

Kelly's Directory 1931

SEDGEHILL is a parish on the Dorsetshire border, 1¼ 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, county court district of Shaftesbury, hundred of Dunworth, Mere rural district, Tisbury petty sessional division, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St Catherine is an edifice of stone in the Gothic style, consisting of 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 £ 355, in the gift of Walter Richard Shaw-Stewart esq. M.B.E., D.L., J.P., and held since 1916 by the Rev Beaumont Johnson B.A. of Hatfield Hall, Durham.

Walter Richard Shaw-Stewart, esq., M.B.E., D.L., J.P., Sir Walter John Grove, bart, J.P., and Samuel John Young, esq., are the principal landowners. Hays, the property of Walter Richard Shaw-Stewart, esq., M.B.E., D.L., J.P., is the residence of Col Guy James Brownlow, D.S.O.

The soil is clay, subsoil marl. The chief crops are beans, wheat and oats. The area is 1,185 acres; the population in 1921 was 154 in the civil and 170 in the ecclesiastical parish.

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

Parish Clerk - Henry Wigmore

Letters through Shaftesbury. The nearest M.O. office is at East Knoyle and Semley station nearest T. office.

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

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Ansdell	Frank	The Old House
Brownlow, Col	Guy James DSO	Hays House
Farquharson, Mrs		Peak's Farm
Haverlock-Sutton, Mrs		Sedgemoor House
Johnson, Rev	Beaumont BA	Rector
Napier, Lady		Gunville House
Napier, Lt Comdr	Trevylyan Michael RN	Gunville House
Paton, Major	Donald Robertson	Sedgemoor Manor
Doggrell, Mrs	Frances	Farmer, Church Farm*
Farquharson	Ronald	Farmer, Peak's Farm
Harris	Albert	Farmer, Wreath Farm
James	Arthur	Sweetwell Farm
Pike	Walter S	Farmer, Higher Sweetwell Farm
Rowden	Walter J	Farmer, Pitt's Farm
Snook	William Thomas	Farmer, Westmarsh Farm
Way	Reginald	Farmer
Young	Samuel J	Farmer, Berrybrooke*