

Kelly's Directory 1898

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

The church (dedication unknown) is an edifice of stone, chiefly in the Early English style and was rebuilt, except the tower, in 1878. It consists of a 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 1718, the early part having been burnt.

The living is a rectory, net yearly value £256 with residence and 43 acres of glebe, in the gift the Earl of Pembroke, and held since 1882 by the Rev. Samuel Wareing Mangin B.A., of Wadham College Oxford.

There is a charity of £16 a year, left by Christopher Willoughby, Esq., for four poor widows who do not receive parochial aid.

The ancient parish stocks are still standing at the entrance to the church.

North east of and close to the church, formerly stood the residence of the Willoughby family pulled down about 1745; the terraces of the garden still remain.

Sir H.H.A. Hoare, bart., of Stourhead House, Stourhead, is lord of the manor and sole landowner.

The soil borders on the 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 2,025 acres, rateable value £1,396. The population in 1891 was 158.

Parish Clerk - James Gray

Letters through Bath, delivered at 9.30am

Wall letter box cleared at 5.15pm, Sunday 11am

The nearest money order and telegraph office is Mere, 3 miles distant

National School (mixed) built in 1874; for 50 children, average attendance 27

Miss Rosa Mangin, Mistress

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Mangin, Rev	Samuel Wareing	Rectory
Andrews	William	Farmer, Bush Farm
Austin	George	Farmer, Oxleaze Farm
Broadway	John	Farmer, Broad Mead Farm
Flower	Thomas	Farmer, Manor Farm
Gray	James	Parish Clerk
Lander	Frederick William	Farmer, Dairy House Farm
Matthews, Mrs	Samuel	Baker & Grocer
Mangin	Rosa	Schoolmistress
Mead	Albert	Farmer
Riddick	Thomas	Cowkeeper
White	Frank	Farmer, West Hill

Jan Oliver

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