

Kelly's Directory 1880

EAST KNOYLE is a parish and polling place for the Southern division of the county in Downton hundred, Shaftesbury county court district, Mere union and Hindon petty sessional division, Chalke rural deanery second portion and Salisbury archdeaconry and diocese, 3.5 miles north from Semley station on the South Western railway, 2 south west from Hindon, 5 east by south from Mere, 5 north from Shaftesbury and 102 from London.

The church of St. Mary, pleasantly situated on a rising ground, is of stone and cruciform, consisting of chancel, nave, with aisles and transept: the tower, containing 6 bells is 66 feet high, stands at the west end of the church and is turreted and embattled: the church and chancel have lately been restored in memory of Charles Richard Sumner, late Bishop of Winchester.

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 MA of Balliol College Oxford.

Here are Congregational and Primitive Methodist chapels and a British School. Here is a National School, built in 1873, of Tisbury and Ham Hill stone, in the Byzantine style at a cost of £1,000 raised by voluntary contributions which has an endowment of £9.9s yearly; the east and west windows are of Ham Hill stone with elegant tracery introduced.

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 the 20th of October 1632: his father was the rector of this parish, having been instituted thereto in 1623.

The Bishop of Winchester is lord of the manor.

The Hon. Percy Wyndham and Alfred Seymour esq. JP, who resides at Knoyle House within the parish, are the largest proprietors.

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 5,352 acres; rateable value £7,477. The population in 1871 was 1,005.

Milton, The Green and Upton are outlying hamlets.

Parish Clerk: Frederick Snook

Post Office - Samuel Burton, Reciever.

Letters arrive from Hindon through Salisbury at 8.30am; dispatched at 5.30pm and 3.30pm on Sundays. The nearest money order office is at Hindon.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

| Surname | Given Name | Industry/Occupation |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Cross, Mrs | | |
| Milford, Rev | Robert Newman | Rector, The Rectory |
| Russell | Charles T | Prospect House |
| Seymour, Esq., J.P. | Alfred | Knoyle House |
| Wyndham, The Hon | Percy | Slades House |
| Alford | William | Saddler & Harness Maker |
| Ball | Henry | Seymour Arms |
| Burbidge | George | Shoemaker |
| Burton | Isaac | Beer Retailer |
| Burton | Samuel | Shopkeeper & Post Office |
| Coombs | Alfred | Blacksmith |
| Corbin | Joseph & John | Farmers, Chapel Farm |
| Cramond | John | Bailiff to A Seymour Esq |
| Dowding | Thomas | Farmer, Leigh Farm |
| Drake | Richard | Black Horse |
| Fletcher | James | Shopkeeper, Milton |
| Genge | Philip | Farmer |
| Hall | Edwin Thomas | Farmer, Friar's Hayes |
| Harrison | Henry | Farmer |
| Helm, Mrs | Elizabeth | Shopkeeper |
| Hiscock | Albert | Farmer, The Moors |
| Howell | John | Brickmaker & Farmer |
| King | Henry | Farmer, Upton |
| Masters, Mrs | Jane | Newleaze |
| Ovens | George | Farmer |
| Perry | John | Baker & Farmer |
| Randall | Barnat | Shopkeeper |
| Ricketts | George | Carpenter, The Green |
| Ricketts, Mrs | Jane | Farmer, Underhill |

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| Sanger | Joseph | Carpenter |
| Sanger | Robert | Shoemaker |
| Snook | James | Carpenter |
| Snook | Thomas | Shoemaker |
| Snook | William Edmund | Shopkeeper |
| Snook | Frederick | Parish Clerk |
| Stacey | Thomas | Farmer, Park Farm |
| Wallis | Mark | Farmer |