

Crime and Punishment

Knook



Committed to House of Corrections, Devizes

The Devizes County House of Corrections was opened in 1817 & was located on the west side of Devizes, nearby what is still called Prison Bridge over the Kennet and Avon Canal. In the 1830's, it averaged some 700 prisoners. The Prison officially closed in 1921 & was demolished in 1927. The land is now covered by a housing estate.

The following crimes were connected with Knook :

| Surname | Given Names | Crime | Newspaper report |
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| Hurdle | John | Of Heytesbury, for misdemeanors in the service of Mr Isaac Flower, of Knook. <i>Outcome: 2 months imprisonment</i> | <i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> <i>Thurs 18 Aug., 1825</i> |
| Farr | William | Of Heytesbury, for misdemeanors in the service of Mr Isaac Flower, of Knook. <i>Outcome: 6 weeks imprisonment</i> | <i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> <i>Thurs 18 Aug., 1825</i> |
| Topp | James | Of Knook, for breaches of the game laws. <i>Outcome: 3 months imprisonment</i> | <i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> <i>Thurs 13 Nov., 1834</i> |