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1800-1899

1818 Married

On the 1st inst. was married by the Rev. J. Hodgson, James Scammell Esq of Sedghill to Martha, third daughter of J. Bracher Esq of the same place, and on Wednesday last was married at Sedgehill, Mr J Bracher, eldest son of the above gentleman, to Miss Moore of East Knoyle.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal April 13 1818

Married

On Tuesday last was married, at Gillingham, Mr Harris of Sedgehill to Miss Leah Hall of the former place.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal March 30 1818

1823 University & Clerical Intelligence

Oxford Jan 4. The Rev C H Hodgson has been preferred to the Rectory of Berwick St Leonard, with the chapel of Sedgehill annexed. Patron John Benett Esq., M.P. of Pyt House

1835 To be Let

For a term of three years certain, from Lady-day next, Sedgehill House, in the parish of Sedgehill, Wilts, the residence of the late Mrs Helyar, completely furnished, and containing every accommodation suited to a gentleman's family. The house, which is modern, consists of a vestibule, dining room 21 feet by 18, drawing room of the same dimensions, library or breakfast room 18 feet by 15, and one smaller sitting room; 10 principal bed chambers and four dressing rooms, besides servants' apartments, and all necessary domestic offices, with capital stabling for 10 horses, saddle house, coach houses and every requisite out building and a good walled garden.

Sedgehill House stands in a paddock of 42 acres of meadow land, bounded by ornamental plantations, the whole or any part of which may be rented with the other premises at the option of the tenant; and the situation, which is pleasant and healthy, commands a fine view of the surrounding country, distant three miles from Shaftesbury, four from Hindon. The property may be viewed by application at the house and any further particulars, with the terms of letting, may be obtained from Mr J Batten, solicitor, Yeovil.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal March 16 1835

1856 Earthquake in Wilts

A correspondent of The Times thus writes: Sir, On Friday last, the 14th inst. an extraordinary phenomenon occurred which you may think worthy of notice. About 4 o'clock pm, a loud report was heard similar to the explosion of a powder magazine, and at the same instant the ground shook with considerable violence, the concussion being felt throughout the villages of Sedgehill and Knoyle (situated in South Wilts), and causing much alarm. In my house the bells were set ringing, chairs and crockery were shaken and the servants ran in various directions, some to the cellar, thinking the noise proceeded thence; other to the stables, supposing they had fallen. A lady, whose residence is situated on a hill a mile hence, concluded a part of her house had given way and was so much shaken that, to use her own words, "she thought she was going through the floor".

A young lady on a visit in the same house, and who had experienced the shock of an earthquake in Jersey, had no doubt of the nature of the recent phenomenon. In one cottage, having firm brick flooring, the bricks were moved up, and my daughter, with a companion, happening to be gathering flowers at the time in a hanging copse wood, and consequently stooped near the ground, felt the movement of the earth most sensibly.

I have no doubt whatever of our having felt the shock of an earthquake; and a groom who was engaged at the time in the stables, and who, from having been some time in the West Indies, is familiar with such phenomenon, assures me there can be no question on the subject. At first, he was of opinion that a violent earthquake had taken place in some distant country, of which we felt the vibration, but as I have not heard that it was felt in England, beyond this valley, I am induced to conclude that it was a local phenomenon. The soil of the valley is clay with substratum of iron stone.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal March 22 1856

1861 Marriage. Our quiet but picturesque village of Sedgehill was the scene of an unusual gaiety of Wednesday last on the marriage of the only daughter of our worthy and much respected landowner James Bracher, Esq of Berrybrook, to Mr Henry Meatyard, wine and spirit merchant, G Trowbridge.

The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by the Rev C H Grove, after which the party returned to partake of a splendid dejeuner, at which were present the Rector, Mrs Grove and family, together with friends of the bride and bridegroom, numbering in all twenty-three.

The church was prettily decorated for the occasion by the Misses Grove, and the bells rang merry peals during the day. The day, which was unusually bright and clear, passed off in a most agreeable manner. The bride and bridegroom left soon after for Weymouth to spend their honeymoon.
Salisbury & Winchester Journal July 06 1861

1866 Married

Dec. 28, at Sedghill Church, by the Rev Sidney Selwyn, Vicar of Milton and Prebendary of Wells, the Rev. Charles H Townsend, Vicar of Mere, Wilts, to Emily Charlotte, eldest daughter of the Rev. Charles H Grove, Rector of Sedgehill Wilts.
Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette January 04 1866

Burgled

On Tuesday night, or early on Wednesday morning, Sedgehill House was burglariously entered by some person or persons who gained access by boring a piece out of the shutters with a centre-bit. A silver inkstand, a silver sugar bown and sifters, a silver milk pail and ladle and some other articles were stolen, also two £5 Bank of England notes, £6.10s in gold and some small silver French coins. £10 reward is offered for the apprehension of the burglars.

Description of one of the men suspected - he is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, walks erect with a firm step, blotched face from scrofula marks, particularly visible on the right side of his face and under his chin, dressed in a light overcoat, light cord trowsers, and low crowned hat, and wears a large muffler round his neck. He was seen in the neighbourhood on Tuesday evening, 23^d inst.
Western Gazette February 02 1866

1878 Died

On 14th inst. at Bramhurst Bournemouth, The Rev. Charles Henry Grove, late Rector of Sedgehill, Wilts, in his 84th year
Hampshire Advertiser July 24 1878

1885 School Treat

The annual school treat took place, as usual, in the rectory gardens on Thursday, when there was a good gathering of parishioners and friends. After the tea, and distribution of prizes and presents to the children, the Rector, the Rev G Biscoe Oldfield, on behalf of the people of Sedgehill, presented Mrs Gale with a handsome teapot and cream jug, in recognition of her earnest and successful work as schoolmistress during the last 12 years, and expressed his sincere regret at her leaving Sedgehill.
Western Gazette 31 July 31 1885

1887 Captain's Will

The will of Captain the Hon. Eustace Vesey, 9th Lancers, late of Sedgehill House, Semley, Wilts, who died on November 18 last, at Abbey-leiz, Queen's County, Ireland, was proved on the 14th ult. By the Hon. Constance Mary Vesey, the widow, one of the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £76,000.
Morning Post March 10 1887

1888 Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving services have been held in the church, which was beautifully decorated by members of the congregation with offerings of flowers, corn, vegetables and fruit, which were afterwards sent to Shaftesbury Cottage Hospital and to Alexander Hospital for Children, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury London. The collection, in aid of Shaftesbury Hospital and Salisbury Infirmary, amounted to £3 5s.
Western Gazette October 12 1888

1891 School Treat

On Monday, July 6th, the annual school treat was held. Owing to the wetness of the morning, and the consequent dampness of the grass, tea was provided in the school-room, soon after four o'clock. Tea being over, the party adjourned to the Rectory lawn, where various races, games and other pastimes in which the juvenile mind delights, were entered into with great spirit by all present.

At seven o'clock, the children were collected to receive prizes and presents, at the end of which happy ceremony they sang some action songs and rounds, concluding with "God Save the Queen". With hearty cheers for all who had been instrumental in forwarding their happiness, they dispersed to their respective homes.

Amongst those present were noticed, beside the Rectory party, Mrs Chaloner and Miss Davis, Master Hume Chaloner, with his younger brother and sister, the Hon. and Rev. W. Byron, Captain and Mrs Noel, Miss Cecily Noel, and her brother, beside numerous others.
Western Gazette July 10 1891

1895 Died

This village has sustained a great loss by the death of Miss Maria Applin of Berry Brook House, who died on Thursday, in last week, after a lingering illness. The interment took place on Tuesday. The procession (consisting of funeral car, with remains, followed by numerous relatives and friends) left the house at 2.45, reaching Sedgehill Church at 3 pm where an impressive service was held. The floral tributes were numerous, and very choice and beautiful. The whole of the funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mr John Walton of Mere
Western Gazette February 22 1895

Trap Accident in East Knoyle

On Monday evening as Mr Marchant of Sedgehill was driving near Prospect House, the horse stumbled and threw him and his little girl into the road. The child was unhurt, but Mr Marchant sustained a broken arm, which was attended to by Dr Blythe.

Western Gazette December 06 1895

1896 Funeral of Mrs Wadman

The interment of Mrs Emma Wadman, wife of Mr Henry John Wadman, of Lower Langham Farm Gillingham, whose death occurred on Thursday week, took place on Saturday at Sedgehill, the deceased lady's native parish. Mrs Wadman had inflammation of the lungs, brought on by a cold, which developed into pneumonia. The coffin was enveloped in floral tributes of respect and affection from numerous friends and relatives, and much sympathy is felt for Mr Wadman in his sad bereavement.

Western Gazette 29 May 29 1896

1897 Marriage

Aug. 19, at the Parish Church, Sedgehill, by the Rev G B Oldfield, Harry James, eldest son of Mr Wm Hull, Amberleaze Cottage, Semley, to Emily Frances, eldest daughter of Mr Alfred Candy, Sedgehill

Western Gazette 27 August 27 1897

1898 Christmas Entertainment

Recently an entertainment was given to all those residing in Sedgehill, and the School-room was packed to overflowing by an appreciative audience. A comic interlude entitled "Twenty minutes under an umbrella" was admirably acted by Miss M Drury Turner and Mr E B Gordon. This followed by an amusing farce called "Phenomenon in Smock Frock".

The cast was as follows: Betsey Chirrup, Miss Harenc, Mrs Barker, Miss H G Gordon, John buttercup, Mr E B Gordon, James, Mr N Harenc, Mr Soneberry, Mr F B Oldfield, Mr Barker, Mr C B Oldfield. All the parts were well sustained, John Buttercup being received with roars of laughter. The National Anthem brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Western Gazette January 14 1898

Kicked by a Horse

On Saturday last, as the eldest son of Mr Hooper, Berrybrook Farm, was leading a young horse that had been in the stable for some little time, the animal kicked him. Mr Hooper was attended by Drs Bryant and Hanly, and is progressing favourably.

Western Gazette Friday 21 January 1898

Silver Wedding

On Tuesday, the Rev Canon and Mrs Oldfield were presented at a meeting held in the school room with a silver candelabra and an illuminated address, on the occasion of the silver wedding, by the present and some of the late, inhabitants of Sedgehill. Mr Lush, on behalf of the committee, made the presentation, observing that the gift was a token of gratitude for kindness shown and duties faithfully performed during the past 25 years. Mr Joseph Snook read a telegram from Captain Chaloner conveying his congratulations and good wishes and regretting his absence.

Canon Oldfield, on behalf of himself and his wife, expressed their gratitude for the very handsome gift which had been presented to them. He said that they would regard them as their greatest treasures and would hand it on to those who came after them as one of their most valued possessions. The address bore the inscription: "To the Rev Canon and Mrs Oldfield; we, the parishioners of the parish of Sedghill, Wilts, beg your kind acceptance of this testimonial, together with a silver candelabra, on the occasion of your silver wedding, as a slight expression of our appreciation of your earnest and untiring zeal for our moral and spiritual welfare".

The committee in charge of the arrangements consisted of Mr Lush, Mr Joseph Snook, Mr Gifford, Mr Woodford and Mr John Harding. Peals were rung on the church bells both on the wedding day and also on the evening of the presentation.

Western Gazette October 13 1899