

Kelly's Directory 1939

SEDGEHILL is a parish on the Dorsetshire border, 1.5 miles north west from Semley station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the Southern Railway and 3 north from Shaftesbury in the Westbury division of the County Court District of Shaftesbury, hundred of Dunworth, Mere & Tisbury rural district, Tisbury petty Sessional division, Rural Deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

Main water is available.

The church of St. Catherine is an edifice of stone in the Gothic style consisting of a chancel, added in 1844, nave, south porch and a tower with pinnacles at the west end, rebuilt in 1844, containing 5 bells, two of which were added in 1892, the gift of the Rector and Mr. William Lush. There are 150 sittings. In the churchyard is a 13th century cross.

The register dates from the year 1700.

The living is a perpetual curacy, net yearly value £315 in the gift of the successors to M. Shaw-Stewart Esq., and held since 1933 by the Rev. Ernest Cross M.A. of Leeds University, prebendary of Torleton in Sarum Cathedral and rural dean of Tisbury, who is also rector of East Knoyle, where he resides.

Mrs Shaw-Stewart OBE is the principal landowner. Hays is the property and residence of Hon. Mrs. Hanbury-Tracey.

The soil is clay, subsoil marl. The chief crops are beans, wheat and oats. The area is 1,185 acres.

The population in 1931 was 120.

By an order in Council dated 13th August 1914, part of East Knoyle was annexed to Sedgemoor.

Post Office: Letters through Shaftesbury.

The nearest M.O. office is at East Knoyle and nearest T. office at Semley.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Marked * farm 150 acres or more

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Crawshaw	Leonard Simon	Peakes Farm
Cross, Rev	Ernest MA	Rector (resides East Knoyle)
Francis, Miss		Sedgemoor House
Hanbury-Tracey, Hon, Mrs		Hays House
Napier, Lady		Gunville House
Russell-Parsons	John Clive	Sedgemoor Manor
Savill, Lt Col	Sydney Rowland, DSO MC	The Old House
Bullard	Sidney	Farmer, Corner Farm
Cooke	Reginald Clement	Farmer, Westmarsh Farm
Doggrell, Mrs	Frances	Farmer, Church Farm
Few	John Oliver	Farmer & Post Office, Berrybrooke
Fletcher	Bros	Farmers, Sweetwell Farm
Hobbs	Frederick Edwin	Farmer, Butterstake Farm
*Pike	Donald W	Farmer
Thompson	J & Son	Farmers, Pitts Farm