

Kelly's Directory 1931

EAST KNOYLE is a parish 3 miles north from Semley station on the Salisbury and Yeovil section of the Southern railway, 6 east-by-south from Mere and 5 north from Shaftesbury, in the Westbury division of the county, in Downtown hundred, county court district of Shaftesbury, rural district of Mere, Tisbury petty sessional division, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St Mary the Virgin, pleasantly situated on 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 memory of Charles Richard Sumner, Bishop of Winchester (1827-69), and has sittings for 345 persons.

The parish register dates from the year 1538.

The living is a rectory, net yearly value £609, exclusive of 107 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Oxford, and held since 1912 by the Rev William Neville M.A., of Magdalen College, Oxford.

There is a Congregational chapel, erected in 1840, with 136 sittings, and a Primitive Methodist chapel.

The charities for distribution amount to about £65 yearly, derived from lands situated in the parish and £9 from investments 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 the 20th of October, 1632; his father, Doctor Christopher Wren, Chaplain in Ordinary to Charles 1 and Dean of Windsor, was the rector of this parish, having been instituted thereto in 1623.

In the village is an Ionic cross erected in memory of those belonging to the parish who fell in the Great War 1914-1918.

The Reading room was also enlarged as a war memorial.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners are lords of the manor. Captain Guy Richard Charles Wyndham M.C. and Miss Seymour are the largest landowners. Clouds House is the property of Capt Guy Richard Charles Wyndham M.C. and the residence of A William Mosselmans esq.

The soil is partly light loam and partly stiff loam; subsoil chalky. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats and some land in pasture. The area is 5,926 acres; the population in 1921 was 729 in the civil and 695 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Milton, half a mile north; Green, half a mile north-west, and Upton, 1 mile north-west, are outlying hamlets. By an order dated March 23, 1885, a portion of Pertwood parish was, for civil purposes, amalgamated with this parish, the remainder being added to Sutton Veny.

Parish Clerk - Robert Huleatt

Post - M.O., T & T.E.D. Office. Letters through Salisbury.

Conveyance - Motor omnibuses run to and from Salisbury Tues & Thurs, Shaftesbury Mon, Wed & Sat.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Marked * Farm 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Burney, Mrs		Moorlands
Cross, Miss		
Ford, Major	John Meredith Randle OBE MC	Cleve House
Gray, Mrs		Bathampton Cottage
Herbert, Colonel, Hon	George Sidney TD DL JP	Knoyle House
Icke	William	Prospect House
Mosselmans	A William	Clouds House
Neville, Rev	William MA	Rector, The Rectory
Pembroke & Montgomery	Beatrice, Dowager Countess of	Knoyle House
Shand	John Lister	Slades
Shaw, Rev	Arthur	Congregational Minister, The Manse
Upton, Lt Col	Charles D E	Milton House
Young	Frederick Thomas	Franklyn House
Alford	Frank	Harness Maker
Bartlett	Richard Guy	Motor Coach Proprietor
Bastable	George William	Farmer
Bennett, Miss	Ellen	District Nurse, Romford Cottage
British Legion		Rd Geoffrey Bartlett, Secretary
Barton	Henry	Grocer, Post Office, TN 33
Chubb	E W & Son	Butchers
Chubb	E W & Son	Motor Car Hirers

Dowding	William	Farmer, Leigh Farm*
Drew	William	Farmer, Brickyard Farm
Fletcher	Robert	Farmer
Forward	Ivan	Farmer, Upton Farm
Fowler	Henry	Farmer, Little Leigh Farm
Francis	Percy	Farmer, Summerleaze Farm*
Fry	Harry	Saddler & Harness Maker
Fulford	Henry	Gardener to Col Hon G S Herbert
Gillett	Harry	Painter
Gray	John	Blacksmith, Milton
Green	Frederick	Farmer, Blackhouse Farm
Harris	Hubert	Baker
Hinton	John	Farmer, Lugmarsh
Hull	& Sons	Park Farm*
Hyde	Cyril	Farmer, Milton Farm
Hyde	Thomas	Farmer
Jacob	Albert	Farmer, The Moors
Jesse	Percival	Farmer, Haddon Farm
Jesse	Reginald	Farmer, Chapel Farm*
Jukes	Charles	Beer Retailer, Green
Liddiard	Wilfred	Shopkeeper
Lister	Maurice	Farmer, Lower Leigh*
Mallet	Ernest James	Ironmonger, cycle agent, carpenter
Matthews	Samuel	Chimney Sweep, Milton
Miles	Hannam E	Est Agent to Capt G R C Wyndham
Nisbeck	Michael	Farmer
Roberts	Frederick	Gardener to A W Mosselmans
Sanger	Charles	Farmer
Seymour Arms Hotel		People's Refreshment House Assoc Ltd
Sulley	Albert	Blacksmith
Tuck	Frank	Grocer
Tucker	Harold	Farmer, Red House*
Tyler	Ronald	Farmer, Friars Hayes*
Warren	William	Farmer, Knoyle Down*
Whitehead	Alfred	Farmer, New Leaze*
Wilts Wkg Men's Con. Benefit Society		F Tuck, Secretary