

## Kelly's Directory 1939

WEST KNOYLE is a parish 5½ miles north east from Gillingham station on the Salisbury and Yeovil section of the Southern railway, 3 east from Mere and 7 north from Shaftesbury, in the Westbury division of the county, hundred of Mere, rural district of Mere and Tisbury, petty Sessional division of Tisbury, county court district of Shaftesbury, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

Water is supplied by the Mere and Tisbury Rural District Council.

The church (dedication unknown, probably St. Mary the Virgin) is an edifice of stone, chiefly in the Early English style, and was rebuilt, except the tower, in 1878; it consists of chancel, nave, vestry and organ chamber, south porch and a perpendicular embattled western tower with pinnacles containing 5 bells; there are stained windows and tablets to the Willoughby family; the church has sittings for 110 persons.

The register dates from the year 1718, those of earlier date having been burnt.

The living is united with Mere, joint net yearly value £600 with 51 acres of glebe in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury and held since 1936 by the Rev. Norman Eric Ernest Johnson L.Div. of St. David's College, Lampeter, who resides at Mere.

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

The principal landowners are the farmers. The soil borders on the chalky stratum and is principally stiff loam clay. The land is partly pasture and partly arable, growing wheat, oats and barley. The area is 2016 acres; the population in 1931 was 117.

Post Office - letters through Mere, nearest M.O. & T. office

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Marked \* farm 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Johnson, Rev	Norman Eric	Rector (resides Mere)
Warner	B Ashton	The Old Rectory
Coombes, Bros		Farmers, East Hill Farm
Ford	Albert Morley	Farmer
*Harrington	Jas Oswald	Farmer, Oxleaze Farm
*Perret	Archibald Sydney	Farm Bailiff to Comdr Temple-West, Broad Mead Farm
Riddick, Mrs	Mabel Emily	Shopkeeper & Post Office, East Knoyle 37
Wadman	Wilfred Edwd Luke	Farmer, Bush Farm
Willoughby Hedge		Filling Station, East Knoyle 38
*Wilson	John Beakbane	Farmer, West Hill Farm, East Knoyle 70
*Wort	Howard Ewart	Farmer, Manor Farm, East Knoyle 80