



Kelly's Directory Extract 1927

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), 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 net yearly value £350, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury and held since 1926 by the Rev. John Bell Jackson, 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.

The manor and land are the property of the Hon. William L. F. Holmes a'Court.

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

The area is 1,520 acres; rateable value £831; the population in 1921 was 103.

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

Letters which should be addressed Upton Lovell, Wilts. The nearest money order & telegraph office is Heytesbury, about 1 mile distant.

The children of this place attend the Elementary schools at Heytesbury & Upton Lovell.

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Crichton-Maitland		Misses		Makgill, Knook

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Austin	Albt. Hy.		Farmer	West Farm, Knook
Miles	Herbt. H.		Insurance Agent	Knook
Targett	Wm. Howard		Farmer	East Farm, Knook
Whatley	Edgar E.		Newsagent	Knook