



Kelly's Directory Extract 1898



Knook

Knook, is a parish and village on the banks of the river Wylie, and on the road from Warminster to Salisbury, 1 mile east from Heytesbury station on the Salisbury branch of the Great Western Railway and 5 miles south-east from Warminster, in the Western division of the county, Warminster union, petty sessional division and county court district, hundred of Heytesbury, rural deanery of Wylie (Heytesbury portion), Sarum archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St. Margaret is a small but ancient building of stone, in mixed styles, consisting of Norman chancel, nave, north porch and a belfry with one bell; the church was thoroughly restored in 1882, and affords 100 sittings. The register dates from the year 1687. The living is a vicarage, annexed to that of Heytesbury, joint yearly value £408, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury and held since 1883 by the Rev. William John Swayne, M.A., of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, who resides at Heytesbury.

Knook Castle is an earthwork on the brow of an eminence, about 3 miles north-east of Heytesbury; near it is Old Ditch, which, commencing at Westbury Leigh, stretches, with few interruptions, across Salisbury Plain to Durnford, on the river Avon. The site of two villages, connected by means of Old Ditch, is pointed out on Knook Down; the spot is marked by great cavities and irregularities of ground.

Lord Heytesbury is lord of the manor and the sole landowner.

The soil is various, some is light, other clay; subsoil, chalk and stone. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley.

The area is 1,520 acres; rateable value £673; the population in 1891 was 106.

Anstrow Hill, 2 miles north-east, was a Roman establishment.

Parish Clerk – James Trowbridge

Letters which should be addressed Upton Lovell S. O. Wilts, arrive at 8.30 a.m. & 6.15 p.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is Heytesbury, about 1 mile distant.

Wall Letter Box cleared at 6.15 p.m.; Sundays 8.50 a.m.

The children of this place attend the school at Heytesbury

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Nepean	Chas. Yorke			Knook House, Knook
Nepean	Evan Yorke	Rev. Sir Bart. M.A.		Knook House, Knook
Gifford	James Brown		Farmer	Knook