



Swindon & District Directory Extract 1928



Kemble

KEMBLE, which is mentioned in Domesday Book as "Kimble", is four miles from Cirencester, 8 from Malmesbury and 91 from London. It is a scatted village, and includes the hamlet of Ewen. It was formerly on the extreme border of Wiltshire, but from April 1st, 1897, by an order of the Local Government Board, it was annexed to the county of Gloucester. It is the Cirencester and Tewkesbury Parliamentary Division, the Cirencester Petty Sessional Division and County Court districts.. and in the Rural Deanery and Archdeaconry of Cirencester and Diocese of Gloucester. The G.W.R. Main line to Gloucester runs through the parish, and the Stations a junction for the two branch lines of Tetbury and Cirencester. One of the sources of the Thames, named Thames Head, is in the parish. The Church of All Saints rebuilt in 1877-8 at a cost of £2,000. is an edifice in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave of two bays, north aisles and south transept, south porch and a western tower containing five bells, and is surmounted by a spire 120 feet in height. In the church is an ancient tomb of a Knight Templar and many interesting monuments, including a beautiful triple window of the 13th century, supposed to have been brought from Salisbury Cathedral. The porch, which is unusually large, was built in the time of Henry III. (1216-72). Over the entrance is a beautiful Norman arch. The register dates from the year 1769, and the church contains a list of vicars from the year 1327. The living is a vicarage of the yearly value of £192, arising from glebe, in the gift of Lord Biddulph. The charities for the poor amount to about £30 yearly. Lord Biddulph, who is Lord of the Manor, and Mr. William Price Jones are the principal landowners. The acreage of the parish is 3,068 acres; rateable value£5,377; population, 528. Letters arrive through Cirencester at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., and are despatched at 9.5 a.m. and 5.40 p.m. Collection on Sundays at 6.45 p.m.. There is a Telephone Exchange here. The wall letter box at Ewen is cleared at 7.35 a.m. an 6 p.m.. A public elementary school (mixed) was erected in 1875, and enlarged in 1890 and 1899.

KEMBLE WICK is a hamlet one mile from Kemble and two miles from Oaksey. Letters arrive through Cirencester, and are despatched at 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

EWEN is a hamlet one mile east, the principle residence being that of Mrs. R. D. Cumberland-Jones, who is also a landowner.

VICAR – Rev. A. Gabe-Jones

SCHOOLMASTER – Mr. A. Smith.

POSTMASTER – W. H. Wager.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barton		Mrs.		Brookside House
Bayliss	C.		Engineman, G.W.R.	Windmill Cottages
Biddulph		Lord		Kemble House
Biggs		Mrs.		8 Railway Terrace
Biggs	J.		Platelayer	8 Railway Terrace
Biggs	R.		Platelayer	5 Railway Terrace
Blowing		Mrs.		Ewen
Brindle	S.		Fireman at Pumping Station	7 Council Cottages, Ewen
Compton		Mrs.		Bank Villa
Cotton	P.		Goods Checker	4 Railway Terrace
Cumberland-Jones	R. D.	Mrs.		Elm Green
Davis	G.		Foreman Plateman	7 Railway Terrace
Duggan	J. T.			9 Railway Terrace
Evans	G.		G.W.R. Stationmaster	
Gabe-Jones	A.	Rev.		The Vicarage
Gillett	F.		Farm Manager	
Goodale				10 Council Cottages

Hill	C.		Signalman	Windmill Cottages
Hyett	C. W.		Signalman	
Jefferies	P.		Platelayer	Windmill Cottage
Jones	W. P.		Landowner	Elm green
Lewis	F.		Platelayer	5 Railway Terrace
Miles	A.			Kemble Lodge
Miles	C.			Kemble Lodge
Orchard	A.			
Payne	E.		Signalman	Railway Terrace
Phillips	-		Signalman	3 Railway Terrace
Portlock	W.		Chauffeur	Ewen
Prince		Mrs.		Yew Tree House
Ralph	J.		Police Constable	
Richardson	G.		Chauffeur	
Ricketts		Mrs.		
Robinson	T.		Signalman	8 Council Cottages
Selby	A.		Roadman	6 Council Cottages
Smith	A.		Signalman	10 Railway Terrace
Smith	A.		Schoolmaster	
Spencer	-			2 Council Cottages
Spires	D.		Groom Chauffeur	
Stone	G.		Engineman, G.W.R.	Windmill Cottages
Tomlinson	W.		Estate Clerk	
Whitting	J., Jnr.			Home Farm
Woodley	A.		Sexton	

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Allen	C.		Gardener	
Bowerman	J.		Gardener	Ewen
Compton	W. O.		Carpenter & Wheelwright	
Dunn	Arthur		Plasterer	Ewen
Eustace	G. E.		Small Holder	
Gascoigne	H.	Mrs.	Blacksmith	
Giles	W.		Slater	
James	W.		Mason	Smerrill
Kench	J.		Gardener & Agent for the "North Wilts Herald"	
Lanchbury	E.		Gardener	
Luckett	F.		Coal Merchant	9 Council Houses
Phillips	S. J.		Farmer	The Limes, Kemble
Plummer			Farmer	Kemble Mill
Richards	A. C.		Painter	1 Council Cottages
Smith	S.		Coffee Tavern	
Smith	W.		Coffee Tavern	
Tanner	F. W.		Carpenter	Ewen
Telling	J. A.		Farmer	
Wager	W. H.		Confectioner & Sub Postmaster	
Whitting	J.		Farmer	Ewen
Williams	A. C.		Estate Agent	Gordon Lodge
Witts	C. N.		Gardener	