

East Knoyle Workhouse

Built in 1811 and closed 1836-1837, East Knoyle workhouse stood on the road leading from the village to Hindon and came under the wing of the Mere Union. Each Union had a Board of Guardians, Medical Officer, and Registrars responsible for births, marriages and deaths. When the East Knoyle workhouse closed, paupers from East Knoyle went to the Mere Union about 5 miles away. Advertisements for contracts and tenders to supply the Union appeared in the local newspapers:

MERE UNION

District No 1, consisting of the parishes of Sedgehill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Kingston Deverill, Monckton Deverill, Pertwood and Mere (Zeals excepted)

District No 2 - Zeals, Silton, Bourton, Stourton with Gaspar, Kilmington, and Maiden Bradley, with Yarnfield

The Board of Guardians of this Union are ready to receive proposals from MEDICAL GENTLEMEN willing to contract for attendance, supply of medicine, &c. as under-mentioned, to the paupers of either of the above districts, for one year, from the 25th day of March next

The Contract to include supply of the best Medicine, Epidemics, Accidents, parochial cases of all descriptions, Medical and Surgical, with regular attendance, and to attend inquests if required by the Coroner

All Tenders to be sent sealed, indorsed, "Medical Tender", directed to the Chairman of the Board of Guardians, and to be delivered at the Vestry Room, in Mere, on or before Monday, the 29th day of February inst., on which day, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Guardians will meet and open the tenders

FRAS. SEYMOUR
Clerk to the Board of Guardians
Mere, Feb 1, 1836

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 08 February 1836

MERE UNION

Persons desirous of Contracting with the Guardians of this Union for supplying the workhouses at Mere and East Knoyle with the under-mentioned articles, from 25th inst. until and inclusive of the 24th day of June next, are requested to send tenders, sealed (free from expense), to Mr George Creighton, Vestry Room, Mere, marked "Provision Tender" or "Clothing Tender" on or before the 19th instant

Bread, best seconds, 4lb 4oz per loaf; Flour, ditto per bag; Candles at per lb;
Soap (best yellow and mottled) at per cwt; Salt at per cwt; Cheese, ditto (good skim);
Bacon at per cwt; Pepper at per lb; Moist Sugar at per lb; Coffee and Tea at per lb;
Legs and Shins of Beef at per set; Beef (without bone) at per lb; Mutton at per lb;
Suet at per lb; Rice at per lb; Oatmeal and Boiling Peas at per bushel

Men, Women's and Children's Stockings, stout worsted, at per pair; stout Calico at per yard;
Flannel at per yard; Blankets (stating size) at per pair; Sheets, stout brown cotton, ditto;
Counterpanes, stout cotton, ditto and Coverlids; Blue Cotton for gowns at per yard;
and general clothing for Paupers, with the price and quality of each article

Samples to be produced and the articles to be delivered at the Workhouses at such time and in such quantities as the Guardians shall direct

And persons willing to supply the said Guardians with Bread 4bls 4oz and 2lbs 2oz per loaf, best seconds, for the under-mentioned Parishes, from the said 25th instant until the said 24th day of June, are requested to deliver or send Tenders, as above, on or before the 19th instant

Bread to be delivered in the parishes of District No 1, being Sedgehill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Kingston and Monckton Deverill, Pertwood and Mere (Zeals excepted); and in the parishes of District No 2, being Zeals, Silton, Bourton, Stourton with Gaspar, Kilmington and Maiden Bradley, with Yarnfield

And to be delivered in the parishes in such quantities and at such times and places as the Relieving Officers shall direct

Security to be given (if required) for the performance of the contract

All persons having Bills on the Union are desired to deliver or send the same to the Vestry Room, Mere, on or before the 18th instant.

FRANCIS SEYMOUR
Clerk to the Board of Guardians
Mere, March 1, 1836

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Monday 07 March 1836

MERE UNION

TENDERS FOR BREAD, GROCERY, &c

Persons desirous of contracting for the supply of the Workhouse at East Knoyle and of the Parishes of the above Union with Bread, best seconds, at per loaf 4lb; Flour, best seconds, at per bag; and such articles of Grocery usually consumed in Workhouses, and to deliver the same at such times, in such quantities, and at such places as the Master of the Workhouse and Relieving Officers shall respectively direct, from the 25th inst to the 25th day of March, 1837, inclusive, are requested to send sealed Tenders, marked "Bread Tender", "Flour Tender" or "Grocery Tender" to my office on or before the 20th day of December instant

Samples required to be produced

Persons tendering for the Bread to state if the Tender is for the whole Union, or what portion thereof Security to be given if required and it is competent for any person to tender for all or any of the parishes

By order of the Board

FRAS SEYMOUR, Clerk

Castle Hill Cottage, Mere, Dec 6, 1836

NB All bills to be sent (free of expense) to the Clerk's office before the 23rd instant

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MERE UNION

REGISTRATION of BIRTHS, DEATHS and MARRIAGES

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the provisions of an Act of the 6th and 7th William 1V. cap. 85, intituled "An Act for Registering Births, Deaths and Marriages in England",

the following person has been appointed

REGISTRAR of BIRTHS and DEATHS

for this Union comprising the following parishes:

Sedgehill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Kingston Deverill, Monckton Deverill, Pertwood, Mere, Silton, Bourton, Stourton with Gaspar, Kilmington, Maidment Bradley with Yarnfield:

JOHN MEADEN, Jun., of BOURTON, Yeoman

Act 6th and 7th William 1V. cap.85

REGISTRAR for MARRIAGES for the same parishes:

EDMUND FORD MAIDMENT, of Mere, Baker

FRANCIS SEYMOUR,

Superintendent Registrar

Mere, June 18, 1837

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