



Kelly's Directory Extract 1867



Knook

Knook, is a township, parish and village, on the banks of the Wiley, in the Southern division of the county, Warminster union and county court district, hundred of Heytesbury, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Wylde, distant one mile south-east from Heytesbury, 5 miles south-east from Warminster, and 119 from London.

The church of St. Margaret is a small ancient structure, in Mixed style; it has a nave, and chancel; will seat about 200 persons; it has a north porch, having a small tower rising out of it, with 1 bell. The register dates from 1687. The living is a perpetual curacy, annexed to that of Heytesbury, annual value £350 together, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury and held by the Rev. John Knight, M.A., of Queens' College, Cambridge.

Knook Castle is an earthwork on the brow of an eminence, about 2 miles northward 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, which were 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 1,440 acres and the population in 1861 was 208.

ANSTROW HILL, 2 miles north-east, was a Roman establishment.

Parish Clerk – Joseph Williams

Letters arrive by foot messenger from Heytesbury at 8 a.m; dispatched at 6.25 p.m. The nearest money order office is Heytesbury.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barnes	John B.		Shoemaker	Knook
Flower	Thomas		Farmer	Knook
Everly	Elizabeth	Mrs	Shopkeeper & Beer retailer	Knook
Searchfield	William		Carpenter	Knook
Wills	Richard Sydenham		Farmer	Knook