

Terms and Occupations

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Kaite	Dresser of wool
Kedger	Fisherman more often used in Yorkshire
Keeler	One who works in the management of barges or other vessels
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Keeper	One who attended the sick and dying in place of relatives
Kember	Comber of wool or flax, usually a woman
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Kennel-raker	Bone-grubber or rag-gatherer
Kepegest	Inn keeper
Kern	Irish foot soldier
Keu	Cook
Kidder	Badger; One who engrossed corn etc. to enhance the price; Buyer of butter, cheese & other victuals; Huckstler
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Kilner	Limeburner
King's Cooper	One in customs house & excise office who looks after the casks
Kirkmaster	Churchwarden
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Kisser	Maker of leather armour
Kiver	A cooler normally used in brewing
Knack	Collar and harness maker usually employed by farmers
Knacker	Ropemaker; maker of toys; buyer of old horses
Knapper	One who shaped flints
Kneller	Chimney Sweep
Knitbeggar	Itinerant priest who performed marriages pre 1754, often admitted to Holy Orders without having attended theological college (very common in Ireland); Hedge-priest; Couple beggar
Knock-knobbler	One who perambulates the Church during divine service to keep order and to keep dogs out of church
Knockknobbler	Dog-whipper
Knoller	One who tolls a bell
Kotsetla	Ceorl who owed one days labour a week to his lord