

## Kelly's Directory 1875

WEST KNOYLE is a parish in the Southern division of the county, Mere hundred and union, Hindon petty Sessional division, Shaftesbury county court district, Chalke rural deanery, Salisbury archdeaconry and diocese, 3 miles east from Mere, 4 west from Hindon and 7 north from Shaftesbury.

The church is 66 feet long and 16 feet wide, consisting of a chancel and nave; the chancel 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 at the west end is turreted and ornamented with pinnacles and contains 5 bells.

The register dates from the year 1718, those of earlier date having been destroyed by fire.

The living is a rectory, yearly value £428, with 49 acres of glebe, in the gift of the Earl of Pembroke and held by the Rev. Edward Inman, M.A. of Oriel College Oxford.

Here is a National school. There is a charity of £16 a year left by Christopher Willoughby Esq., to four poor widows who do not receive parochial aid. At the north east of, and close to the church, was formerly the residence of the Willoughby family, pulled down about 1745; the terraces of which still remain.

Sir Henry Hoare, bart, of Stourhead, is lord of the manor and sole landowner.

The soil borders on chalky stratum and is principally of stiff loam clay. The land is partly pasture land and partly arable, growing wheat, oats and barley. The area is 1,913 acres, gross estimated rental £2,126; rateable value £1,908.9s.

The population in 1871 was 202

Parish Clerk - John Mead

School - Miss Celia Gardiner, Mistress

Letters through Bath, delivered at 9.30am

Wall letterbox cleared at 5.15pm, Sundays 11am

The nearest money order and telegraph office is Mere

### Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Inman, Rev. M.A.	Edward	Rectory
Andrews	William	Dairyman
Gough	Thomas	Farmer, West Farm
Gardiner, Miss	Celia	Schoolmistress
Godwin	Robert Charles Rumsey	Farmer, Manor Farm
Harris, Mrs	Elizabeth	Farmer
Hazard	Henry	Blacksmith
Mathews	Samuel	Baker & Grocer
Mead	John	Parish Clerk
Parsons, Miss	Laura	Cowkeeper
Scammell	Thomas	Farm Bailiff to RCR Godwin Esq

Jan Oliver

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