Lucas de Heere, Dobson &c.: the carving in the dining-room is by Grinling Gibbons: around is a well-wooded and extensive park, part of which has been a deer-park since A.D. 1100 and now contains about 300 head; there are also two large sheets of water, on which are constantly found quantities of wild fowl.

The soil is clay, chalk, and green sand; subsoil, the same. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots. The area is 1,866 acres; rateable value, £1,930; the population in 1891 was 272.

Parish Clerk, William Wyatt.

Post Office

Edward **Purver**, sub-postmaster

Letters arrive from Salisbury at 5.00 a.m.; dispatched at 8 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Dinton.

Voluntary Church of England School, built in 1855, by Charles Penruddocke esq. for 60 children; average attendance, 54; Miss Adelaide **King**, mistress

Carrier to Salisbury

Eli **Rose**, from his own house on Tuesday & Saturday; returning same days;

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Digges	Dudley	Rev.		Vicarage, Compton Chamberlayne
Penruddocke	Chas.	D.L., J.P., F.G.H.S		Compton Park, Compton Chamberlayne
(Keevil)	(Walter)		Cemetery (Clerk to the Burial Board)	Compton Chamberlayne
Keevil	John		Farmer	Compton Chamberlayne
Keevil	Walter		Farmer	Compton Chamberlayne
Parker	John		Wood Dealer	Compton Chamberlayne
Roberts	Arthur		Blacksmith	Compton Chamberlayne
Roberts	John		Beer Retailer & General Dealer	Compton Chamberlayne
Rose	Eli		Farmer & Carrier	Compton Chamberlayne
Stretton	James		Farmer	Compton Chamberlayne
Wyatt	John		Hurdle Maker	Compton Chamberlayne