

Kelly's Directory 1939

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 Downton hundred, county court district of Shaftesbury, rural district of Mere and Tisbury, Tisbury petty Sessional division, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

Electricity is available. Water is supplied by the Seymour Estate.

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 high, with turret and containing a clock and 6 bells. The nave roof and bells were restored in 1933.

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 1932 by the Rev. Ernest Cross M.A. of Leeds University, prebendary of Torleton in Sarum Cathedral, rural dean of Tisbury and perpetual curate of Sedgemoor.

There is a Congregational chapel, erected in 1840 with 130 sittings and a 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 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.

Miss Seymour and John G. Morrison Esq., are the largest landowners. Clouds House is the property of Percy Houghton-Brown Esq.

The soil is partly light loam and partly stiff loam, subsoil chalky. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats and some land is in pasture. The area is 5,926 acres; the population in 1931 was 660 in the civil parish and 663 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Milton, half a mile north; the Green, half a mile north west and Upton, 1 mile north west, are outlying hamlets.

By an order dated March 25 1885, a portion of Pertwood parish was for civil purposes amalgamated with this parish, the remainder being added to Sutton Veny.

Post, M.O. & T Office.
Letters through Salisbury

Conveyance - Omnibuses to and from Salisbury daily and Shaftesbury Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat.

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

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Bailey	F Crawshay	Upton Manor
Burbury, Lt Col	Bernard Thorneley	Bretton Lodge
Burney, Mrs		Moorlands
Carley, Rev	Athelstan	The Manse
Cross, Rev	Ernest	The Rectory
Cross, Miss		Roseneath
Dobson, Captain	Geoffrey Wm	The Park
Fison, Captain, Sir, bart	Francis Geoffrey	Knoyle Place
Gray, Mrs		Bathampton Cottage
Halliday	Osman	White Cottage
Hanna, Mrs		Old Orchard
Herbert, Col, Sir, bart	George	Knoyle House
Hollins, Mrs	D M	Manor Farm
Houghton-Brown	Percy	Clouds House

Hutton	Stanley Page	Underhill Cottage
McKechney	William Charlton	Orchard Cottage
Middleton	Leonard	Cleeve
Orr, Captain	John E H	Slades
Paynter	Thomas Camborne	Little Leigh
Pembroke	Beatrix, Dow. Countess of	Knogle House
Quinton, Mrs	L E	Park Cottage
Shand, Mrs		Clouds Lodge
Sotham, Major	Ernest George	Clouds Garden House
Stephen	John R M	Valley Farm
Upton, Lt Col	Charles D E	Milton House
Wreford, Mrs	Joynson	Paddock Wood
Young	Frederick Thomas	Franklyn House
Alford	Frank	Harness Maker
Bartlett	George P	Farmer, Hartmoor
Bartlett	Richard Guy	Motor Coach Proprietor, TN71
*Bourne	H S & E J	Farmers, Friar's Hayes
Braun	Arthur William	Farmer, Lugmarsh
Burton	H & Son	Grocers & Post Office, TN33
Burton	William Henry	Farmer, Upper Leigh
Chuff	Albert Edward	Farmer, Blackhouse
Clements	W H	Motor Garage, TN29
Cochrane	Edgar E	Shopkeeper, TN61
Coombs	Frederick Charles	Fox & Hounds public house
Drew	William Albert	Farmer, Brickyard Farm
Fletcher	Sidney	Farmer
Flower	James Fras	Farmer, Newleaze
Forward	Ivan William	Farmer, Upton Farm
Fry	Harry	Tobacconist
Fulford	Henry	Gardener to Col Herbert
Gale	Morgan	Farmer, Clouds Farm
*Gatehouse & Hart		Farmers, Lower Leigh, TN89
Green	Frank Stuart	Farmer, Coleman's Farm
Hallett	Joseph Charles	Builder & Decorator, TN50
Hamblin	Lewis	Farmer, Vern Hill
Harris	H & Sons, Proprietors	Ye Olde Bakery Cafe
?, jnr		Farmer, Sheephouse
*Hull	E G & Sons	Farmers, Park Farm
Hyde	Cyril	Farmer, Milton Farm, TN47
*Jesse	Percy William	Farmer, Haddon Farm
*Langdon	Frederick Reginald	Farmer, Moors Farm
Mallett	Ernest James	Ironmonger, Cycle Agent, Carpenter
Sanger	Charles	Farmer, Burts Farm
Sanson	S	British Legion Secretary
Seymour Arms Hotel		People's Refreshment House Assoc. Ltd
Snook	William Thomas	Smallholder, Green Farm
Sully	Albert J	Motor Eng & Haulage Contractor, TN42
Tucker	Harold	Farmer, Red House
Tuck	P, Secretary	Wilts Wkg Men's Conservative Benefit Society
Walton	John & Co Ltd	Grocers, Drapers, Ironmongers
*Warren	William	Farmer, Knogle Down, Hindon 224
*White	Bertram Cyril	Farmer, Summerleaze
Whitehead	Alfred	Farmer, Snagg's Farm