



# Post Office Directory Extract 1875



## East Knoyle

**East Knoyle** is a parish in the Southern division of the county, Downton hundred, Shaftesbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, rural deanery of Chalke, Mere union and Hindon petty sessional division, and polling place for the Southern division of the county, 3½ miles from Semley railway station, 2 south from Hindon, 5 east-by-south from Mere, and 5 north from Shaftesbury. The church of St. Mary, pleasantly situated on a rising ground, is of stone, and cruciform. The tower, containing 6 bells, is 56 feet high, stands at the west end of the church, and is turreted and embattled. The parish register dates from 1538. The living is a rectory, yearly value £800, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Oxford, and held by the Rev. Robert Newman 01Milford, M.A., of Balliol College, Oxford. Here is a National school, built in 1873, of Tisbury and Ham Hill stone, in the Byzantian style, at a cost of £1,000, raised by voluntary contributions, and has an endowment of £9 9s yearly. The east and west windows are of Ham Hill stone, with elegant tracery introduced. There is a chapel for Congregationalists, one for Primitive Methodists and a British school. The charities for distribution amount to £68 yearly. East Knoyle claims the honour of being the birth place of Sir Christopher Wren. He was born on the 20th October 1632, and there is a house pointed out as that in which the event took place. His father was the rector of this parish, having been instituted thereto in 1623. The Bishop of Winchester is lord of the manor. Alfred Seymour, esq., J.P., residing at Knoyle House, within the parish, is the largest proprietor of land. The soil is partly light loam and partly stiff loam; subsoil, chalky. The chief crops are wheat, barley, and oats and pasture land. The area is 5,558 acres; rateable value, £6,653 10s; and the population in 1871 was 1,005.

**Milton, Green and Upton** are outlying hamlets.

PARISH CLERK - George Burbidge

POST OFFICE - Samuel Burton, Receiver Letters arrive from Hindon, through Salisbury, at 8.30 am.; dispatched at 5.30 pm. & 3.30 pm. Sundays. The nearest money order office is at Hindon.

### SCHOOLS

National - John Tanswell, Master Miss Sarah Minns, Mistress

Independent - Miss Ellen Milton, Mistress

### CARRIER

To Shaftesbury - George Snook (from Fonthill Bishop) Every Saturday

### Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names        | Title      | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish   |
|---------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Cross   |                    | Mrs.       |                     |                |
| Gray    | James Brown        |            |                     | Prospect House |
| Miles   | Frederick Nicholas | Colonel    |                     | Slades         |
| Milford | Robert Newman      | Rev., M.A. | Rector              | Rectory        |
| Seymour | Alfred             | J.P.       |                     | Knoyle House   |

### Commercial

| Surname  | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation       | Place/Parish |
|----------|-------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Alford   | William     |       | Saddler & Harness Maker   |              |
| Bull     | Henry       |       | Publican                  | Seymour Arms |
| Burbidge | George      |       | Shoe Maker & Parish Clerk |              |
| Burton   | Isaac       |       | Beer Retailer             |              |
| Burton   | Samuel      |       | Shopkeeper & Post Office  |              |

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|----------|----------------|------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Corbin   | Joseph & John  |      | Farmers                               | Chapel Farm        |
| Cramond  | John           |      | Bailiff to Alfred Seymour, Esq., J.P. |                    |
| Dowding  | Thomas         |      | Farmer                                | Leigh Farm         |
| Drake    | Richard        |      |                                       | <i>Black Horse</i> |
| Fletcher | James          |      | Shopkeeper                            |                    |
| Genge    | Philip         |      | Farmer                                |                    |
| Gray     | James          |      | Farmer                                | Somerleaze         |
| Hall     | Edwin Thomas   |      | Farmer                                | Friar's Hayes      |
| Harrison | Henry          |      | Farmer                                |                    |
| Haslam   | William        |      | Draper & Grocer                       |                    |
| Helm     | Elizabeth      | Mrs  | Shopkeeper                            |                    |
| Hiscocks | Albert         |      | Farmer                                | The Moors          |
| King     | Henry          |      | Farmer                                | Upton              |
| Masters  | Samuel         |      | Dairyman                              | Newleaze           |
| Milton   | Ellen          | Miss | Independent Schoolmistress            |                    |
| Minns    | Sarah          | Miss | National Schoolmistress               |                    |
| Ovens    | George         |      | Farmer                                |                    |
| Perman   | Henry          |      | Blacksmith                            |                    |
| Perry    | John           |      | Baker & Farmer                        |                    |
| Ricketts | George         |      | Carpenter                             | Green              |
| Ricketts | Jane           | Mrs  | Farmer                                | Underhill          |
| Russell  | Charles        |      | Farmer                                | Somerleaze Farm    |
| Sanger   | George         |      | Farmer                                |                    |
| Sanger   | Joseph         |      | Shoe Maker                            |                    |
| Snook    | George         |      | Carrier                               |                    |
| Snook    | James          |      | Carpenter                             |                    |
| Snook    | Thomas         |      | Shoe Maker                            |                    |
| Snook    | William Edmund |      | Shopkeeper                            |                    |
| Stacey   | Thomas         |      | Farmer                                | Park Farm          |
| Sweatman | Nicholas       |      | Shopkeeper                            |                    |
| Tanswell | John           |      | National Schoolmaster                 |                    |
| Wallis   | Mark           |      | Farmer                                |                    |
| Yells    | William        |      | Farmer                                | Knogle Down Farm   |