

Kelly's Directory 1875

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, and polling place for the Southern division of the county, 3½ miles from Semley railway station, 2 south from Hindon, 5 east by south from Mere and 5 north from Shaftesbury.

The church of St. Mary, pleasantly situated on a rising ground, is of stone, and cruciform; the tower, containing 6 bells, is 66 feet high, stands at the west end of the church, and is turreted and embattled.

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

Here is a National school, built in 1873 of Tisbury and Ham Hill stone in the Byzantian style, at a cost of £1,000, raised by voluntary contributions, and has an endowment of £9. 9s. yearly; the east and west windows are of Ham Hill stone with elegant tracery introduced.

There is a chapel for Congregationalists, one for Primitive Methodists, and a British school. The charities for distribution amount to £68 yearly.

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 the rector of this parish, having been instituted thereto in 1623.

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

The soil is partly light loam and partly stiff loam; subsoil, chalky. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and pasture land. The area is 5,558 acres; rateable value £6,653.19s. The population in 1871 was 1,005.

Milton, Green and Upton are outlying hamlets.

Parish Clerk - George Burbidge

Post Office - Samuel Burton, receiver. Letters arrive from Hindon through Salisbury at 8.30am; dispatched at 5.30pm; & 3.30pm on Sundays. The nearest money order office is at Hindon.

Schools

National, John Tanswell, Master. Miss Sarah Minns, Mistress
Independent, Miss Ellen Milton, Mistress

Carrier to Shaftesbury - George Snook (from Fonthill Bishop) every Saturday

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Cross, Mrs		
Gray	James Brown	Prospect House
Miles, Colonel	Frederick Nicholas	Slades House
Milford, Rev	Robert Newman	Rector, The Rectory
Seymour, Esq., J.P.	Alfred	Knoyle House
Alford	William	Saddler & Harness Maker
Ball	Henry	Seymour Arms
Burbidge	George	Shoemaker & Parish Clerk
Burton	Isaac	Beer Retailer
Burton	Samuel	Shopkeeper & Post Office
Corbin	Joseph & John	Farmers, Chapel Farm
Cramond	John	Bailiff to Alfred Seymour Esq
Dowding	Thomas	Farmer, Leigh Farm
Drake	Richard	Black Horse
Fletcher	James	Shopkeeper, Milton
Genge	Philip	Farmer
Gray	James	Farmer, Somerleaze
Hall	Edwin Thomas	Farmer, Friar's Hayes
Harrison	Henry	Farmer
Haslam	William	Draper & Grocer
Helm, Mrs	Elizabeth	Shopkeeper
Hiscock	Albert	Farmer, The Moors
King	Henry	Farmer, Upton
Masters	Samuel	Dairyman, Newleaze
Ovens	George	Farmer
Perman	Henry	Blacksmith
Perry	John	Baker & Farmer

Ricketts	George	Carpenter, The Green
Ricketts, Mrs	James	Farmer, Underhill
Russel	Charles	Farmer, Somerleaze Farm
Sanger	George	Farmer
Sanger	Joseph	Carpenter
Sanger	Robert	Shoemaker
Snook	James	Shoemaker
Snook	William Edmund	Shopkeeper
Stacey	Thomas	Farmer, Park Farm
Sweatman	Nicholas	Shopkeeper
Wallis	Mark	Farmer
Yells	William	Farmer, Knoyle Down Farm
Tanswell	John	National Schoolmaster
Minns, Miss	Sarah	National Schoolmistress
Milton, Miss	Ellen	Independent Schoolmistress