

Kelly's Directory 1923

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, union of Mere and Tisbury Petty Sessional Division, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion) archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St. Mary the Virgin, pleasantly seated on rising ground, is a cruciform building of stone, in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, consisting of a chancel, nave of two bays, aisles, transept, south porch and an embattled western tower, 66 feet high.

The church was restored in memory of Charles Richard Sumner, Bishop of Winchester (1827-1869) and has sittings for 345 persons.

The parish register dates from the year 1538.

The living is a rectory, net yearly value £900, 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 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.

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 lord of the manor.

Captain Guy Richard Charles Wyndham M.C. and Miss Seymour 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 some land in pasture. The area is 5,926 acres, rateable value £7,361.

The population in 1911 was 853 in the civil and 830 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 25 March, a portion of Pertwood parish for civil purposes amalgamated with this parish, the remainder being added to Sutton Veny.

Parish Clerk - Frank Tuck
Post - Henry Burton, Sub Postmaster
Police Constable - Archibald Yeates

Elementary School, built in 1873 at a cost of £1,000 and has an endowment of £8.18.0 yearly; the school will hold 200 children - Frank Walter Barnes is School Master.

Conveyance - Motor char-a-banc runs to Salisbury Tuesday, returning same day

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders
Marked * farm 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Cross, Mrs		
Gray, Mrs		Bathampton Cottage
Herbert, Lt Co, the Hon	George Sidney	Knoyle House
Hughes, Rev	John Aled	Congregational Minister
Icke	William	Prospect House
Ness, Mrs	Gordon	Slades
Neville, Rev	William	Rector, The Rectory
Pembroke & Montgomery	Beatrix, Dowager Countess of	Knoyle House
Reader, Rev	Edgar Alfred	Curate
Stocock	Ernest Frederick	Cleve House
Wyndham, Captain	Guy Richard Charles	Clouds House
Alford, Misses	Grace & Catherine	Apartments
Alford	Frank, Harness Maker &	Collector of Rates & Taxes for E Knoyle
*Bradshaw	Charles Thomas	Farmer, Milton Farm

Barnes	Frank Walter	Elementary Schoolmaster
Burton	Henry	Grocer & Post Office
Chubb	E W & Son	Motor Car Hirers
Chubb	Ernest	Butcher
*Dowding	William	Farmer, Leigh Farm
Drew	Albert	Farmer, Brickyard Farm
Drew	Garfield	Farmer, Lugmarsh
Fletcher	Robert	Farmer
Fletcher	Sidney	Farmer
Forward	Ivan	Farmer, Upton Farm
Fowler, Mrs	Annie	Furnished Apartments
Fowler	Henry	Farmer, Little Leigh Farm
*Francis	Henry & Son	Farmers, Summerleaze Farm
Fry	Harry	Saddler & Harness Maker
Fulford	Henry	Gardener to Capt G R C Wyndham
Gillett	Harry	Painter
Green	Frederick	Farmer, Blackhouse Farm
Harris	Hubert	Baker
*Harrison & Bishop		Farmers, Redhouse Farm
Hull	Edwin	Farmer
Hyde	Thomas	Farmer
Icke	Alec	Motor Car Hirer
Jacob	Albert	Farmer, The Moors
*Jay	Archibald	Farmer, Friar's Hayes
*Jesse	Reginald	Farmer, Lower Leigh
Jones	Jesse	Gardener, Seymour Estate
Jukes	Charles	Beer Retailer, The Green
Mallett	William jnr	Cycle Agent
Matthews	Samuel	Chimney Sweep, Milton
Miles	Hannam E	Est Agent to Capt G R C Wyndham
Nisbeck	Michael	Farmer
Noyce	Richard George	School Attendance Officer
*Ricketts	Charles & Son	Farmers, Chapel Farm
Sanger	Charles	Farmer
Seymour Arms Hotel		People's Refreshment House
Sulley	Albert	Blacksmith
Tanswell	Henry	Shopkeeper
Taylor, Miss	Elizabeth	Shopkeeper
Tuck	Frank	Grocer & Draper
*Warren	William	Farmer, Knoyle Down
*Whitehead	Alfred	Farmer, New Leaze
Wilson	George	Smallholder, Holloway
Yeates	Archibald	Police Constable

