



Kelly's Directory Extract 1889



Knook

Knook, is a parish and village on the banks of the river Wylie, 1 mile south-east from Heytesbury station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth 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 ancient structure, in mixed styles; it has a Norman chancel, nave, north porch and a western belfry with one bell; there are 100 sittings. The register dates from the year 1687. The living is a vicarage, annexed to that of Heytesbury, joint yearly value from the tithe rent-charge £106, gross £312, 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 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 1,423 acres; rateable value £684; the population in 1881 was 163.

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

Parish Clerk – James Trowbridge

Letters arrive from Bath, via Upton Lovell, at 8.30 a.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is Heytesbury.

WALL BOX cleared at 6.15 p.m.; Sunday 8.50 a.m.

The children of this place attend the school at Heytesbury

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Gifford	Jas. Brown & Samuel		Farmers	Knook
Redman	Thos. Neat		Farmer	Manor Farm, Knook