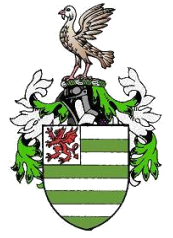




Kelly's Directory Extract 1898

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 standing close to the manor house, is a building of stone, chiefly of the Late Decorated period, but incorporating portions of Norman and Early English work, and consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and small square tower, containing 6 bells: in the chancel is a tablet in white marble to the Penruddocke family, who have been interred here since 1598, and one of whom, Col. John Penruddocke, was beheaded, by Cromwell's order, 1655, for proclaiming Charles II. as king: the church has been restored and affords sittings for 150 persons.

The register dates from the year 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 and is under control of a Burial Board of six 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 Tudor Gothic style, has been partly rebuilt in the Italian style: it contains a large number of paintings by celebrated artists, including Vandyke, Sir Antonio More, Lucas de Heere, Dobson, Lely and others: the carving in the dining-room is by Grinling Gibbons: the house stands in a well-wooded park of 150 acres, part of which now contains about 300 head of deer; there are also two large sheets of water, the resort of 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, £1,721; the population in 1891 was 272.

Parish Clerk, Alexander Chalke.

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, 3 miles distant.

Voluntary Church of England School, built in 1855, by Charles Penruddocke esq. for 60 children; average attendance, 33; Miss Frances E **Pringle**, mistress

Carrier to Salisbury

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

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
Jarvis	Benjamin Archie		Blacksmith	Compton Chamberlayne
(Keevil)	(Walter)		Cemetery (Clerk to Burial Board)	Compton Chamberlayne
Keevil	Walter		Farmer	Naish's Farm, Compton Chamberlayne
Langton	William		Farmer	Manor Farm, Compton Chamberlayne
Roberts	Arthur George		<i>King's Elm</i> P.H.	Compton Chamberlayne
Rose	Eli		Farmer & Carrier	Compton Chamberlayne
Wyatt	John		Hurdle Maker	Compton Chamberlayne