

Kelly's Directory 1867

EAST KNOYLE is a parish in the southern division of the county, Downton hundred, Shaftesbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, rural deanery of Chalke, Mere union and Hindon petty sessional division, 18 miles south west from Salisbury, 2 south from Hindon, 5 east by south from Mere and 5 north from Shaftesbury.

The church of St. Mary is pleasantly situated on rising ground; the nave has been rebuilt, the edifice is of stone and in the shape of a cross; the tower, containing 6 bells, is 66ft high, stands at the west end of the church and is turreted and embattled.

The church register dates from the year 1538. The living is a rectory, of the yearly value of £800, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Winchester and held by the Rev. Robert Newman Milford, M.A. of Balliol College Oxford.

Here is a national school for boys and girls, erected in 1838; also a Congregational and Primitive Methodist Chapel.

The Bishop of Winchester is lord of the manor. Mrs. Seymour, residing at Knoyle House within the parish, is the largest proprietor.

East Knoyle claims the honour of being the birthplace of the celebrated architect Sir Christopher Wren; he was born 20th October 1632 and there is a house pointed out as that in which the event took place; his father was rector of this parish, having been instituted thereto in 1623.

The soil is partly light loam and partly stiff loam; subsoil, chalky. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats, and pasture land. The area is 5,558 acres and the population in 1861 was 1,034.

Parish Clerk - George Burbidge

Post Office - Samuel Burton, Receiver

Letters arrive from Salisbury at 8.30am, dispatched at 5.30pm & 3pm on Sunday.

The nearest money order office is at Hindon.

Schools

National - John Tanswell, Master; Miss Sophie Ayres, Mistress

Independent - Miss Mary Kennedy, Mistress

Carriers

To Shaftesbury

Alfred Cuff, Saturday; Richard Parrat from Fonthill Bishop, every Saturday

To Warminster

Thomas Snook, Tuesday & Saturday

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Harris, Captain	George	
Johnson, Rev	Joseph Holden	Curate of Sedgehill & Berwick St Leonard
Milford, Rev	Robert Newman	Rector, The Rectory
Seymour, Mrs	Knoyle House	
Ball	Henry	Seymour Arms
Brickell	Charles	Grocer
Burbidge	George	Shoemaker & Parish Clerk
Burton	Isaac	Beer Retailer
Burton	Samuel	Shopkeeper & Post Office
Corbin	Joseph	Farmer, Chapel Farm
Dowding	Thomas	Farmer, Leigh Farm
Downs	John Noake	Farmer
Fletcher	James	Shopkeeper, Milton
Genge	Phillip	Farmer
Gray	James	Farmer, Somerleaze Farm
Hall	Edwin Thomas	Farmer, Friar's Hayes
Harrison	Henry	Farmer
Haslam	William	Draper & Grocer
Mullins	Richard Norton	Farmer, Knoyle Down Farm
Ovens	George	Farmer
Perman	Henry	Smith
Perry	John	Baker & Farmer
Ricketts	George	Carpenter, The Green
Ricketts, Mrs	Jane	Farmer, Underhill
Sanger	George	Farmer
Sanger	Henry	Shopkeeper
Sanger	John	Farmer, Lugmarsh Farm
Sanger	Joseph	Shoemaker
Sanger	Robert	Farmer
Singleton	William	Tailor

Snook	James	Carpenter
Snook	John	Bailiff
Snook	Philip	Tailor
Snook	Thomas	Carrier
Snook	Thomas	Shoemaker
Spong	James	Black Horse
Stacey	Thomas	Farmer, Park Farm
Stodart	Hugh	Land Steward to Mrs Seymour
Sweatman	Nicholas	Shopkeeper
Wigmore	William	Farmer
Yeoman	Walter	Farmer, The Moors
Young	Samuel	Farmer, Milton
Tanswell	John	National Schoolmaster
Ayres, Miss	Sophie	National Schoolmistress
Kennedy, Miss	Mary	Independent Schoolmistress