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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 Southern division of the county, Culliford Tree hundred, petty sessional division of Dorchester, Weymouth union and county court district, rural deanery of Dorchester (Weymouth portion), archdeaconry of Dorset, 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 £210, including 3 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1908 by the Rev. Charles Frederick Medcalf M.A. of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. There is a Wesleyan chapel 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, a Roman work, 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 well preserved 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, slightly 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. Ralph Gollop esq. is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is heavy clay; subsoil, various. The chief crops are wheat and barley, and some land in pasture. The area is 2,592 acres of land and 26 of water, and 12 of foreshore; rateable value, £5,878; the population in 1911 was 691.

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. Reginald Joseph Weld, esq. is lord of the manor and chief landowner of Sutton Poyntz.

Sexton, John Randall.

Post Office. – Joseph Richard Fooks, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Weymouth at 7 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.; Sundays, 7 a.m.; dispatched at 10 a.m. & 6.45 p.m.; sundays, 10.30 a.m. Lennox Street, Weymouth is the nearest money order office & Osmington, 1¼ miles distant, is the nearest telegraph office

Wall Letter Box, Jordan, cleared at 10.5 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Sundays 10.35 a.m

Wall Letter Box, Sutton Poyntz, cleared at 9.50 a.m. & 6.50 p.m.; Sundays, 10.10 a.m

Elementary School (mixed), built in 1850, for 119 children; William Henry James, master

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Fox Hereward Evelyn Croker M.B. Lond. Chalbury lodge

Medcalf Rev. Charles Frederick M.A. (vicar), Vicarage

Mullett Theophilus,
Norris Mrs,
Pope Bernard J.
Scutt Mrs.
Welsford William.

Myrtle cottage
Southdown lodge
Sutton Poyntz
Wyke Oliver
Alma villa

COMMERCIAL

Brown Harry,
Chappell John,
Childs Emanuel,
Clarke Wm. J.
Fox Hereward Evelyn Croker M.B. Lond.,
M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond.
Galpin James,
Goldring William,
Guppy Christopher,
Guppy Joseph Thomas Miller,
Harrison William,
Lake Thomas,
Meech Barnard Henry & Son,

Miller Elizabeth (Mrs.),
Munn William,
Neath Albert John,
Oliver Frederick,
Pooss Alfred,
Pope Bernard J.
Sargent Wm.
Saunders Leonard William (Mrs.),
Scutt Memorial Hall (W. J. Willshire, hon. sec)
Scutt Angus,
Trott John,
Willshire Havant,

harness maker
engineer in charge of Water works, Sutton Poyntz
dairyman
Blcksmth, Sutton Poyntz
hon. anaesthetist, Weymouth Royal Hospital &
Dispensary, Chalbury lodge
market gardener, Sutton Poyntz
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farmer
collector of poor rates, Leonard house
carpenter & wheelwright, Sutton Poyntz
beer retailer & carrier
millers (water) & corn merchants; the trade supplied
in large or small quantities; markets attended,
Weymouth, tues. & fri.; Dorchester, wed. & sat.;
also general contractors, timber merchants &
saw mills, Sutton Poyntz; & at Upwey
shopkeeper
Spring Head Hotel, Sutton Poyntz
baker
farmer
farmer, & Ship inn
farmer, Sutton Poyntz
shopkpr. Sutton Poyntz
farmer, Sutton Poyntz

farmer, Jordan farm
dairy farmer, South Down
cabinet maker