



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

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 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 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., J.P. 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 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; rateable value, £1,687; the population in 1911 was 213.

Sexton, William **Maidment**.

Post Office

Thomas **Grocott**, sub-postmaster

Letters arrive from Salisbury at 4.45 a.m. & 1.25 p.m.; dispatched at 11.55 a.m & 7.45 p.m. Dinton is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

Voluntary Church of England School, built in 1855, by Charles Penruddocke esq. for 45 children; average attendance, 36; Miss Annie **Coles**, mistress

Carrier to Salisbury

Edward **Bracher**, from his own house on Tuesday & Saturday; returning same days

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Digges	Dudley	Rev.		Vicarage, Compton Chamberlayne
Hunt	Albert			Rose Cottage, Compton Chamberlayne
Penruddocke	Charles	J.P.		Compton Park, Compton Chamberlayne
Whyte	E. Towry	M.A., F.S.A.		Etterby, Compton Chamberlayne

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Aylward	George Thomas		Farmer,	Naish's Farm, Compton Chamberlayne
Bracher	Edward		Farmer & Carrier	Compton Chamberlayne
(Aylward)	(G.T.)		Cemetery (Clerk to the Burial Board)	Compton Chamberlayne
			Compton Hut – (Dowager Lady Pembroke's home for consumptives; 620 ft above sea level)	Compton Chamberlayne
Coombes	Daniel	Jun.	Farmer,	Home Farm, Compton Chamberlayne
Grocott	Thomas		Grocer & Post Office,	The Stores, Compton Chamberlayne
Jarvis	Henry Archie		Blacksmith,	The Forge, Compton Chamberlayne
Langdon	William		Farmer,	Manor Farm, Compton Chamberlayne
Lovell	Valentine John		Beer Retailer <i>King's Elm</i>	Compton Chamberlayne
Mason	Jn.		Market Gardener	The Willows, Compton Chamberlayne
Wyatt	John		Hurdle Maker	Compton Chamberlayne