

Extract from Kellys Directory for Dorset, 1935 - transcribed from copy of original

PRESTON is a pretty village and parish, on the coast of Weymouth Bay, and on the road from Weymouth to Wareham, 2 miles west from Upwey Junction station on the Weymouth branch of the Great Western railway, and 3 miles north-east from Weymouth, in the rural deanery of Weymouth, archdeaconry of Sherborne, and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St. Andrew is an edifice of stone, in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, south aisle, north porch and an embattled western tower containing 4 bells; there is an ancient font; the church has been restored and two stained windows inserted; there are 300 sittings; in 1907 the churchyard was extended by half an acre, and a lych gate was erected in 1911. The register dates from the year 1693. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £359, including 3 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1930 by the Rev. Albert Ernest Joscelyne D.D. of Jesus College, Oxford, archdeacon of Sherborne and prebendary of Yatesbury in Sarum Cathedral. There is a Methodist chapel and a Gospel hall here. A church room was built in 1900, at the cost of the Misses Williams. The Scutt Memorial Hall was erected in 1909, by Mrs Scutt, in memory of her husband, the late Charles Scutt J.P. of Wyke Oliver, and is used as a village reading room. Chalbury Camp, an Iron Age hill fort, is in this parish. In a meadow by the stream below the church are the remains of a Roman villa, consisting of the foundations of the walls of two small rooms, and of a tessellated pavement, which occupied originally an area 18 feet square; the materials used are small cubes of hard chalk, burnt earth or brick, and umber; the pattern consists of a central ornament, resembling a Tudor Rose, in a square, on each side of which run two guilloches or cables, with rectilinear figures between them; and on the south side there is besides a row of heart-shaped figures: it was discovered by Mr. Medhurst, in 1842, and uncovered in 1871, for the inspection of the British Archaeological Association, then in congress at Weymouth. In 1843 the foundations of a Roman temple and of a cemetery surrounded by a wall were discovered. The temple was again uncovered in 1931, and its square foundations showed it to be of "Romano-Celtic" type. The site was generously presented to the nation by the owners, the Weymouth Bay Estate Company, and is now under the care of H.M. Office of Works. Weymouth Bay is being developed as a garden city health resort by the Weymouth Bay Estate, who are also the chief landowners. The soil is heavy clay; subsoil, various. The chief crops are wheat and barley, and some land in pasture. The population in 1931 was 855.

By the Dorsetshire Review Order, 1933, part of this parish was transferred to the Borough of Weymouth, part to the parish of Bincombe and the remainder to the parish of Poxwell for civil purposes.

SUTTON POYNTZ, half a mile north, was a liberty or free manor of the Poyntzes, an ancient family in the western parts; Weymouth is supplied with water from a spring rising in this hamlet. Hugh Diment esq. is chief landowner.

Post, T. & Tel. Call Office. Letters through Weymouth. Lennox Street, Weymouth, nearest M.O. office.

Post Office, Overcombe. Letters through Weymouth. Lennox Street, Weymouth, nearest M.O. office & Osmington nearest T. office

Marked thus * letters should be addressed Overcombe, Weymouth.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS (For T N's see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)

Ash G. Bryer J.P.	Cleaves cliff, Overcombe
Ashbee H.	Ashton, Overcombe
Aylmer Comdr. Edward Arthur D.S.C, R.N.	Wyke Oliver House
*Barnes Richard Hibbert M.B., Ch.B.	Sealey lodge
Conway Robert Russ J.P.	The Watch, Overcombe
Hammett John S.,	Phoebus, Overcombe
Hinchcliffe Capt. D., R.E.	Charmain, Littlemoor Road
Inman Herbt.,	Newlyn ho. Overcombe
Joscelyne Rt.Rev. Albert Ernest D.D. (vicar, archdeacon of Sherborne & prebendary of Yatesbury in Sarum Cathedral,	
*Mahoney Capt. Neil,	The Vicarage
Mayne Arthur John,	Seadown
*Morse Capt. H. E., D.S.O., R.N.	The Coppice, Overcombe
Norris Miss,	Willowbrook
Olive Eng.-Capt. Wm. Edgar R.N. (ret.),	Southdown cottage
Prideaux Mrs. C. S.	Staddles
Richardson Mrs. Ethel,	Southdown bungalow, Overcombe
Rowley Lt.-Col. C. A.	Ders,Ovrcmbe
Scutt Alfd. Jn. J.P.	Little cottage
Scutt Edward Angus J.P.,	Chalbury lodge
*Shute Lt.-Col. J. V.	Jordan ho
Thomas Rev. David M.A.	Coveway lodge
Warren C.L.	Carmel cott
Woollatt Capt. Ronald Hugh,	Longmead
	Wyndings

COMMERCIAL

Bailey Cissie Eliz. (Mrs.),	stores
*Barnes Rd. Hibbert M.B., Ch.B. Physcn. & surgeon.	Sealey lodge, Preston 59
Brown Ellen J. (Mrs.),	oil dlr
Cake Arthr. T.	farmer
Carter & Son,	motor coach bldrs
Chappell Jn.	engnr. in charge of Water works, Sutton Poyntz T N 2
Chinn Bertram,	dairy farmer, Jordan farm
Clarke Fredk.	blacksmth, Sutton Poyntz
*Diment Hugh,	farmer, Sutton Poyntz. T N 5
Goldring William,	market gardener, Sutton Poyntz
*Grottick Fredk. Wm.	wireless engnr. Doune lodge
Guppy Christopher,	farmer
Guppy Jsph. Thos. Miller,	farmer, Leonard ho
*Haining	(The) Boarding House (Mrs A. H. Brehaut, proprietress). Preston 39
Harrison W. T.,	carpenter & wheelwright & undertaker, Sutton Poyntz
Hopkins Thos. Wltr.	garage
Lake Eliz. (Mrs.),	beer retrl
Legg Fredk.	dairyman

Legg Fredk. Rt.	farmer, Southdown farm
Legg Hy.	dairyman, Wyke Oliver dairy
Lynden Lea Tea Room & Garden	(Mrs. T. Moore, proprietress), Sutton Poyntz
Martin Alfd. Wm.	boot & shoe maker
Meech B. H. & Son,	millers (water) & oli, cake, manure, seed & corn
	merchants, Sutton Poyntz, Preston 3
Mullett Fredk.	market gardener, Lansdowne villa
Neath & Sons,	bakers
Norris Edwd.	confctnr
Overcombe Cafe	(Miss Edith Mary Hedges, proprietress), Post office,
	Overcombe. T N 12
Pooss Alfrd. H.	farmer, & Ship inn
Pridham Jn. Alex. M.C., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.	physcn. & surgn. of Broadway (attends Ivy cott.
	mon. & fri. 2 to 3 p.m.)
Sargent Ellen (Mrs.).	shopkpr. Sutton Poyntz
Saunders Ernes A.	farmer, Sutton Poyntz
Scutt Memorial Hall (H. James, hon. sec)	
Spring Head Hotel	(K. N. Falkner, proprietor), Sutton Poyntz T N 17
Spring Head Riding Stables	(K. N. Falkner, propr.) T N 17
Stokes Wm.	fishmngr
*Symes Percy,	refrshmnt. rms. Bowleaze cove
Tawse Blanche (Mrs.),	apartments & tea gardens. T N 14
Tawse Wm. Leslie,	butcher. T N 14
Thomas Albt. E.	market gardener, Tom cross
*Thomas Stanley,	boarding house, Ailsa. T N 33
Thorne & Thorne,	builders & contractors; estimates free, Hobar
*Washer Leonard A.	grocer
Weymouth Bay Estate	(A. J. Mayne P.A.S.I. resident agent), Estate office,
	Overcombe. T N 7
Weymouth Cricket Club	(D. Wootton, hon. sec.), Overcombe