Kelly's Directory 1867

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, 19 miles west from Salisbury, 3 east from Mere, 4 west from Hindon and 6 north from Shaftesbury.

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

The register dates from 1718, the early part having been destroyed by fire.

The living is a vicarage, yearly value £152, in the gift of the Rev. Joseph Samuel Stockwell, as prebendary of Newnton, and ultimately of the Earl of Pembroke, and held by the Rev. James Walter Cardew, M.A. of St. John's College, Cambridge.

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

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 and the population in 1861 was 187.

Parish Clerk - John Mead School - Miss Emily Godwin, Mistress

Here is a pillar box. Letters through Bath, delivered at 9.30am, dispatched 5.25pm The nearest money order office is Mere

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Cardew, Rev	James Walter	Rector
Rumsey	John	The Cottage
Gough	Thomas	Farmer, West Farm
Godwin	Robert Charles Rumsey	Farmer, Manor Farm
Godwin, Miss	Emily	Schoolmistress
Harris	George	Farmer
Hazard	Henry	Smith
Mathews	Samuel	Baker & Grocer
Mead	John	Parish Clerk
Selwood	William Henry	Farmer, Park Farm

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