

Kelly's Directory 1855

EAST KNOYLE contains 5,558 acres of arable and pasture land and is a township and parish in Downton Hundred, Mere Union, Hindon Division, South Wilts, and Salisbury bishopric.

Mrs. Jane Seymour, residing within the parish, is the largest proprietor of lands and a considerable portion of the remainder is freehold or copyhold of inheritance.

The population in 1851 was 1,110.

The village is 18 miles south-west of Salisbury, 2 south of Hindon, 5 east-by-south of Mere, and 5 north of Shaftesbury, and is considered to be one of the most pleasant and healthy in the southern part of Wiltshire.

East Knoyle claims the honour of being the birthplace of Sir Christopher Wren; he was born on 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 therein in 1623.

The parish register is deserving of particular attention as it dates from the year 1538.

The living is a valuable rectory, of the yearly worth of £800, in the gift of the Bishop of Winchester; the incumbent is the Rev. Crosby Morgell M.A.

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

Here is a National school for boys and girls, erected 1838.

The Bishop of Winchester is lord of the manor.

Milton is a tithing, 2 miles south-east, Upton a tithing 1 mile south-east, Chapel 1 mile south-east, Wood House 1 mile south, Clouds House 2 miles south; Holloway is a village, Somerley is a farm.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Morgell, Rev	Crosbie	Rector, The Rectory
Seymour, Mrs	Jane	Knoyle House
Alford, Mrs	Jane	National Schoolmistress
Ball	Henry	Benett Arms
Barnard	Daniel	Black Horse & Brewer
Brickell	Charles	Grocer
Burbidge	Isaac	Shoemaker
Burbidge	William	Baker
Burton	Henry	Carrier
Burton	Isaac	Beer Retailer
Carbon	Jeremiah	Farmer
Carbon	Joseph	Farmer, Knoyle down
Cuff	Alfred	Carrier & Butcher
Elliott	Charles	Farmer
Gray, Miss	Emma	Farmer, Somerley Farm
Gray	James	Farmer, Somerley Farm
Getley	James Moore	Beer Retailer
Harrison	William	Farmer
Haslam	William	Draper & Grocer
Mead	John	Postmaster
Ovens	George	Farmer
Perman	Henry	Smith
Perry	John	Baker & Farmer
Perry	William	Miller
Raishley	John	Farmer
Raishley	William	Farmer
Raishley	Charles	Farmer
Roberts	Charles	Farmer
Sanger	Seth	Farmer
Sanger	Edward	Farmer
Sanger	Robert	Shoemaker
Scammell	Charles	Farmer
Sheppard	James	Cooper & Hoop Maker
Snook	Henry	Farmer
Snook	John	Farmer
Snook, Mrs	Mary	Shopkeeper
Snook	James	Upholsterer

Snook	Thomas	Carrier
Stacey	Thomas	Farmer
Tanswell	John	National Schoolmaster
Vigor	Alfred	Farmer
Wigmore	James	Farmer
Wigmore	William	Farmer