

## Kelly's Directory 1931

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 and rural district of Mere, petty sessional division of Tisbury, county court district of Shaftesbury, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

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 £737, with 51 acres of glebe, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1930 by the Rev Ian Grant Cameron M.A. of Selwyn College, Cambridge, surrogate, 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 Arthur Rabbitts White esq. OBE DL JP, and R.E. N. Coles esq.

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 2,016 acres. The population in 1921 was 123.

Parish Clerk - Sidney Gray

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

Rating Officer - Louis Henry Paul Delorme, The Deanery, Mere

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Marked \* Farm 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Caddy	Henry John	Farmer, Bush Farm
Coles	Rd Edmund Newbury	Farmer, Manor Farm*
Coombes	Francis George	Farmer, East Hill Farm
Dammers	Edward Max	Farmer, West Hill TN Mere 3
Harrington	James Oswald	Farmer, Oxleaze Farm
Sprake	Thomas	Farmer, Broad Mean Farm
Yeoman	Rd Harding	Farmer, The Cottage