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WEST KNOYLE is 19 miles west of Salisbury, 3 east of Mere, 3 west of Hindon, and 6 north of Shaftesbury, and is entirely the property of Sir Hugh Hoare of Stourhead who is also the lord of the manor. There are 1,913 acres of land, which is pasture and arable, with some woodlands; the soil is of a chalky stratum and stiff loam clay. The population is 206. It is in the Hundred of Mere, in the Mere Union, and the Hindon division.

The church is 66 feet long and 16 feet wide, consisting of a nave and chancel, the latter is Italianised and painted and decorated with cherubim.

There is an inscription over the door within the church, recording that in 1739 Richard Willoughby Esq., of this parish, embellished the altar and chancel in sacred memory of his ancestors, whose bones are there deposited.

The tower stands at the west end of the church; it is turreted and ornamented with pinnacles and contains 5 bells.

The living is in the diocese of Sarum and the great tithes are impropriated, the value of the vicarage is $\mathfrak{L}155$ annually, incumbent the Rev. James Walter Cardew M.A. in the gift of the Rev. J.S. Stockwell. There is a charity of $\mathfrak{L}16$ a year, left by Christopher Willoughby, Esq., to four pour widows who do not receive parochial aid.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Cardew, Rev.	James Walter	Rector
Carey	Alfred	Dairyman
Mead	John	Parish Clerk
Mitchell	John	Farmer
Rumsey	John	Farmer