



## The Western Gazette

1880-1899

### 1880 **Married**

Feb. 10, at the Parish Church, East Knoyle, by the Rev R N Milford, Frederick (Fred), eldest son of Mr Thos Snooke, bootmaker, Holloway, East Knoyle, to Charlotte, only daughter of the late Mr John Day, of the same place.  
Western Gazette Friday 27 February 1880

### **East Knoyle - for Centaur Bicycles and Tricycles**

Clement Butt, Bicycle Depot, Bourton, Dorset. Wholesale agent for this district. Liberal terms to the trade. Tyres, treadles, saddles and all other parts supplied at wholesale prices. Bicycles let on hire. Several good cheap second-hand bicycles for sale. Repairs neatly executed.  
Western Gazette Friday 11 June 1880

### **Hindon Petty Sessions**

Albert Fletcher, 15, of East Knoyle, was charged with ill using a dog on the 17<sup>th</sup> ult. PC Cook stated that he saw the defendant with a sheep dog on the road leading from Hindon to Knoyle. Defendant kicked the animal in a most brutal way, swung it round with a cord attached to its neck and threw stones at it. The boy admitted the truth of the constable's statement, but said the dog had bitten some sheep. The Bench thought it a bad case and fined him 5s and costs or 10 days.

Western Gazette Friday 03 September 1880

### **Great Bargains**

E.W. Rogers, Semley, offers to the inhabitants of East Knoyle and the neighbourhood, a well selected stock of General Drapery which cannot be surpassed for cheapness and quality. An inspection is invited. Clubs supplied.  
The Western Gazette October 15 1880

### **Death**

Nov. 5, at East Knoyle, George Burbidge, in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Western Gazette Friday 12 November 1880

### **East Knoyle**

For Boots, Clothing, Watches, Clocks, Mangles, Wringers, Sewing Machines, Bedsteads &c (easy terms) go to Miles, Shaftesbury

Western Gazette Friday 26 November 1880

### 1882 **Shaftesbury County Court - A Curious Defence**

Edgar Charles Taylor v. William Flower. The plaintiff, who resides at Mere Mill, sought to recover £1 6s 6d from defendant, who is a labourer, residing at East Knoyle, the price of a sack of beans. Defendant did not deny that he had received the goods, but he contended that they were in a "dirty" condition, and only worth about £1. His Honour gave a verdict for the full amount claimed.

Western Gazette Friday 17 February 1882

### **Service of Song**

A service of song entitled 'John Ploughman' was given at the Congregational School-room on Friday evening by members of the East Knoyle Total Abstinence Society and other friends. The connective readings were given by the Rev D Davis. There was a good attendance and, judging from the frequent applause, the performance was appreciated. Mr T Harris presided at the harmonium.

Western Gazette Friday 24 November 1882

### 1883 **County Court - Goods Supplied**

Frederick Sloper v. Wyndham Flower. In this case, plaintiff, a baker, of Donhead St Mary, sought to recover of Wyndham Flower, of East Knoyle, £2 16s 10d for goods supplied. The defendant, who was represented by his wife, alleged that a portion of the money had been paid, but His Honour gave a verdict for plaintiff for the full sum.

Western Gazette Friday 16 February 1883

### **County Court - Rent**

Sophia Burton, Knoyle, v. Rebecca Hawkins, Kingston Lacy. This was an action brought to recover £7 19s for rent of a cottage at Knoyle. His Honour gave a verdict for the amount claimed. Plaintiff was represented by Mr Atkinson and Mr Robins appeared for the defendant.

Western Gazette Friday 18 May 1883

**Hindon Petty Sessions**

Emanuel Curtiss, for being drunk at East Knoyle, was fined 2s 6d and costs.

William Hayward, William Reed and James Hook, were respectively fined 5s and costs and William Allen 7s 6d and costs for being drunk on licensed premises at East Knoyle Green on 24<sup>th</sup> Sept; and Sophia Burton, landlady of the Fox and Hounds beer-house, for permitting the drunkenness, was fined £3 and costs.  
Western Gazette Friday 12 October 1883

**Blankets for the Poor**

A blanket club has been established in East Knoyle by the Rev D Davis. The poor may now be supplied with good blankets very cheaply, and on easy terms.  
Western Gazette Friday 30 November 1883

**1884****Fire**

On Wednesday evening, April 23, a fire broke out in a coach-house on premises occupied by Mr J Maidment. The flames spread rapidly and the building was entirely destroyed. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. The property belonged to Mr John Norton of Shaftesbury and is insured.  
Western Gazette Friday 02 May 1884

**Temperance Fete at the Rectory**

On Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, a most successful fete was held at East Knoyle in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society in that parish. At 6.30, a tea was held in the national school room for members of the Society. After the tea, the members who assembled went in procession, headed by the East Knoyle Temperance Band and the CETS banner of the East Knoyle branch, to the Rectory gardens, which the Rev R N Milford had kindly thrown open for the evening. The garden was open to all comers and during the evening, between 200 and 300 persons must have been present.

At about 7.30, an open air temperance meeting was held in front of the Rectory. The Rev T Hold gave an interesting address to the large and attentive audience. After the meeting, the band played some spirited dance music and dancing went on, on the lawn, varied for those who liked walking in the Rectory grounds, and visiting the greenhouses and silos. The Temperance Band deserves great praise for the kind and untiring way in which it played during the evening. Between half past nine and ten, after some cheering, the people dispersed, after a most pleasant and successful evening. Sixteen persons joined the CETS during the evening, 13 as total abstainers and 3 in the moderate section.

Western Gazette Friday 27 June 1884

**Hindon Petty Sessions.** John Flower, Sidney Fletcher, Fredk Read and John Scammell, youths, of East Knoyle were summoned for doing wilful damage to a chestnut tree, to the amount of 1s, the property of the Hon Percy Wyndham, on the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. PC Grant proved the case and Mr Russell assessed the damage. Flower, the elder boy, admitted breaking the branches, and was ordered to pay 1s and costs; the other three were cautioned and ordered to pay costs.

Western Gazette Friday 31 October 1884

**1885****Estate Dinner at The Seymour Arms**

The Estate Dinner, which for many years has been given by the two principal landed proprietors (Hon Percy Wyndham and Mr A Seymour) took place on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Seymour Arms. The spread reflected credit on the worthy host and hostess, Mr and Mrs King.

On the removal of the cloth, Mr Crammond (chairman) gave "The Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family". This was drunk right loyally and with musical honours. Songs were then given by Messrs Isaac Smith, Halladey, Warren, Maffey, Russell, Crammond, Perry and Tanswell. The toast of "The Donors of the Feast" was given by Mr Perry, and was heartily drunk. Messrs Crammond (for Mr A Seymour) and Russell (on behalf of the Hon Percy Wyndham) returned thanks. Songs followed by Messrs Sters (?), Hoswell, Ricketts, Russell and Halladey (comic). The toast of "The Host and Hostess" was given from the chair. During the interval, Messrs Champaniac and Perry gave songs.

The last toast, namely that of "The health of the Chairman and Vice Chairman (Messrs Crammond and Russell) was submitted by Mr Halladey, one of the visitors. Both having returned thanks, Mr Halladey was asked to give another song, after which the National Anthem and Auld Lang Syne brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Western Gazette Friday 09 January 1885

**Fatal Accident**

On Wednesday afternoon, there was a numerous gathering at the beautiful rural spot, the Green, East Knoyle, on the melancholy occasion of the funeral of John Burton, who, on the previous Saturday, full of health and life, drove down with his fellow team of cricketers to Mere, and on returning, through an accident, was thrown out of the conveyance, and died a few hours afterwards from the injuries. The Foresters were assembled in strong force, the deceased being a member of that body.

Prior to the procession being formed, the kind lady of Knoyle House, Mrs Seymour, accompanied by her daughter, entered the bereaved home with two beautiful wreaths of flowers, and with words of comfort and true womanly sympathy for the suffering widow and children. Before leaving the house, the usual impressive address was read over the remains by his brother Foresters, who showed their sympathy by carrying the remains by turns to their last resting place, where another most stirring address was delivered over the open grave by a brother Forester, whose words were uttered with great earnestness. Deceased was esteemed by all.

Western Gazette Friday 28 August 1885

#### **Hindon Petty Sessions**

John Flower, of East Knoyle, was summoned by Supt Bull, for playing pitch and toss on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. PC Grant proved the case. Fined 1s and costs, or 7 days.  
Western Gazette Friday 18 December 1885

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**Temperance Fete.** The adult members of the CETS branch of this parish spent a most enjoyable day on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> inst., at Sheer Water, on the Longleat estate. They were conveyed there in five waggons, kindly lent for the occasion, and the Rector, Rev R N Milford, and family and the Rev J R Stack, did their utmost to make everyone enjoy themselves. The boats and boat-house, by request, were placed at the disposal of the visitors. An expedition to Heaven's Gate was planned, but a downfall of rain prevented its execution. The party reached home about nine in the evening having spent a very pleasant day.  
Western Gazette Friday 29 July 1887

#### **Outing**

On Wednesday, July 20, a most enjoyable outing from Knoyle to Sherborne took place, arranged and carried out most successfully by Mr Ball of Knoyle House. A large party of 49, chiefly of Knoyle, started from Knoyle House in five brakes and waggonettes provided by Mr D King, of the Phoenix Hotel, Gillingham. The horses were rested at Gillingham and Henstridge, and on reaching Sherborne were put up at the Digby Hotel.

The party picnicked on the slopes overlooking the town, and afterwards paid visits to the Abbey, Old Sherborne Castle, and the Park. They were joined at Sherborne by another party of Mr Seymour's tenants from Trent, and on the return journey, paid a visit to that historical and picturesque village, and were most hospitably entertained by Mr Brooks, Mr Seymour's agent, and Mr Stacey, formerly of Park Farm, Knoyle. Leaving Trent, the party arrived at the Phoenix Hotel, Gillingham, where they supped and then came back to Knoyle, greatly pleased with their day's outing.  
Western Gazette Friday 29 July 1887

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#### **Sad Case of Attempted Suicide**

On Monday evening, Arthur Garrett, labourer, of this place, took up a gun and expressed his intention of shooting his wife, who immediately ran away and left him. On returning, about five or six hours later, she found that he had shot himself, blowing away the lower half of his face, but as he was still living, a messenger was immediately despatched to Mr Woods, surgeon, of Gillingham, who was quickly in attendance. The man was found to be most dreadfully injured about the face and was sent to Salisbury Infirmary by the 9.49 train from Semley.  
Western Gazette Friday 17 February 1888

#### **An Acceptable Gift**

Mrs Seymour has lately presented a piano to the school for use at the entertainments and meetings held there during the winter season.  
Western Gazette Friday 11 May 1888

#### **Taken**

Knoyle House has been taken for twelve months by the Right Hon. Baron Stalbridge.  
Western Gazette Friday 18 May 1888

#### **Women's Union and Girls' Friendly Society**

A successful and well attended meeting of the above Society was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> in the National School-room, under the presidency of Miss Milford. The meeting was addressed by Miss Bowlby, deputation, who explained the objects of the Society and gave many instances of the mutual benefit afforded through its means. The special objects of the Society are to encourage purity of life, dutifulness to parents, faithfulness to employers, and thrift. Mrs Oldfield, of Sedghill, Mrs Sheldon and Mrs Lewis, Fonthill, were also present. Miss M Milford presided at the piano.  
Western Gazette Friday 18 May 1888

#### **The Rector**

Rev R N Milford has returned from Bath, where he has been for the purpose of treatment with the waters, with his health greatly improved.  
Western Gazette Friday 01 June 1888

#### **Dance**

On Friday evening there was a free dance at the School-room, through the kind permission of the Rector, who, with his family and Mr and Mrs Blythe, and about a hundred of the villagers, were present. Dancing was kept up till 10.30. Mr Foley of Salisbury presided at the piano.  
Western Gazette Friday 01 June 1888

#### **Lord Stalbridge**

On Friday, Lord and Lady Stalbridge and family took up their residence at Knoyle House, which has been let to his lordship for about a year by the trustees of Mrs and Miss Seymour, who are gone on the Continent.  
Western Gazette Friday 29 June 1888

#### **Annual Treat**

On Saturday, the Hon Percy and Mrs Wyndham gave their annual tea to the children of the day and Sunday schools. The tenants and their families and the tradesmen who work on the estate were also invited and over 100 accepted the invitation. The children, numbering 190, assembled at the School-room at 1.30, where a procession was formed, and then all marched to Clouds, accompanied by Mr Tanswell and Miss Minns (the master and mistress), and Mr A E Suffrin.

On arriving at the mansion, they were received by Mrs and Miss Wyndham, who presented each child with a bun and a pear, and then all dispersed for play till tea time at four. Amusements of all kinds and an immense number of capital toys had been provided. Mrs and Miss Wyndham, assisted by Rev R N and Mrs Milford, the Misses Milford, Rev L Milford, and others, gave out to the children the articles each selected and soon all were enjoying themselves.

At three, the East Knoyle Brass Band, conducted by Mr Snook, stationed themselves on the lawn in front of the mansion and played a selection of music in their very best style. Soon after four, the children proceeded to the east garden, where an excellent tea was laid on three long tables. After tea, all again dispersed to their games. At 5.30, the visitors, tenants, tradespeople, and the Day and Sunday School teachers sat down to a sumptuous tea in the dining room, Mrs Wyndham, Miss Wyndham, Mrs Milford, the Misses Milford and others presiding.

Both before and after tea, the guests were permitted to roam about the fine apartments of the mansion, admiring the contents and the charming views obtained from the windows. Soon after the children were re-assembled at the west front of the house where each was presented with another bun and a bag of sweets. Hearty cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Wyndham, Miss Wyndham, Mr and Mrs Adeane, Rev R N and Mrs Milford, the Misses Milford, Mr Suffrin, the school teachers Mr Tanswell and Miss Minns.

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#### **Reading Room**

The Reading Room was opened in the National School on Monday for young men over 16.

Western Gazette Friday 26 October 1888

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#### **Railway Servant's Funeral**

The funeral of Mr John Stevens, a native of East Knoyle, who died in London on 5th inst., took place here (East Knoyle) on Sunday. Deceased, who was 'receiver' at Nine Elms, had been in the service of London & South Western Railway Company thirteen years. The funeral was conducted by the Rev R N Milford and the Rev Mr Williams. Six of the uniform staff at Semley Station carried the remains to the churchyard, where a large number of the inhabitants had assembled to express sympathy with deceased's relatives in their bereavement.

Western Gazette February 14 1890

#### **Hindon Petty Sessions - The East Knoyle Rate Defaulter**

Maria Ford, of East Knoyle, was summoned by the overseers of East Knoyle for non-payment of poor rates. Mr William Alford, overseer, said the rates amounted to 6s 0½d. He had frequently demanded payment but defendant had told him to go about his business, as he had no right to ask her for the money. Defendant, who has previously been before the Court for similar default, now failed to appear. The Bench ordered a distress warrant to issue.

Western Gazette Friday 25 April 1890

#### **Cricket**

East Knoyle C.C. v. Employees at Clouds House, played on Saturday, and resulted in a decisive victory for the Knoyle Club by nine wickets and fourteen runs. Mr Nisbeck, J Roberts and H Thake were top scorers for Knoyle and H Wareham rendered good service for his team. The scores were Knoyle 56 and 57 (for the loss of one wicket) and Clouds 28 and 71.

Western Gazette Friday 05 September 1890

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#### **Royal Visitor Departs**

Princess Christian and her two daughters, who have been on a visit to the Hon Percy Wyndham at Clouds, left Semley on Monday, the ten o'clock express from Exeter being stopped for their convenience.

Western Gazette Friday 17 April 1891

#### **Royal Presentation**

Miss Seymour, only daughter of the late Mr Alfred Seymour, of Knoyle House, was presented to the Queen by her mother, Mrs Seymour, on Wednesday, May 13.

Western Gazette Friday 15 May 1891

#### **Hindon Petty Sessions**

Frederick Brockway, labourer, of East Knoyle, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly on June 18<sup>th</sup>. PC Wootton gave evidence in support; defendant was fined 5s and costs. Albert Fletcher, labourer, also of East Knoyle, was similarly charged. Defendant was brought into Court in a helpless state of intoxication, and was remanded in custody until sober, when he was liberated, to be summoned to the next Petty Sessions, when he will have two charges to answer instead of one.

Western Gazette Friday 17 July 1891

#### **Tisbury Petty Sessions**

Albert Fletcher, labourer, of East Knoyle, who appeared at the last Court in a state of intoxication, was charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct at Tisbury on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Defendant, who said he did not wish to make a lot of noise about the affair, pleaded not guilty. PC Newman found defendant lying across the footpath at Tisbury, insensibly drunk. Witness, assisted by PS Randell, removed him to the police station, where he damaged the cell in which he was imprisoned. Supt Bull stated that there were thirteen previous convictions for drunkenness against defendant, the last being in July 1887.

Colonel Best, addressing defendant, said as he had been out of trouble for the last four years, the Bench would let him off extremely cheap for his present offence, viz a fine of 10s and 7s costs. But for his good conduct during the past four years, the Bench, considering his appearance at the last Court in a beastly state of drunkenness, would have committed him to prison without the option of a fine.

Western Gazette Friday 07 August 1891

**1892 Farmhouse to Let**

Milton Farmhouse, in the parish of East Knoyle, containing drawing-room, dining-room, front and back kitchen, store-room, and pantry, six good bedrooms, w.c. on bedroom floor; small lawn and productive kitchen garden. Apply Mr J Browning, Estate Office, East Knoyle, Salisbury  
Western Gazette Friday 15 April 1892

**1893 Sale by Auction - Milton, East Knoyle**

Mr Joseph Harding has been favoured with instructions from Mr Stephen Bracher, who is leaving the neighbourhood, to sell by auction, on Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1893, at twelve o'clock, capital black cart horse, dun cob, village cart, about 15 head of poultry, the whole of the farm implements, plated and other harness, 3 Hds of good cider, also the household furniture. Full particulars of which will appear in Sale Bills. On view morning of sale. Baycliffe, Maiden Bradley, Bath.  
Western Gazette Friday 10 March 1893

**Sale of Work**

In aid of the church tower repair fund will be held in the Rectory gardens on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 1893, from two o'clock till 9pm. Entrance: from two to five o'clock, 6d each. After five o'clock, 3d. Children half price. Stalls for fancy and useful articles, china, dolls, baskets, etc. Tea at 6d a head from four to six.

General Pitt-Rivers' private band, by permission (conductor A Lawes) will be in attendance from 2 till 9pm. A small loan collection of curiosities and rare objects will be on view. Entrance 2d. Everything will be marked reasonably and no reductions made. If the weather is wet, the sale will be held in the school.  
Western Gazette Friday 21 July 1893

**Sheep Dog Lost**

At Wilton Fair last, light brown, long haired, collar on, name "Ben". All expenses paid, F Tanswell, Upton, East Knoyle, Salisbury. Anyone detaining same will be prosecuted.  
Western Gazette Friday 22 September 1893

**1895 Parish Council**

At the last meeting of this Council it was decided to undertake the work of repairing the well at Upton. A committee was appointed to ascertain what power the Council had over common lands. Mr L Matthews was ordered to be written to remove the barbed wire in his field which caused an obstruction to the public footpath. Notices were given of motions respecting the dangerous condition of the bridge in connection with the path leading from East to West Knoyle and the obstruction of the public path leading from Holloway to Sedgell.  
Western Gazette Friday 22 February 1895

**Parish Council (extracts)**

A petition signed by 97 inhabitants of the hamlet of Green and Upton for a letter-box for the accommodation of this district was then presented by Mr C Jukes. The Chairman considered it a matter for the General Post-office Department, and with the approval of the Council resolved to forward the petition to the Postmaster-General. With regard to "common rights", the Chairman said the Committee would lay a report before the Council at their next meeting. They had ascertained that it was illegal to turn any animals in the Common, with the exception of sheep.  
Western Gazette Friday 26 April 1895

**Primrose League Meeting**

A meeting of the Knoyle Vale Habitation of the Primrose League was held in the National School-room on Monday evening, amongst those present being Messrs Budden, Burbidge, Jay, King and Tanswell of Knoyle; Messrs R Baker, T Baker, Johnson, W Pike, B Pike and Herrington of Semley; and Mr Merchant of Sedgell.

Mr William Pike was in the chair and said they had met together to consider the question whether the Habitation should continue its existence on its present basis or be merged in some neighbouring League. Captain Chaloner having left Sedgell for Melksham and the Rev G Williams for Chilmark, they were at present without leaders, but he hoped the meeting would agree to keep together and continue the useful work of the League. At the suggestion of the meeting, Mr Pike promised to write to Captain Chaloner asking whether we would still retain the post of Ruling Councillor. Mr Tanswell was unanimously voted to the office of secretary and the treasureship was undertaken by Mr Pike. Former wardens retain their posts - Mr Budden for Knoyle, Mr Pike for Semley and Mr Merchant for Sedgell.  
Western Gazette July 05 1895

**Presentation**

A presentation was recently made to Miss Pamela Wyndham which had been subscribed for by the tenants and labourers on the estates of the Hon. Percy Wyndham, in connection with the approaching marriage of his daughter. Mr and Mrs Wyndham had invited the whole of the inhabitants of the village to be present on the occasion, and tables were laid in the east garden capable of accommodating 600 guests at tea. Music was supplied by the C.E.T.S. band, and various amusements were provided.

Mr and Mrs Wyndham took the opportunity of introducing the bridegroom-elect, Mr Tennant, to their guests. In the evening the band played for dancing. Soon after seven o'clock, Mr and Mrs Wyndham, Miss Wyndham, Mr Tennant, Miss Carleton, Lady Edith Douglas, Fraulein Schneider, the Rev S W Mangin, Miss Mangin, the Misses Milford, Mr and Mrs Browning, Dr and Mrs Blythe, and a number of others assembled at the south front of the house for the presentation. This was undertaken by Mr Browning, the agent and manager for Mr Wyndham's estate.

The present from the labourers, 72 in number, consisted of four very handsome salt-cellars with spoons to match, bearing the inscription "Presented to Miss Pamela Wyndham on her marriage, 11th July 1895, by the workmen on the Clouds Estate". The present from the 28 tenants consisted of two handsome silver fluted bowls, with two silvers spoons to match. These were also suitably inscribed.

Mr Tanswell said that in the absence of Mr Milford, their Rector, he had the pleasant duty to perform of giving Miss Wyndham a present from those in Knoyle who were not tenants of Mr Wyndham. Mr Milford had most readily headed a subscription list and he (Mr Tanswell) assisted by Mr Budden, had collected from 48 persons, chiefly householders, a sum sufficient to purchase a pair of handsome silver inscribed candlesticks, which he presented to Miss Wyndham on behalf of the donors, wishing her and Mr Tennant all happiness and prosperity in their future. The candlesticks bore the inscription "Presented to Miss Wyndham on the occasion of her marriage, July 1895". The gifts were acknowledged by Miss Wyndham and Mr Tennant followed with a few remarks.

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#### **Parish Council (extracts)**

Mr Milford, having stated that the sum of £184 belonging to Knoyle from the sale of the old Union Workhouse might be utilised towards the expenses of supplying the village with water, asked Mr Dowding to bring the matter before the District Council at their next meeting.

Mr Jukes stated that several of the inhabitants had asked him as to the right of taking turf from the Windmill-hill, and as it was the opinion of the Council that the common rights were frequently infringed, it was resolved to bring the subject of common rights before the next meeting. Mr Burton also gave notice to call the attention of the Council at its next meeting to the footpath from church gates to Mr Baker's cottage.

Western Gazette Friday 24 January 1896

#### **Parish Council Election**

The polling in this parish for the election of Parish Councillors took place on Saturday. Of the 181 parochial electors, 140 went to the poll; and of the 22 candidates put forward for the eleven seats, the following were successful. Mr H Burton, postmaster, 78; Rev R N Milford, rector, 70; Mr C Jukes, thatcher, &c., 70; Mr Crammond, gardener, 69; Mr Dowding, farmer, 79; Mr F Fletcher, roadman, 69; Mr Mallett, estate carpenter, 67; Mr F Baker, dealer, 66; Mr Tanswell, schoolmaster, 66; Rev E H Cadoux, 63; Mr Jacobs, farmer, 62.

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#### **Memorial Tablet**

A tablet has been placed in the Parish Church, on the south wall of the chancel, to the memory of Walter Seymour Milford, by his father, the Rev R N Milford, rector. The tablet is of alabaster with a floriated border inside, and the arms of Haileybury, Magdalen (Oxford), and Kelly Colleges, and the Milford crest in the four corners. The white ground in the middle bears the inscription "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter Seymour Milford, fourth son of Rev R N and Mrs Milford. Born April 5<sup>th</sup> 1869; died February 15<sup>th</sup> 1896; aged 26. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God".

The monument is placed exactly behind the spot where the late Walter Seymour Milford used to sit in the choir. The work was executed by Mr Powell, of Whitefriars, London, who some time ago erected the window in memory of the late Mr Alfred Seymour.

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#### **Ecclesiastical**

An honorary canonry of Salisbury has been conferred by the Bishop of the Diocese on the Rev R N Milford, rector of Bishop's Knoyle

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#### **Royal Visitor**

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, is on a visit to the Hon Percy Wyndham and Mrs Wyndham at Clouds. She was present at church on Sunday morning.

Western Gazette Friday 02 October 1896

#### **Hindon Petty Sessions**

Edward Jukes, a labourer, of East Knoyle, was summoned for night poaching with a gun on land in the occupation of the Hon Percy Wyndham at East Knoyle on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Defendant pleaded guilty. William White, gamekeeper to Mr Wyndham, proved that he was going round his beat about 5.30 on the evening of the date named, when he heard a shot fired in the direction of Sutton Bottom Plantation. He had his suspicions aroused and he went through the village to where Jukes resided. He afterwards went into a field close by, and found the defendant lying in a hedge. He searched him and found in his possession the cock pheasant produced. He also discovered the gun (produced) lying in the field.

Defendant produced papers showing he was an ex-Army man, with good character, and there being no previous conviction against him, the Bench decided to deal with him leniently and only fined him 10s, together with 7s costs, which he paid.

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**1897 Married**

On Thursday in last week, at the Congregational Chapel, the marriage was solemnised of Mr John Edmund Scammell, eldest son of the late Mr A Scammell, Ludwell, and Catherine Mary Drew, eldest daughter of Mr J Drew, Lugmarsh Farm. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in blue and fawn shot brocade, trimmed with silk and chiffon, with wreath and veil, and was attended by her sisters Lena and Lottie as bridesmaids. All three carried handsome bouquets, the gift of a friend. Mr Albert Scammell, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

The ceremony, which was fully choral, and witnessed by a large circle of friends, was performed by the Rev J T Collier, assisted by the Rev E H Cadoux. Mr W Hallett presided at the organ and played the Wedding March as the bridal party left the building. The members and friends of the Primitive Methodist Chapel presented the bride with a handsome timepiece, also a pair of vases.

Western Gazette Friday 19 February 1897

**Hindon Petty Sessions - Game Trespass**

Wm Tanswell, road contractor, of East Knoyle, was summoned by Henry Shepherd, gamekeeper, for trespassing in search of conies on land in the occupation of the Hon Percy Wyndham at East Knoyle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Mr Marsh (Yeovil) appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Hon Percy Wyndham and stated that the defendant had, in the course of his duties as a road contractor under the Mere District Council, to cross a road belonging to Mr Wyndham.

On the date named, he was seen by the keeper Shepherd, who had concealed himself in consequence of information received for the purpose of watching, to dig up some rabbit burrows on land belonging to Mr Wyndham and to secure four rabbits which he placed under his coat. Shepherd, having given evidence, Tanswell, in the course of his defence, said he dug up the burrows with a view to protect the road and he thought this part of his duty. He denied that he took any rabbits and that he committed a trespass. The Bench, having decided to convict, Mr Marsh said the defendant ought, as a public servant, to have known better, and he asked the magistrates to mark their sense of his conduct by inflicting a substantial penalty. A fine of £1 and 8s costs was imposed.

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**1898 Successful Shoeing-Smith**

Mr William Street, son of Mr Alfred Street, of East Knoyle, won the first prize and certificate in the class for the cart horse shoeing competition held at the Royal Counties Show at Portsmouth on Thursday.

Western Gazette Friday 17 June 1898

**1899 Skittle Matches**

At the beginning of the present winter, Mrs and Miss Seymour had a skittle alley constructed in the barn near Knoyle House and kindly invited the tenants and employees on the estate to play during the long evenings. Needless to say, the alley has proved a great attraction. On Friday it was arranged to play a series of matches and the first began at 10.30am between four of Knoyle and four young gentlemen from Winchester College. Knoyle was represented by Miss Seymour, Colonel Gordon, the Rev W Taylor and Mr Page; and Winchester by Mr Adeane, Mr Barry, Mr Smith and Mr Pole Carew (an old Winchesterian). The prize was four pots of marmalade. After a very exciting game Knoyle won by two points.

At 1.30 a match was played between 16 ladies and gentlemen, the prizes being small pocket knives for the ladies and silver match-boxes for the gentlemen. The following were the prize winners: Miss Milford, Miss Seymour, The Rev G Williams and Mr Barry. At 3.30 the tenants and employees began their match. There were 36 players, divided into six teams, playing the best two out of three games.

The winning teams were captained by Mr Salter, 1<sup>st</sup> prize, 15s; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr Hay, 10s; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr Ridout, 5s. These were given by Mrs Seymour. All the employees were given a half holiday and a very enjoyable time was spent. Refreshments were served during the competition. The prizes were distributed by Mrs Seymour at the close, and three cheers were heartily given for Mr and Miss Seymour for their kindness and also for the visitors. The barn was tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens.

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**Married**

The marriage took place on Wednesday at the church between Miss Emily Maud Jay, second daughter of Mr Stephen Jay, of Friars Hayes Farm and Mr Harris, son of Mr Gilbert Harris, builder of Salisbury. The Rev W A Taylor, curate, officiated. The bride was attired in a dress of white alpaca, trimmed with chiffon and she carried a beautiful bouquet. She was given away by her father, the brother of the bridegroom acting as best man. The bride was attended as bridesmaids by Miss Margaret and Miss Ada Jay, her two sisters, being dressed in pink muslin with white drawn silk hats and Mrs Flo Osmond and Miss Dorothy Roberts, nieces of the bridegroom, prettily dressed in cream, and wearing white felt hats, trimmed with long ostrich feathers. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends of the bride and bridegroom. The happy couple left Semley by the 3.30pm train for Bournemouth where the honeymoon will be spent.

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