

## Kelly's Directory 1898

EAST KNOYLE is a parish 3½ miles north from Semley station on the Salisbury and Yeovil section of the London and South Western railway, 5 east by south from Mere, 6 north from Shaftesbury, in the southern division of the county, Downton hundred, Shaftesbury county court district, Mere union, Tisbury petty sessional division, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St. Mary, pleasantly seated on a rising ground, is a cruciform building of stone in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of two bays, aisles, transept, south porch and an embattled western tower, 66 feet high, with turret and containing a clock and 6 bells; the church was restored in the memory of Charles Richard Sumner, Bishop of Winchester (1827-69), and has sittings for 345 persons.

The register dates from 1538. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £644, including 107 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Oxford, and held since 1865 by the Rev. Robert Newman Milford M.A. of Balliol College Oxford, and canon and prebendary of Salisbury Cathedral.

Here are Congregational and Primitive Methodist chapels.

The charities for distribution amount to £58 yearly, derived from lands situated in the parish, and left during the last 200 years by Doctors Shaw, Trippett and Mr Compton.

East Knoyle claims the honour of being the birthplace of Sir Christopher Wren who was born on 20th October 1632; his father, Doctor Christopher Wren, Chaplain in Ordinary to Charles 1 and Dean of Windsor, was rector of this parish having been instituted thereto in 1623.

The Bishop of Winchester is lord of the manor. The Hon. Percy Scawen Wyndham D.L., J.P., of Clouds House and Miss Seymour of Knoyle House are the largest landowners.

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 5,923 acres, rateable value £5,973. The population in 1891 was 956 in the civil and 920 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Milton 1½ miles north, Green ½ mile north-west and Upton 1 mile north west, are all outlying hamlets. By an order dated March 25, a portion of Pertwood parish was, for civil purposes, amalgamated with this parish, the remainder being added to Sutton Veny.

Parish Clerk - Frederick Snook  
Post and M.O.O., S.B., & Annuity and Insurance Office - Samuel Burton, sub postmaster

Letters arrive from Salisbury at 7am and 2.45pm and 7am on Sundays; dispatched at 11.40am and 6.10pm on Sundays. The nearest telegraph office is at Hindon, 3 miles distant.

The National School, built in 1873 at a cost of £1,000 has an endowment of £8.1s yearly. The school will hold 200 children; average attendance mixed 90; infants 44.

Miss Frances Woodcock, Head Mistress  
Miss Abigail Grant, Infants' Mistress

### Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Gray, Mrs		Bathampton
Cross, Mrs		
Milford, Rev. Canon	Robert Newman	Rector, The Rectory
Russell	Charles T	Prospect House
Seymour, Miss		Knoyle House
Wyndham, the Hon	Percy Scawen	Clouds House
Alford	William	Harness Maker
Arnold	Frederick	Dairyman, Chapel Farm
Bastable	Thomas	Shopkeeper
Bath	Thomas	Blacksmith
Burton	Samuel	Shopkeeper & Post Office
Chubb	Ernest	Baker
Dean	Robert	Brick & Tile Maker
Dowding	Thomas	Farmer, Leigh Farm
Drew	James	Farmer, Lugmarsh Farm
Elliott	James	Painter
Fletcher	James	Shopkeeper, Milton
Garrett	Henry	Farmer, Brickyard Farm
Genge	George	Farmer, Lower Leigh
Harrison, Mrs	Millicent	Redhouse Farm
Jacob	Albert	Farmer, The Moors
Jay	Stephen	Farmer, Friar's Hayes
King	Henry	Farmer, Upton
King	Charles	Seymour Arms
Lush	John	Farmer, Newleaze

Maidment	Thomas	Shopkeeper
Matthews	Lucius	Baker
Ricketts	George	Carpenter, The Green
Ricketts	Thomas	Farmer, Underhill
Sanger	Joseph	Carpenter
Scammell	William	Farmer, Summerleaze
Snook	Frederick	Shoemaker
Snook	James	Carpenter
Snook	Frederick	Parish Clerk
Snook	William Edmund	Farmer, Little Leigh
Smith	Frank	Grocer
Staples	Thomas	Farmer, Milton
Tuck	Frank	Shopkeeper, Holloway
Woodley	Charles	Farmer, Holloway
Woodcock, Miss	Frances	National School Headmistress
Grant, Miss	Abigail	Infant School Mistress