



# Kelly's Directory Extract 1939

## Knook



Knook, is a parish and village on the banks of the river Wylve, 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 Westbury division of the county, rural district of Warminster and Westbury, petty sessional division and county court district of Warminster, hundred of Heytesbury, rural deanery of Wylve (Heytesbury portion), archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury. Electricity is available.

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 £365, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury and held since 1929 by the Rev. Jasper George Litchfield Anderson B.A., of University of Liverpool and Ridley Hall, Cambridge, hon. C.F., 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.

In 1933 the Heytesbury estate installed a pumping station at Knook to supply the villages of Heytesbury, Knook and Norton Bavant with water in place of the Bowsbury Knoll and West Hill pumping stations, which were acquired by the War Office.

The manor and land are the property of the Rt. Hon. Lord Heytesbury, the trustee of the Heytesbury Estate and the War Office.

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

The area is 1,520 acres; the population in 1931 was 95.

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

Letters through Upton Lovell, Warminster. The nearest M. O. & T. office is Upton Lovell.

### Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Crichton-Maitland		Misses		Makgill, Knook Manor House, Knook
Roths		Earl of Garstons		39 Elm Park Gardens SW10; & Travellers' Club, London

### Commercial Marked thus \* farm 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
* Bourne	Harry Ernest		Farmer	West Farm, Knook
* Pottow	Stanley Rt.		Farmer	East Farm, Codford 285