



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Castle Combe



Castle Combe is a parish in the Northern division of the county, hundred, union, and county court district of Chippenham, diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, archdeaconry of Bristol, and rural deanery of Malmesbury south, 6 miles north-west from Chippenham, 8 north from Corsham, 10½ north-east from Bath, and 100 from London.

The church of St Andrew has many good features; it consists of chancel, with chancel aisles, a nave with clerestory, aisles and tower. The body of the church was rebuilt, *temp*, Richard II, 1377 to 1399. The tower was built in the first half of 15th century, 85feet high, by Fastolf, it is very handsome, and contains 2 bells. It is situated at the west end of the nave, and forms the principal entrance. There is also a south porch.

The arch into the nave is very lofty, admitting into the church a view of the west window, which is of large dimensions, with good Perpendicular tracery, and filled with stained glass, the gift of the present rector. Under the belfry is a stone groined ceiling, of very elegant design. The chancel arch is decorated with the figures of saints upon pedestals, under canopies. In the gable is a beautiful rose window filled with stained glass. The east window is of very unusual form, it consists of four Early English lancets, with quatrefoil above, under the arch. It is filled with richly stained glass, representing the genealogy of our Saviour, all the windows, 16 in number, are of stained glass. The south window of the chancel, representing The Saviour Blessing Little Children, the gift of the rector, is an exceedingly rich and beautiful work. The west window is also the gift of the rector. The ceilings of the chancel and chancel aisles are painted blue with gilt stars.

The register dates from 1653. The living is a rectory, yearly value £383 commutation of tithe, with 25 acres of glebe land, in the gift of E C Lowndes, esq., and held by the Rev. Richard Cooper Christie, LL.B., and scholar of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Here is a National school for boys and girls, supported by the squire, E C Lowndes, esq. Here are two chapels—Independent and Calvinistic Baptist.

On the Castle Hill are the remains of the old British encampment; castle, Pre-Norman; British camp, before Norman; fortress, 12th century; castle, built Henry I. The great Roman road, called the **Fossway**, leading from Bath to Cirencester and Lincoln, skirts the north-western limit of the manor.

E C Lowndes, esq. JP., is lord of the manor. The property had been held by the Scrope family from the 13th century, now the property of E C Lowndes, esq. JP.

The soil is various. The chief crops are wheat, barley, and oats.

The parish contains 1,482 acres; gross estimated rental, £3,390; rateable value, £2,966; and the population in 1871 was 491.

PARISH CLERK, William Gingell.

LETTERS are received through the Chippenham office, per foot post from Yatton Keynell, arrive at 7 am.; dispatched at 7.30 pm. The nearest money order office is at Yatton Keynell.

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Mr Roberts, master; Elizabeth Goodman, mistress.

CARRIER to Bath, Mrs Eliza Banks, Wednesday & Saturday.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Beazer		Mrs		Lower Castle Combe
Brockenbrow		Mrs		
Christie	Richard Cooper	Rev. LL.B.	Rector	Bybrook House
Lowndes	Edward C	J.P.		Manor House
Sudlow	Algernon			

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Arthur	Thomas		Shopkeeper	
Banks	Eliza	Mrs	Carrier	
Beak	John		Farmer	Shrub farm
Beak	John		Farmer	Salutation & Foss Inn, Gibb
Beak	William		Farmer	Upper Castle Combe
Blake	Benjamin		Maltster & farmer	Upper Castle Combe
Booy	Charles		Farmer	
Booy	John		Farmer	
Brookman	John		Blacksmith	Combe Hill
Broome	Charles		Miller	Colham Mill
Chappell	William		Shoe maker	
Chappell	William		Manager	Co-Operative Store Co.
Child	Francis		Farmer	Upper Castle Combe
Child	Thomas		Plumber & glazier	Summer Lane
Clark	Isaac		Butcher	Upper Castle Combe
Dowding	James		Mason	
Dowding	John		Grocer	
Flewelling	John		Gardener to E C Lowndes, esq. J.P.	
Fry	Mark		Farmer	
Gale	John		Relieving officer & registrar of births & deaths for Combe district of Chippenham union	Lower Castle Combe
Hillier	William		Farmer	West Way
Hurley	Henry Robert		Baker	White Hart
King	William		Carpenter	
King	William		Wheelwright	Upper Castle Combe
Melsom	John		Plasterer & tiler	
Nowell	John		Tallow chandler	
Pullen	Henry		Mason	
Shewring	George		Carpenter	
Sudlow	Algernon		Surgeon & medical officer to the third or Combe district of Chippenham union	
Tanner	George B		Baker	
Tanner	William		Blacksmith	
Taylor	Frederick		Plasterer & tiler	Upper Castle Combe
Thompson	Thomas		Plumber, glazier & painter	Upper Castle Combe
Turner	James William			Castle Inn
Wallop	Samuel		Tailor & shopkeeper	
Walter	Honor	Mrs	Farmer	Upper Castle Combe
Widcombe	William		Farmer & shopkeeper	