



Kelly's Directory Extract 1939

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 Southern Railway, 6 west-by-south from Wilton and 9 west from Salisbury, in the Salisbury division of the county, South Damerham hundred, rural district of Salisbury and Wilton, county court district of Salisbury, 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 a small 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, in 1655, for proclaiming Charles II. as King: the church has been restored and affords sittings for 200 persons.

The register dates from the year 1538. The living is a vicarage, with residence, in the gift of the Church Association Trust and held since 1929 by the Rev. William Southall.

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 George Cross, esq., who is lord of the manor and owns the entire parish; the mansion, formerly in the Tudor Gothic style, was partly rebuilt in the Early Stuart style: the carving in the dining-room is attributed to Grinling Gibbons and the drawing-room, dating from 1770, is a good example of Adam's work: the house stands in a well-wooded park of 150 acres, where are also two fine 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 1,878 acres; the population in 1931 was 130.

Post Office

Letters through Salisbury. Fovant nearest M.O & T. office.

Carrier to Salisbury

John **Jarvis**, on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; returning same days

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Cross	George			Compton Park, Compton Chamberlayne
Foreman	Frank S.			The Dower House, Compton Chamberlayne
Marks	Walter			Old Vicarage, Compton Chamberlayne
Richardson	N.S.	Eng. – Capt. R.N., (ret)		Van Cottage, Compton Chamberlayne
Southall	William	Rev.	Vicar	The Vicarage, Compton Chamberlayne

Commercial

(Marked thus * Farm 150 acres or over)

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Blake	Edwin Ewart		Farmer, Naish's Farm * Fovant 49	Compton Chamberlayne
Case	Hector Chas.		Farmer,	Piggott Farm, Compton Chamberlayne
(Combs)	(A.)		Cemetery (Clerk to Burial Board)	Compton Chamberlayne
Combs	Arth.		Blacksmith	Compton Chamberlayne
Johnson	Frank Emmanuel		Shopkeeper & Post Office, The Stores. Fovant 36	Compton Chamberlayne
(Ransley)	(Jn.)		<i>King's Elm</i> P.H.	Compton Chamberlayne
Lovell	Valentine Jn.		Farmer *	Compton Chamberlayne
Ralph	Rt. H. N.		Head Gardener to G. Cross esq.	Compton Chamberlayne
Wyman	Wm.		Thatcher	Shaftesbury Rd, Compton Chamberlayne