



The Western Gazette

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1890 **Cycling Club**

The annual general meeting of this club was held on Tuesday evening in the club room under the presidency of the Rev W I Blaker. There was a good attendance of members. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Rev W I Blaker; Captain, Mr G Lush; sub-captain, Mr A Bull; treasurer secretary, Mr J Shute; committee, Messrs W W Kendall (chairman), H Abbott and G Tancock. It was decided to alter the name of the club to The Tisbury Cycling and Athletic Club. The club's financial condition is very satisfactory.
Western Gazette Friday 17 January 1890

A Worthless Character

At a special petty sessions at Tisbury on Wednesday, before Lord Arundell of Wardour and Colonel Best. George Ings, of Tisbury, labourer, was brought up in custody charged with stealing three pecks of potatoes, value 1s, the property of Thomas Wilkins, baker, of Tisbury. Also with stealing a bladder of lard and three pounds of moist sugar, value 1s 5d, owned by Wyndham Green, dairyman, of Chicksgrove. The prosecutor in the first charge said he rented a piece of allotment land at West Tisbury, and in the land was a potato pit.

On the 16th inst, he found that the pit had been interfered with and some potatoes removed. He had since examined some potatoes shown him by the police, and identified them as being of a similar variety to those he had lost. Superintendent Bull said he apprehended prisoner on another charge on the 17th, but before removing him from his house, told him that he was suspected of stealing a quantity of potatoes. Witness searched the house and found the potatoes now produced. Upon the second charge, William Lone, assistant at Messrs Laversuch's shop, said he served prosecutor with lard and sugar on the 17th January. He now produced samples.

Prosecutor said on placing his purchases at Messrs Laversuch's in his cart, he observed prisoner standing near. He drove to the Bennett Arms Hotel and left his cart in the yard. On going to his cart upon leaving the hotel, he missed the lard and sugar. Before placing the sugar in his conveyance, he marked the bag, which he now identified.

Supt Bull stated on going to prisoner's house at Tucking Mill, West Tisbury, and charging him with the theft, he denied all knowledge of the articles. On the table in the room in which witness charged the prisoner was the bag of sugar produced, and a jar containing sugar of a similar kind. On taking prisoner by the shoulder and shaking him, the lard fell from beneath his clothing.

Prisoner pleaded guilty on both charges. Supt Bull proved a number of previous convictions and said prisoner was a worthless character and a brute to his wife and children. Three months' hard labour.
Western Gazette Friday 24 January 1890

A Clean Sheet

There was no business to be transacted at the Petty Sessional Court yesterday (Thursday).
Western Gazette Friday 14 February 1890

Died

Mrs Britten, wife of ex-Police Sgt Britten, succumbed to an attack of influenza on the 9th inst. There are a large number of sufferers from the epidemic in the town.
Western Gazette Friday 14 February 1890

Oddfellows' Funeral

On Sunday last the mortal remains of Bro. Frederick Burt were interred in the parish churchyard. A goodly number of Oddfellows assembled at their lodge room and, in the funeral regalia of the Order, proceeded to the house of the deceased, to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed brother. On the coffin were placed deceased's sash and surplice, he having also been a member of the choir of St John's Church.

On reaching the churchyard, the cortege was met by the Vicar and surplice choir, and during the playing of the Dead March (in Saul) by Mr E Osmond, entered the church. Psalm xxxix was very nicely changed by the choir. At the conclusion of the lesson, hymn 400 A & M was sung and at the completion of the service at the grave, hymn 140 was sung. Bro W Hill (secretary to the Lodge) read the address of the Order. The arrangements were ably carried out by Mr Herbert Osmond. Deceased was in his 27th year.
Western Gazette Friday 07 March 1890

Missing

A woman named Eliza Mound, an inmate of the Tisbury Workhouse, was found to be missing yesterday (Thursday) morning. Mound appears to have had a quarrel with another female inmate on the previous day and then left the House. Enquiries were made as to her whereabouts, and it transpired that she had informed a man that she should not return to the House but would drown herself. A search has been made but up to mid-day yesterday, no tidings of the woman were to hand.
Western Gazette Friday 14 March 1890

Pigeon Flying

About 850 pigeons from various pigeon flying associations in London and Brighton were started from the railway station on Wednesday morning.
Western Gazette Friday 08 August 1890

Presentation

The Rev T and Mrs Dearlove, having returned from their honeymoon, have been presented with a handsome drawing room suite and carpet, by the members of the Congregational Church, as manifestation of the high esteem in which the rev gentleman is held by them.
Western Gazette Friday 29 August 1890

Campanology

The Tisbury Ringers on Sunday received assistance from Berwick St John and commemorated "Joan's-tide" or "John's-tide" by ringing peals upon the bells.
Western Gazette Friday 19 September 1890

Cricket

A match between Fonthill Gifford and Tisbury played on the Tisbury ground last week, resulted in a victory for the visitors by 19 runs on the first innings. The scores were Fonthill 49 and 43; Tisbury 30 and 57 (innings incomplete).
Western Gazette Friday 19 September 1890

Married

Oct 18 at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury, by the Rev F E Hutchinson, Edwin James, son of Thomas Wright, of Swallowcliffe, to Sarah, daughter of James Foot, of Berwick St John
Western Gazette Friday 24 October 1890

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Smoking

The weekly meeting of the Zion Hill Young People's Mutual Improvement Society, held on Monday, was devoted to a discussion upon "Smoking". The use of the fragrant weed was approved by Messrs G A Meager, E Flexen and W Ball, whilst Messrs H Blandford, H Scott, W Burton and Read, expressed themselves adverse to its use. The Rev T Dearlove presided over the meeting.
Western Gazette Friday 20 February 1891

Trained Sick Nurse for Tisbury

A movement has been initiated with the object of procuring a trained nurse from Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute "to alleviate the suffering of the sick and needy" in Tisbury. The following ladies have identified themselves with this praiseworthy object and have issued a circular asking for assistance, which it is to be hoped will be readily forthcoming: Miss Bristol, Mrs N Combes, Miss Cross, Mrs Dearlove, Mrs Ensor, Miss Giles, Mrs Horder, Mrs Hibberd, Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Jefferys, Miss B Randall and Mrs Selwyn.
Western Gazette Friday 29 May 1891

Married

June 27, at the Parish Church of St. John Baptist, Tisbury, by Rev F E Hutchinson, William John Blake to Elizabeth Raymond
Western Gazette Friday 03 July 1891

Vital Statistics

During the quarter ending June 30th, Mr H Osmond has registered in the Tisbury District, 14 deaths, (8 males and 6 females). The deaths included eight over 60, four between 1 year and 60, and two under 1 year. The births registered during the same period numbered 12 (7 boys and 5 girls). The deaths in the corresponding period of last year were 8 in number and the births 27.
Western Gazette Friday 10 July 1891

Tisbury Petty Sessions

Henry Mullings, labourer, of West Tisbury, was summoned by the Guardians of the Tisbury Union to show cause why he should not contribute towards the maintenance of his wife, who is now an inmate of the Devizes Asylum.

Mr James Isaacs, relieving officer of the Tisbury Union, stated that defendant's wife had been chargeable to the Union for three months, the union having to pay 8s 9d per week for her maintenance. Application had been made to the defendant to pay 2s per week, but he had refused to pay anything.

Evidence was given by Mr John George Wood, in whose employ defendant has been, that for the past eleven weeks he had earned on an average 12s 3d per week. Defendant said he was now receiving 10s per week, out of which he paid 4s weekly for the keep of his infant child. The Bench made an order for the payment of 2s weekly.
Western Gazette Friday 17 July 1891

Sick Nurse Fund

Some months since, a movement was initiated in the town with the object of providing a fund wherewith to establish in the town a sick nurse, whose services would be at the disposal of the inhabitants.

The proposal was from the first received with the favour which it so richly merited, but it could not be expected that the sum necessary should be forthcoming without some little effort, as Miss Randall, the hon. secretary, and the committee of ladies who undertook the carrying out of the idea found.

On Tuesday afternoon there was held in the Victoria Hall an "American" fair or rummage sale in aid of the fund, and the success attending it was most gratifying. No less than 670 persons paid for admission and the sum raised was £36 15s. Articles for the sale were most readily given by the inhabitants. Among the ladies and gentlemen visiting the sale during the afternoon were Mrs Morrison, Miss Morrison, Miss Dorothy Morrison, Misses Halliday, Rev F E Hutchinson, Rev W H Lewis, Rev W J Blaker, Rev R Selwyn and Mr J H Bracher.
Western Gazette Friday 25 September 1891

Theft from the Vicarage

At the Wilts Quarter Sessions, on Tuesday, Elizabeth Saunders, a domestic servant, was charged with stealing, and Mrs Becker, sister of Saunders, and a lodging house keeper, of Ilfracombe, was charged with receiving, knowing them to be stolen, a quantity of carpets, bed and table linen, and other articles, of the value of £5, the property of the Rev F E Hutchinson, in whose service Saunders had recently been.

Mr Ravenhill, instructed by Mr J Trevor-Davies of Sherborne and Yeovil, prosecuted, and Mr Radcliff, instructed by Mr Gratton Barnett of Ilfracombe, defended.

The circumstances in connection with the robbery have already been reported in these columns. The jury found Saunders guilty and she was sentenced to a months' hard labour but Becker was acquitted. Mr Radcliffe applied that the prisoner should be dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act, but the Chairman, the Marquis of Bath, did not consider it within the meaning of the section, which applied to persons of extreme youth.
Western Gazette Friday 23 October 1891

Changeover at Tisbury

PC Newman, who is removing to Alvediston, will be succeeded by PC Jones, who comes from Devizes.
Western Gazette Friday 13 November 1891

Skating

Lovers of skating have during the past few days had ample opportunity of enjoying themselves on the lake at Wardour Castle, and on the meadows situate near the town, which have been frequently flooded during the recent rains.
Western Gazette Friday 25 December 1891

Christmastide

The butchers had an excellent display of Christmas cheer on Tuesday. The drapers and outfitters have arranged to close their establishments from Thursday evening until Tuesday morning next, a boon which will doubtless be greatly appreciated by the assistants and all engaged in those businesses.
Western Gazette Friday 25 December 1891

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Election of Churchwardens

Mr Lathey and Mr John Alford were, at the Easter vestry, on the 21st inst, respectively elected the Vicar's and people's wardens.
Western Gazette Friday 29 April 1892

Married

July 26, at the Parish Church of St John Baptist, Tisbury, by Rev F E Hutchinson (vicar) assisted by Rev W I Blaker (vicar of Easterton) and Rev H Morland (curate of St John's Chicks Grove), Richard Thomas, sixth son of the late Richard Thomas Miles, of Melbury Abbas, to Emily, youngest daughter of the late George Frederick Osmond, Tisbury
Western Gazette Friday 29 July 1892

Adjourned

Owing to the lamented decease of Supt. Bull, the Petty Sessions fixed for yesterday (Thursday) were adjourned to Thursday next, August 11th.
Western Gazette Friday 05 August 1892

Tisbury Petty Sessions

Thos Snook, a newsagent, of Tisbury, was on Thursday, Aug 4th, charged on a warrant, before Lord Arundell, with threatening to shoot his mother with a revolver. Evidence in support of the charge was given by Mrs Snook and a boy named Frank Sanger, and prisoner, who pleaded in excuse for his unnatural conduct that he was in drink at the time, was ordered to find two sureties of £5 each and himself in £10 to be of good behaviour for three months. Failing to find the sureties prisoner was sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labour.
Western Gazette Friday 12 August 1892

Police Presentation at Trowbridge

On Friday afternoon there was an informal gathering of the members of the police force at the police station for the purpose of making a presentation to Superintendent Fox, who will shortly remove to Tisbury to succeed the late Superintendent Bull. (part article only)
Western Gazette Friday 02 September 1892

Warminster Police Court

On Saturday, before Capt Southey and Rev Hickman, George Allen, of Tisbury, was brought up in custody charged with threatening to kill his step daughter, Mrs Maria King, on the previous day. Evidence having been given by Mrs King and two neighbours, prisoner was bound over to keep the peace for three months, himself in £5, and one surety of £5, or two of £2 10s.
Western Gazette Friday 09 September 1892

Warminster Police Court

On Saturday, before Capt Southey and Rev Hickman, George Allen, of Tisbury, was charged with using threats towards his step daughter, Maria King, of Warminster, on the previous day. In consequence of defendant's violence, his wife left him, and went to live with the complainant, who is her daughter.

On Friday he went to complainant's house, created a disturbance and threatened to "do for her". She was afraid he would carry out his threat, and now asked that he be bound over to keep the peace. In his defence, Allen imputed charges against his wife, who is sixty five years of age, as the reason she would not live with him. The Bench bound defendant over in £5, and one surety in £5, to keep the peace for three months.

Western Gazette Friday 09 September 1892

Bonfire Boys

The Tisbury Bonfire Boys held their first celebration of Guy Fawkes on Monday evening last. Hindon Road was appointed the starting place, and at 7.30 a goodly number of the "boys" turned up in all manner of guys, each carrying a flaming torch. Headed by the town band they marched through all the streets, and thence to a field kindly lent by Mr James Alford, where a monster bonfire was made. A very good display of fireworks was shown.

Western Gazette Friday 11 November 1892

Tisbury Petty Sessions

Harry Rixon, Herbert Rixon, William Blandford and James Snook, all of Tisbury, were charged with playing pitch and toss in the public highway at Tisbury on December 4. Defendants pleaded guilty. Fined 2s 6d each.

Western Gazette Friday 16 December 1892

1893 Married

May 22, at Tisbury church, by the Rev F E Hutchinson, William Candy, Milkwell, Donhead St Andrew, to Annie Gilbert, Lower Lawn Farm, Tisbury

Western Gazette Friday 26 May 1893

Married

July 12, at the parish church, Tisbury, by the Rev F E Hutchinson, assisted by the Rev H Moreland, William Edward, eldest son of the late William Watts, Shaftesbury, to Mabel Wallis, eldest daughter of Phillip Genge, Pyt House Farm, Tisbury

Western Gazette Friday 21 July 1893

1894 Sudden Death

It was with much regret that the inhabitants of Tisbury learnt of the sudden death on Thursday (yesterday) morning of Mrs Coombs, wife of Mr James Coombs, of Totterdale Farm. Deceased, who was about 50 years of age, had appeared to enjoy the best of health and death is ascribed to apoplexy. The greatest sympathy is expressed on all sides for Mr Coombs and family in their sad bereavement.

Western Gazette Friday 13 July 1894

Writer's Visit

Mr Rudyard Kipling was on Monday evening the guest of the Authors' Club.

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1895 Tisbury and Wardour Co-operative Society

The sixth annual tea party and dance were held in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday.

Western Gazette Friday 22 February 1895

Seasonable Generosity

Mrs Benett-Stanford has caused £10 to be distributed in coal to the poor and Lord Arundell, Mrs Morrison and others have been exercising a like liberality.

Western Gazette Friday 22 February 1895

East Tisbury Parish Council

Mr E Hibberd has been unanimously re-elected chairman and Mr E Dewey vice-chairman of this Council. Mr Dewey and Mr F Love have been appointed overseers and Mr F Burt assistant overseer and clerk, annual salary £21.

Western Gazette Friday 26 April 1895

West Tisbury Parish Council

In his absence, Mr J Benett-Stanford has been re-elected chairman and Mr T Wilkins vice-chairman of this Council. Messrs J Alford and C Cox have been appointed overseers and Mr F Burt assistant overseer and clerk at a salary of £21 per annum.

Western Gazette Friday 26 April 1895

Married

April 24, at the Parish Church of St John Baptist, Tisbury, by Rev F E Hutchinson, Ernest Walker Green, of Ansty Coombe Farm, Ansty, to Hannah Margaret Bull, daughter of the late Frederick Bull (superintendent of police), of Tisbury

Western Gazette Friday 26 April 1895

Tisbury Special Sessions

At the special sessions on Tuesday, before Mr W E Moss-King and Mr F Dunston, Harry Baker, a labourer, of West Tisbury, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and further with resisting the police in the execution of their duty.

PC Millard said that on Saturday night, the 25th inst. at about 10.45pm, he was in Tisbury High-street, where he saw prisoner ejected from the Benett Arms Hotel. He was drunk and very disorderly, and refused to go home quietly, although repeatedly requested to do so.

Witness then proceeded to take prisoner into custody. Prisoner tripped him up, and they both fell to the ground. Whilst on the ground prisoner kicked at him several times. He called Mr Bull and PC Newman to his assistance, and, with their help, got Baker to the Police station, the prisoner violently resisting the whole of the way.

Arthur Bull, outfitter, corroborated. Frank Oxenham Ford, landlord of the Benett Arms Hotel, said prisoner went into his tap room at about 20 minutes to 11pm. He was intoxicated, and witness refused to supply him, and requested him to leave, which he refused to do. Witness, with the assistance of a customer, ejected him.

Prisoner who pleaded guilty, had been several times previously convicted, and was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Western Gazette Friday 31 May 1895

New Stock of Overcoats for the Winter

For men's, youths', or boys' good, sound, reliable clothing, ready-made or to measure, try G A Bull, the Clothing and Outfitting Stores, Tisbury

Western Gazette Friday 06 December 1895

1896 Strange but True

There is a town (?) in the United States of America bearing the name of Chilmark, close to another town named North Tisbury. This fact in itself is of interest to Wiltshire people. It is somewhat singular that out of a population of 146 persons, 36 men, women and children are deaf and dumb, and were born so; that is to say, that one in every four are speechless. In five families of Chilmark (United States), out of 28 children, 15 are deaf and dumb. This taint of heredity has descended for 250 years. It is most amusing to live in this town, where most of the people talk in pantomime. Happily, the village of Chilmark, in Wiltshire, does not follow its American namesake in this respect, for out of 150 children, not one is deaf or dumb.

Western Gazette Friday 08 February 1896

1896 County Court Shaftesbury

The only case of interest to come before His Honour Judge Philbrick on Monday was one in which George H B Lever, of Chicksgrove Farm, Tisbury, sued James Henry Bracher, of Place Farm, in the same parish, for £5, for 16 days' keep of 205 sheep. Mr Trethowan, of Salisbury, represented the plaintiff and Mr W Marsh, of Yeovil, the defendant.

The plaintiff's case was that in June of last year the defendant wanted some keep for his sheep, and plaintiff, having four and a half acres of vetches, in good condition, he was desirous of letting them. He spoke to the defendant on the subject, and he said he must first see his shepherd, Fred Penny. Subsequently Mathias Burton (defendant's bailiff) called upon plaintiff in reference to the keep, and witness told him his charge for the keep would be £5.

Burton replied that of course he (plaintiff) could not afford to pay the rent and buy seed for nothing. Burton said he would again go and see his master. On June 8, the sheep came to plaintiff's farm, and were folded in the vetches. They remained there 16 days, and every day they were taken by defendant's shepherd to West Wood Down (in Mr Bracher's occupation) for water. The shepherd remarked that the sheep had done well when he took them away altogether.

On a portion of defendant's farm at the time there was no feed, owing to the dry season. Witness sent in his account of £5 to the defendant, and the latter repudiated any agreement to pay anything. Cross examined: His vetches were not a failure. Bracher did not tell him he would not pay a farthing for the keep of the sheep, as the keep was so poor.

Emma Lever, wife of the plaintiff, gave corroborative evidence, and William Knight, shepherd to the plaintiff, said the feed was very good, but admitted it was a mixture.

In defence, Mr Bracher swore there was no agreement on his part to pay anything for the use of the keep. He saw the keep in question and it was very poor stuff, consisting of vetches, oats, bruckled corn and couch. He told plaintiff, if it would be any convenience to him, he would consent to allow his sheep to be folded off there by night, they returning to his Down to feed by day. He only consented to their going there, however, on the condition that plaintiff found the hurdles for their folding.

Plaintiff said he did not want any remuneration, and would be satisfied with the manorial return to the ground, as he wished to plough it in. He distinctly told plaintiff he should pay nothing for the keep, as it was so poor, and plaintiff agreed to accept the sheep on these terms, and said he would provide hurdles.

Subsequently defendant received a letter from plaintiff to the effect that, as the weather was so very bright, he dared say he (defendant) meant to give him a little for the vetches, as they were better than he thought they were. (This letter was handed to His Honour). Witness gave his bailiff, Mathias Burton, no instructions to agree with defendant on any price. At the time defendant had an abundance of keep and merely sent his sheep to accommodate the plaintiff.

Frederick Penny, plaintiff's head shepherd, said the feed in question would not have lasted the sheep more than four days had they not been taken to the Downs every day. Mathias Burton gave evidence disputing plaintiff's version of the conversation between them. His Honour summed up, and said in the face of plaintiff's own letter, he must give judgement against him, with the usual costs.

Western Gazette Friday 14 February 1896

Tradesmen's Ball

The tradesmen of Tisbury may be congratulated on the success of their first annual ball held in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday. There was present a company of over 80, and the ball was a very successful one. Mr Turner's quadrille band, from Wilton, supplied the music, and Mr W W Kendall efficiently carried out the duties of MC. Dancing was maintained from eight o'clock until four.

Western Gazette Friday 14 February 1896

Social Gathering of Liberals

On Thursday evening in last week a soiree, which had been promoted by the Working men's Liberal Association in conjunction with the Women's Liberal Association, took place in the Victoria Hall. Mr L E Pyke, QC, who was accompanied by Mrs Pyke, was present, as was also Miss Chapman. Mr E Hibberd presided.

Mr Pyke congratulated his bearers on the recent Liberal successes at bye-elections, the results which he regarded as very encouraging signs of the political future. He urged Liberals to stick to their principles and to keep themselves well organised. A vote of thanks to Mr Pyke for his presence and address on the occasion, proposed by Mrs Walter Grove, was seconded by Mr Hill and adapted amid cheers. Vocal and instrumental music was contributed by Mrs Anthony Hibberd, Miss Mabel Hibberd, Miss Ely (Bournemouth), Messrs W Toms, Prince and Martin.

Western Gazette Friday 06 March 1896

Football - Tisbury v Motcombe

On Good Friday afternoon, at Tisbury, in the presence of about 400 spectators, Tisbury, who had a very fair team, scored two goals to one for Motcombe. Robinson, the secretary to the Tisbury Club, excelled himself in goal and was mainly responsible for the victory. The Tisbury Club have now played 17 matches, of which they have won 9 and lost 8.

Western Gazette Friday 10 April 1896

Non Attendance at School

Sidney Parham, Richard Humphries and Henry Wadham, all labourers, of Tisbury, were summoned at the instance of Mr G H Ingram, officers to the School Attendance Committee of the Tisbury Union, for having failed to send their children regularly to school.

Parham and Wadham were represented by their wives, who urged that illness was the cause of the irregularity. In the absence of medical certificates, however, the Bench imposed a fine of 1s in each case. There were two summonses against Parham, who there had to pay 2s. Humphries did not appear and a fine of 5s was inflicted. There was only one summons against him.

Western Gazette Friday 10 April 1896

Married

May 18, at the parish church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury, by the Rev F E Hutchinson, Edward, eldest son of James Higgins, of Bradford Abbas, Dorset, to Teresa, eldest daughter of William John Gurd, of Tucking Mill, Tisbury

Western Gazette Friday 22 May 1896

Non Attendance at School

Edward King, of East Tisbury, summoned by Mr S J Isaac, Officer of the School Attendance Committee of the Tisbury Union, for having failed to send his daughter Minnie regularly to school, was ordered to pay a fine of 6d.

Western Gazette Friday 29 May 1896

Non Attendance at School

Frank Beal, a labourer, of Cherryfields, Tisbury, was fined 1s, on the evidence of Mr S J Isaac, officer to the School Attendance Committee of the Tisbury Union, for having failed to send his son John, aged 10, regularly to school.

Richard Humphries, of Tisbury, similarly summoned by the Union Committee, was fined 5s, after having been previously convicted.

Western Gazette Friday 29 May 1896

Smallpox and Vaccination

In view of the possible spread of smallpox to the neighbourhood, a calf is standing at the Pyt House Home Farm, from which any person desirous of being vaccinated may obtain through any medical practitioner, a supply of lymph, or bona fide working people, by giving a day's notice to Mr Benett-Stanford, may be attended by a doctor at the farm free of charge any evening between 7 and 8pm.

Western Gazette Friday 24 July 1896

Married

Sept 26, at St John the Baptist, Tisbury, (by license), by the Rev G W Griffith, Sidney, son of Mr G Langdon, of Tisbury, to Amy, second daughter of Mr T Down, of Tring, Herts.

Western Gazette Friday 02 October 1896

Judgement by Consent

Mr Trevor-Davies, who appeared for the plaintiff in the case of Thick v Snook, heard at Wimborne County Court on Saturday last, stated that defendant (for whom Mr Raymond appeared) had consented to judgement being entered against him for £7 and costs, payable by instalments of £2 per month.

This was an action brought by Mrs Julia Thick, of Wickwood, Tisbury, against H C Snook, cycle maker, trading as Snook & Sons, New Borough, Wimborne, for £10, amount paid to defendant in part payment of premium under an agreement to apprentice Austin Edward Thick, and which money was to be returned in the event of the boy not being satisfied with the proposed apprenticeship within one month. Judgement was entered for the plaintiff on the terms mentioned.

Western Gazette Friday 30 October 1896

1897 Neighbours' Quarrel

James Gray, a gardener, of East Tisbury, was summoned by Annie Lambert, a single woman, of West Tisbury, for assaulting her on the 24th February, and there was a cross summons in which Gray charged the woman with assaulting him at the same time and place.

Annie Lambert stated that on the date named, shortly after mid-day, the defendant came to her father's house and said he wanted to see her. She opened the door, and he thereupon placed his foot inside for the purpose of keeping it open. She, with her sister, endeavoured to shut the door, but the defendant got her away by scratching her hands, and, going inside, slapped her on the side of the head, and also struck her in the mouth, which he caused to bleed. At the same time, with an oath, he said "Take that" and walked away.

Defendant's mother resided next door to the witness, but she had never previously spoken to him, and did not know of any reason why he should assault her. Witness had had some words with the man's mother.

By defendant: She put her hand on his shoulders to push him from the door, but used no disgusting language.

Lily Lambert, sister of the last witness, gave corroborative testimony, and Edward Lambert, a carter, farther of the young woman, also gave evidence to the effect that Gray admitted the assault to him. In defence, Gray denied any assault, urged that the woman struck and abused him, and explained that the quarrel was due to the fact that Annie Lambert had abused his mother. In the result, the Bench fined the man 10s and costs and dismissed the summons against the woman.

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County Court Salisbury

Frank Beal, a cowman, of Newtown, Tisbury, made application (through his wife) for an administration order. His debts were scheduled at £28 and he offered a composition of 5s in the £, at the rate of 3s per month. Mr J K Rutter appeared for Messrs Coombs, of Tisbury, who opened the offer. The judge amended the order to 10s in the £ at the rate of 5s per month.

Frederick (unreadable), shepherd, of Tisbury, made a like application. With debts amounting to £23 1s 5d, applicant offered a composition of 5s in the £, at 5s per month. Mr Rutter opposed the application on behalf of the proprietors of the Tisbury Stores. His Honour increased the order to 10s in the £.

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County Court Salisbury

Fray v Frank & Sarah Lambert.

All the parties from Tisbury. Mr Rutter for the plaintiff and Mr Nodder, of Salisbury, for the defendants. Plaintiff claimed £21 7s 11d for goods supplied and money lent. A discussion took place between the Judge and Mr Rutter as to whether both husband and wife could be sued. His Honour thought both could not be, whilst Mr Rutter argued to the contrary. The husband, it was stated, admitted the debt and offered £1 per month. The wife disputed the debt and the liability. The matter was settled by His Honour giving judgement against the husband for the full amount.

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A Cow's Behaviour

On Friday, a woman named Sarah Furnell was proceeding to Wick Farm when she was attacked by a cow and tossed twice, receiving several injuries. She was taken into Mr Everett's where she had to remain several days.

Western Gazette Friday 18 June 1897

Married

June 30, at Tisbury, Claude Northcote, third son of H J Burt, of Fenstanton, Hants, to Harriett Ethel, second daughter of Philip Genge, of Pty House Farm, Tisbury

Western Gazette Friday 09 July 1897

Married

July 4, at the Parish Church Tisbury, by the Rev Mr Hutchinson, Walter Sanger to Kate Meatyard, both of Newtown

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Donation from the Queen

In reply to a letter from the Rev F E Hutchinson, written on behalf of William Parham, who was injured at Tisbury on Jubilee-day by the premature firing of a cannon (and on whose behalf a subscription list had been opened), the following has been received:

"Lieutenant Colonel Sir Fleetwood Edwards is commanded to acknowledge the receipt of the Rev F E Hutchinson's letter of the 10th inst., and in reply to inform him that the Queen wishes Mr William Parham to receive £5, and Sir Fleetwood Edwards would be very much obliged to Mr Hutchinson if he would have the enclosed £5 note delivered to him as a donation from Her Majesty. Dated July 15, 1897"

It is gratifying to learn that the injured man is progressing very favourably although it will be some time before he will be able to resume his regular employment.

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A Son's Responsibility

Thomas Fay, of West Tisbury, was summoned by the Tisbury Board of Guardians to show cause why he should not contribute towards the support of his father, Thomas Fay, who was at present receiving outdoor relief. Mr Marsh, of Yeovil, who appeared for the Guardians, said the defendant's father became a pauper in the present year, and he had since been receiving 1s 6d a week from the Guardians.

The defendant, who was employed on the railway, earned 17s a week, and had two children. The guardians would be content if an order was made for the defendant to contribute 1s a week towards the support of his father. The Bench made an order for the defendant to contribute 9d per week.

Western Gazette Friday 27 August 1897

1898 Tisbury Petty Sessions

Harry Baker, a labourer, of West Tisbury, who did not appear, was summoned for using obscene language, in High Street, Tisbury, on December 24th. PC Knapp stated the facts of the case and a fine of 5s and costs was inflicted.

Western Gazette Friday 14 January 1898

On the Frontier

News has been received of the death of Gunner G W Snook, who up to four years ago, was in the employ of Messrs Northover Bros. He was in the F Battery of the Horse Artillery, stationed at Peshawar, and was only 24 years of age. He had been wounded in the frontier operations, but had recovered. He died in hospital from enteric fever.

Western Gazette Friday 21 January 1898

Bankrupt

Creditors in the failure of Frank Lambert, haulier, of Paradise, met on Saturday at the offices of the Official Receiver at Salisbury. The gross liabilities are set down at £128 1s 8d, the whole of which amount is expected to rank for dividend. The assets are estimated to produce £5, leaving a deficiency of £123 1s 8d. The official receiver will administer the estate under a summary order.

Western Gazette Friday 04 March 1898

Forthcoming Military Manoeuvres

It is reported that it has been decided by the War Office authorities to make Tisbury the centre for the Western Camp in the forthcoming manoeuvres, in which 50,000 troops will be engaged.

Camps, it is stated, will be formed on Lady Down, at Cricklade, Swallowcliffe, and, in fact, all round the district, of which Tisbury will be the central depot for supply requisites in the shape of food and other requisites for the manoeuvres, which, it is stated, will continue for a somewhat lengthy period.

It is estimated that around this neighbourhood there will be no less than 20,000 or 25,000 troops encamped, the manoeuvres being the largest ever carried out. Officials are now engaged from the War Office making arrangements in the neighbourhood. Mead Furlong and Wallmead, occupied respectively by Mr J H Bracher and Mr James Street, will, it is stated, be two depots for food, &c.

Western Gazette Friday 08 April 1898

Hard Labour

Frank Lever, labourer, of Tisbury charged for an offence at Cuff's Lane was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

Western Gazette Friday 15 April 1898

A Good Catch

Mr Ponton, on Wednesday, was fortunate enough to land a splendid trout from the River Nadder. The fish weighed 8¼ lbs and is to be preserved.

Western Gazette Friday 20 May 1898

Tisbury Petty Sessions

William Gane, labourer, of Newtown, Tisbury, was summoned for being drunk at Wardour on May 31. PC Knapp, who stated the facts of the case, said he had to bring the defendant to the Police station in a trap. A fine of 2s 6d and 4s costs was inflicted.

Western Gazette Friday 10 June 1898

A Generous Employer

It is understood that Mr J Benett-Stanford has temporarily raised the wages of the employees on his Linley Farm 1s per week, owing to the unusual high price of bread. This action has given general satisfaction in the neighbourhood.

Western Gazette Friday 17 June 1898

Tisbury Petty Sessions

Francis Leaney, a labourer, East Tisbury, who was represented by his wife, was summoned for not sending his child to school and an attendance order was made. In the case of Frederick Read, labourer, of West Tisbury, who was similarly summoned, and who did not appear, a fine of 2s was imposed. Mr S J Isaacs prosecuted on behalf of the School Attendance Committee.

Western Gazette Friday 15 July 1898

Presentation

Mr Edgar Gordon has recently received a handsome timepiece from the employees and a few friends as a memento of his five years' connection with the Pyt House Estate.

Western Gazette Friday 05 August 1898

Death of an Old Resident

An old and much respected inhabitant, Mr James Alford, died after a somewhat long illness, on Wednesday evening. Deceased had been closely connected with the parish for many years, he having occupied several public offices, including that of Rural District Councillor for Wardour since the Local Government Act came into force.

Western Gazette Friday 09 September 1898

Flower Show

The statement of the receipts and expenditure connected with the first show of the Tisbury Horticultural and Cottage Garden Society show a balance to the good of £4 17s 7d. The receipts showed a total of £45 10s 7½d, accounts audited by Mr G F Lush.

Western Gazette Friday 30 September 1898

Evening Continuation Schools

The following reports were recently received from the Education Department. Boys' School – The character of the instruction is very satisfactory and the order is good.

Girls' School – In the girls' school the subject chose have also been well taught. Mr F H Hinton is the teacher of the boys, the girls being taught by Miss Maggi Rixon. The undermentioned subjects have been chose for the ensuing season, boys – agriculture, commercial geography and music. Girls - domestic economy, music and needlework.

Western Gazette Friday 30 September 1898

Cabbage Stealing

Walter Scott, labourer, of East Tisbury, was summoned for stealing five growing cabbages, valued at 6d, the property of Albert King, patent medicine manufacturer, of Tisbury. The prosecutor said he missed the cabbages from his allotment and had them subsequently handed to him in a bag by a man named Scott. Witness at once took them to Supt Fox.

At this stage of the proceedings, defendant pleaded guilty and the Bench decided that further evidence was unnecessary. In the result, the magistrates dealt with the lad under the First Offenders Act, on his father undertaking to flog him the presence of a constable.

Western Gazette Friday 25 November 1898

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Died

The death took place somewhat unexpectedly on Monday morning, after a short illness, of Mr Edwin Osmond, who for a number of years had been organist, parish clerk, &c. at the Church. He was 66 years of age.

Western Gazette Friday 13 January 1899

Theft from the Benett Arms Hotel 1899

Tisbury Petty Sessions. On Tuesday, John Gurd, a young man living at Tisbury, was brought up in custody before Mr J E Jeffery, charged with stealing six cigars and three 1d packets of cigarettes from Mrs Griffin, Benett Arms Hotel, on the previous Sunday. Formal evidence was given and accused was liberated on bail.

Western Gazette Friday 03 February 1899

At a special Court on Monday, before Colonel Best (in the chair) and Mr J E Jeffery, John Gurd, lately ostler at the Benett Arms Hotel, Tisbury, surrendered to this bail to answer a charge of having stolen six cigars and three packets of cigarettes, the property of Elizabeth Griffin, the proprietress of the Benett Arms Hotel.

Mrs Griffin, the prosecutrix, said prior to the date of the present charge she had missed cigars, as well as a quantity of cigarettes and tobacco. She recognised the cigars and cigarettes produce d as being the same brand as she sold. She valued them at 1s 3d. Percy Griffin, son of the last witness, spoke to having found in the stable these cigars and a quantity of cigarettes, which he gave to his father. Supt Fox arrested prisoner, who replied, "Yes, sir, I took them" (meaning the cigars and cigarettes), and went into the bar and pointed out the box he took them from. Defendant was fined £1; in default, one month. The fine was paid.

Western Gazette Friday 10 February 1899

A Tisbury Vagrant

At the Romsey Borough Police-court on Saturday last Frank Scott, a labourer of Tisbury, was charged, before Alderrman Tuck, with placing himself in a position to beg. Prisoner, who had a wife and child with him, was singing and soliciting alms. Prisoner said he did not know he was doing any harm, but was sorry if he had. A letter from the Vicar of Tisbury spoke of the man and his wife as respectable people and on promising to return to his own parish, the charge was dismissed.

Western Gazette Friday 10 March 1899

County Court Shaftesbury

Hibberd Bros v John Furnell of Tisbury

Plaintiffs (represented by Mr Rutter) claimed £2 14 4d, value of a suit of clothes. The debt was disputed, defendant saying the goods were for his son, who was of age when the clothes were bought. Plaintiff said the goods were purchased by the defendant's wife, who said nothing as to their being for her son. Judgement for the plaintiff, 2s monthly.

Western Gazette Friday 17 March 1899

Tisbury Police Court

Frank Fray, labourer, of Tisbury, was charged with being drunk in High-street. PC Knapp stated that he found him lying in the road absolutely unable to stand. He was ordered to pay 2s 6d and costs and, on his application to the Bench, was allowed 14 days in which to pay the amount.

Western Gazette Friday 17 March 1899

Stray Pigs

Sarah Bowles, a farmer, of West Tisbury, was, on the evidence of PC Mead, fined 2s 6d, inclusive, for allowing 15 pigs to stray on the highway. Defendant's excuse was that she told her man to clean out the pigs, but that he misunderstood and let them out into the road.

Western Gazette Friday 26 May 1899

Queen's Birthday

In honour of this event, the bells of the Parish Church rang merry peals at intervals during Wednesday, and flags were displayed at the Maypole and at the residence of Mr Osmond.

Western Gazette Friday 26 May 1899

Serious Stabbing Charge

At Tisbury Petty Sessions on Monday, Frank Lever, of Tisbury, was brought before Colonel Best, charged with stabbing William Baker, of High-street, Tisbury, on the previous Saturday night. He was remanded until Monday.

Western Gazette Friday 22 September 1899

Tisbury Police Court

On Monday, Frank Lever was, on remand, before Colonel Best and Mr F Dunston, charged with stabbing William Baker, butcher and farmer, of Tisbury, on September 16th.

Prosecutor related the circumstances, which commenced with his finding prisoner in a shed occupied by him about half past ten on the night named. He asked prisoner what right he had there, and he replied that he had seen a man with a sack over his shoulder go into the gate of the field, and he was watching him to see what he was at. Prosecutor told him that he did not believe him, and walked on towards home. Prisoner followed behind him, and swore at him. He also attacked him (prosecutor), and a scuffle ensued, when they both fell down on a stone heap beside the road and prisoner said to him, "When I get up I will do for you".

Prosecutor again walked on towards home, when prisoner went up behind him and stabbed him in the left shoulder. Prosecutor met a man named Frederick James Mould, and subsequently saw PS Haddrell. The latter, in the absence of Dr Ensor, bound up his wound, which Dr Ensor said was about an inch long; it was deep and the blow inflicting it must have been given with considerable force from behind.

When arrested by Sergt Haddrell, prisoner said "What did the old fool hit me in the head for? I will hit it into him again when I come out, if I get five years for it. I don't care if I kill him". Supt Fox said that at his office, prisoner picked up the knife produced and said "That's the one I done it with". The accused asked no questions, and made no statement. He was committed for trial at the next Quarter Sessions.

Western Gazette Friday 29 September 1899

Wilts Assizes Devizes

Frank Lever, 41, labourer, was indicted for unlawfully stabbing and wounding William Baker with intent to do him some grievous bodily harm at East Tisbury on the 16th September. Mr C A S Garland was for the prosecution.

Prisoner pleaded guilty to unlawfully wounding, but not to the intent to do grievous bodily harm. This plea was accepted, the Judge remarking that there was very little difference. Prisoner had been several times previously convicted for violence and the last time was for stabbing. He would now be sent for two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Bristol Mercury Friday 03 November 1899

Proposed Purchase of a Fire Engine

A meeting of the Parish Councils of Tisbury East, West, and Wardour, to consider the question of obtaining a fire engine was held in the Sessions Hall on Wednesday evening. A committee was appointed to make enquiries in the matter as to the possibility of obtaining voluntary subscription and the probably cost of maintaining an engine when purchased, and to report to a parish meeting to be called when the necessary information could be laid before it.

Western Gazette Friday 30 June 1899

War Correspondent

Mr J Bennett-Stanford, late of the 1st Dragoons, has gone to South Africa to represent the Western Morning News, Plymouth, as its war correspondent. Mr Bennett-Stanford acted in a similar capacity in the last Soudan campaign, and was present at the capture of Omdurman.

Western Gazette Friday 20 October 1899

Carriage Accident

On Monday morning a horse attached to a carriage, the property of Mr W E King of Donhead Lodge, bolted from the Tisbury Station. In its career up High-street and collided with a bicycle standing by the side of the road, considerably damaging the machine. The animal was pluckily stopped by W Edwards near the Benett Arms Hotel. The front of the carriage was badly smashed and horse received a few cuts.

Western Gazette Friday 10 November 1899

Wilful Damage

Uriah True, a labourer of East Tisbury, was summoned at the instance of Alexander Godwin, of East Tisbury, manager to Mr Alfred Lush, for maliciously damaging a padlock attached to a field gate, to the amount of 1s, the property of Mr Lush. From the evidence of two lads named Stephen Hibberd and Herbert Martin, it appeared that the defendant unhung the gate from its hinges and threw it down, damaging the padlock which was attached to it to the amount of the above mentioned. Fined 2s 6d, and ordered to pay the amount of damage, the costs being remitted. Supt Fox stated that he received several complaints of similar conduct on the part of youths of Tisbury and the chairman said future offenders would be more severely with.

Western Gazette Friday 29 September 1899