

# Broad Town Newspaper

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**GODWIN BROS.**  
**BREWERS and MALTSTERS,**  
**ALLES & STOUT**  
SWINDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
**THE NELSON BREWERY**  
SWINDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

**SWINDON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1901.**

REGISTERED FOR TRANSMISSION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. **ONE PENNY.**

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## The Swindon Advertiser,

WILTS, BERKS AND GLOSTER CHRONICLE.

1278 REGISTERED FOR TRANSMISSION BEYOND THE UNITED KINGDOM. **SWINDON MONDAY JANUARY 12, 1901** **PRICE ONE PENNY**

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**APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.**  
**THE LANGSHIRE FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
**J. SESSIONS & SONS,**  
**MANUFACTURERS BY STEAM POWER,**  
**IMPORTERS AND FACTORS**  
**BUILDING MATERIALS**  
**AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,**  
**ROCKS, GLOUCESTER.**  
**AND AT CANAL, WHARF EARL CARRER.**  
**THE FRODOCK-BRAND MARK, GLOUCESTER.**  
**THE DELIVERY OF CEMENT BY STEAM POWER.**  
**CHIMNEY PIECES.**

**THE GENTLEMEN'S TAILORING & OUTFITTING ESTABLISHMENT,**  
**11, HIGH STREET, SWINDON.**  
**GEORGE PAKEMAN**  
**HAS the pleasure of announcing to his numerous patrons and the public generally that he has a large and well-assorted and generally selected stock of the latest styles of the day. His stock is large and well-assorted and generally selected with the latest styles of the day. His stock is large and well-assorted and generally selected with the latest styles of the day. His stock is large and well-assorted and generally selected with the latest styles of the day.**

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## Brewery & Mill

(Wilts) To be S O L D by Auction,

In two Lots, by HENRY HILL,

On Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 1769, between the Hours of Two and Six in the Afternoon, at the Castle Inn at Marlborough, in the County of Wilts,

**T**HE Freehold Estate late of Mr. Thomas Garlick, but now of Mrs. Mary Buckeridge, situate at Broad Town, in the Parish of Cleeve Pepper, in the said County.

Lot 1. A Dwelling House, Malthouse, Barn, Stable, two Orchards, and two Gardens, containing about two Acres, and about seven Acres of Arable Land in the common Fields of Broad Town aforesaid, and now in the Occupation of the Widow Sherer.

Lot 2 Three Meadow Grounds at Broad Town aforesaid, containing in the whole about 16 Acres, and now in the Occupation of Mr. Richard Garlick.

N. B. The Premises may be viewed at any Time, by applying to the said Widow Sherer, or Mr. Richard Garlick, the present Occupiers.

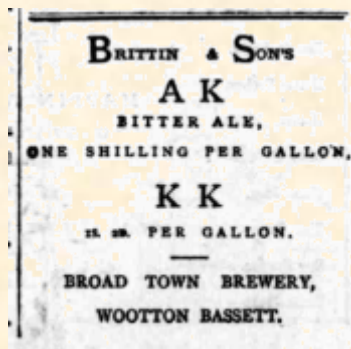
For further Particulars, and Conditions of Sale, enquire of Mr. Fudge, Attorney, at Marlborough; or of Henry Hill, Auctioneer, at Marlborough; or at his Upholstery Warehouse in Queen-square, Bath; or at the Castle Inn aforesaid.

From the British Library collection (The Salisbury Journal 27<sup>th</sup> March 1769 /Page #?)

### BROAD TOWN.

**FIRE.**—A fire broke out in the mill at Broad Town, on Tuesday evening, and before it could be got under entirely consumed the timber and roof of the mill. We hear the mill is insured in the Sun Fire Office.

From the British Library collection (The North Wilts Herald 11 November 1867 /Page #3)



From the British Library collection (The Swindon Advertiser 12<sup>th</sup> January April 1880 /Page #?)

**STEAM BREWERY, WOOTTON  
BASSETT,**

9th December, 1881.

**S**IR—I beg to draw your attention to the accompanying circular from Mr W. R. ARMSTRONG, the Trustee of the Estate of Messrs HART and Co., from which you will learn that I have this day purchased the Steam Brewery as above and the business connected therewith.

I trust that, by supplying Beer and Stout brewed from the best Malt and Hops *only*, to receive the support of the former customers of the Brewery.

Soliciting the continuance of your orders, which shall at all times have my best attention,

I beg to remain

Yours obediently,

ERNEST CAUDWELL.

**WOOTTON BASSETT,**

9th December, 1881.

**S**IR,—I beg to inform you that Mr. ERNEST CAUDWELL has become the Purchaser of the Steam Brewery formerly carried on by Messrs HART & Co., and that I have sold to him the Brewery Plant and Stock-in-Trade.

Neither Mr LEIGHFIELD nor Mr HART have now any connection with the Brewery business, nor have they the right to receive moneys or solicit orders in connection with it.

All Debts due to the firm of HART & Co, up to this date will be received by me,

Your obedient Servant,

W. R. ARMSTRONG,

Trustee under the Bankruptcy of Messrs Hart and Co.

From the British Library collection (The Swindon Advertiser 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1882 /Page #?)

**BROAD TOWN BREWERY.**

**HART BROTHERS,**

HAVING SUBMITTED SAMPLES  
OF THEIR

**BEER!**

**ALE AND STOUT!**

To independent analysis, are pleased to assure their Customers from scientific test, what they (the Customers) have long found from experimental test, that the Products of the above Brewery are quite

**FREE FROM ARSENIC TAIN  
OR INFLUENCE.**

The wholesomeness of their BEERS has long been recognised among those who use them largely, and unsolicited Testimonials to this effect are often received; and the reputation thus enjoyed it will be the object of the Proprietors to maintain. [2927]

From the British Library collection (The North Wiltshire Herald 4<sup>th</sup> January April 1901 /Page #?)

**NEXT WEDNESDAY, September 30th.**

**BROAD TOWN BREWERY,**

3 miles from Wootton Bassett and 2½ miles from the G.W.R. Station.

Important and Unreserved SALE of LOOSE BREWING PLANT, including Vats, Racking Butts, about 1,000 Carriage Casks, Horses, Harness, Drays, Carts, Stock, Tools, Utensils, Rubber Hose and Piping, Furnaces, Fittings, Sheds, Greenhouse, &c.

**A** **ARMSTRONG & SON** are favoured with instructions from the Exors. of the late **Mr. SAMUEL HART**, deceased (who are discontinuing the Brewing Business), to **SELL** by **AUCTION**, on the Premises at Broad Town Brewery, on **WEDNESDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1908**, in convenient Lots, the whole of the

**LOOSE PLANT, STOCK AND EFFECTS,**

Comprising:—

**STORE VATS** having from 20 to 30-barrel capacity, **18** four-barrel **RACKING BUTTS**, about **1,000** **CARRIAGE CASKS** in good condition, consisting of hogsheads, barrels, kilderkins, firkins, sizes and pins, quantity of siphons, running down and other piping, armoured hose, etc., large racking and other cocks, tools, stencil plates, branding irons, tortoise stoves and piping, barn troughs and trolleys, finnings machine, brewing thermometers of various kinds, saccharometers, dip-sticks, etc., **PLATFORM WEIGHING MACHINE** by Parnall, **90-gallon** copper boiler and fittings, driving belts, large chaff-cutter with pulley, etc., by Bentall (nearly new), grindstone and stand, chain pump and fittings, capital stack of old meadow hay, heap of manure, small quantity of malt, maize, rice, hops and other materials, iron safe and requisites.

**5** Capital **CART** and **HALF-BRED MARES** and **GELDINGS**, all quiet in harness and good, reliable Animals.

**9** Vehicles, consisting of **3** **BEER FLOATS**, **4** **SPRING CARTS** and **2** **TRAVELLER'S GIGS**.

**7** Sets of **TRAP** and **CART HARNESS**, sundry trace and other ditto.

Stable tools, corn bins and clipping machine.

**GREENHOUSE**, 13ft. by 7ft.,

and numerous other **Fixtures, Fittings and Effects**.

Sale to commence at **11.30** in the morning punctually.

On view day previous and morning of Sale. Catalogues of the Auctioneers at Wootton Bassett.

**BROAD TOWN.**

At the Marlborough County Court, on Tuesday last, before C. F. D. Caillard, Esq., the case of Wm. Price v. William Simmonds came on for hearing. The plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. Kinneir, of Swindon, is a farmer, residing at Cotmarsh Farm, in the parish of Broad Hinton. The defendant is also a farmer, lately residing at Little Town, in the same parish. The action was brought to recover possession of two pasture grounds, of which the defendant was tenant, and also £10 19s. for rent and value of occupation of same. Notice was given by the plaintiff at Michaelmas, 1865, to quit the land at Lady-day, 1866, but the defendant (who now conducted his own case) refused to give up possession, and he alleged that he had originally taken the land as tenant of Viscount Bolingbroke, and not of the plaintiff, and also that his holding was a Michaelmas and not a Lady-day holding. Mr. Kinneir called as his witnesses the plaintiff, Lord Bolingbroke's under steward (Mr. S. C. Eveleigh), and Mr. W. Avenell, the executor of Mr. S. Brown, a former tenant of the land, and after hearing the defendant, His Honor gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff, directing possession to be given on the 2nd July next, and payment of £10 12s. and costs in a fortnight.

From the British Library collection (The Swindon Advertiser, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1866 /Page #2)

**LITTLE TOWN FARM**

4 miles from Wootton Bassett, 7 from Swindon, and 8 from Marlborough.

*An IMPORTANT and UNRESERVED SALE of 67 Head of Young Cattle, 105 capital Hampshire Down Togs, 14 sound young and valuable Cart and Nag Horses and Colts, **broad** and narrow wheel Waggon and Carts, Ploughs, Harrows, Drags, with a general assortment of other **Farming** Implements, also the FEED of a Close of Capital PASTURE LAND, about 6 acres, from the 25th day of March, 1869, till the 25th of March, 1870. A few Dairy Utensils, Iron Bound Casks, and some lots of useful HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., &c.*

From the British Library collection (North Wilts Herald - Saturday 20 March 1869 /Page #?)

**TO BE LET, LITTLE TOWN FARM**, in the parish of **Broad Hinton**, Wilts, from the 25th day of March next.—For particulars, apply to Mr. **ADAM TWINE**, Wootton Bassett Wharf.

From the British Library collection (North Wilts Herald - Saturday 17 February 1877 /Page #?)

## THE LAND TAX AT BROAD TOWN.

*To the Editor of the North Wilts Herald.*

SIR,—The answer I have this week received to my letter of April 2nd, 1879, I consider very feeble. The gentleman was ashamed to put his name. He complains of my education on the land tax. I own I had but little schooling, but sufficient to enable me to speak the truth and avoid all roguishness. This gentleman that attempts to teach me keeps very bad time (he is either too fast or too slow), and does not let his head and hand go together. He must hit rather straighter or he will never blind me. He also says the land tax is in a very rotten state. This I believe, for they take it off noblemen's land and put it on poor men's houses. The two houses he mentioned in Devizes—one worth £15 per annum, the other £50, the former paying three times as much land tax as the latter—is a shallow argument. He has not said how much land there was to each house. Perhaps it was also a place of note. I see he is also forgetful. He named the land tax, but not the house tax on the house at Littletown. Perhaps he is not aware there is a house tax as well as land. If I had been charged a house tax at Broad Town I should not have disputed save on the ground it was not worth £20 per year. Now I am charged with a land tax 3s. 1d. per year. Mine is a piece of waste land for which I am charged in Broad Hinton, on which they could never find a tax; therefore when I was called upon to pay it, I considered it myself, and would not. The assessor in 1878 said he paid it at the end of the year he resigned. When there was another chosen this one called several times for the tax, but I still declined and told him he should force for it, but he was to do his duty, for I had a fiddler behind that would play a long dance.

Then a day for appeal came when I went to Swindon to the magistrates' court. There they were sitting on a case. I asked two or three policemen several times where the appeal court was held; also of several in the street, but could gain no information. One said it was formerly held at the Goddard Arms. There I

seen some people go to the Town Hall. Away I went again. Upstairs I found a gentleman and a boy with whom I was acquainted. I asked him the same question. He pointed to a door, but said I could not go in as one was in there. I waited till he came out, then went in. There were Rev. C. Bradford, Clyffe Pypard (commissioner), Mr. J. E. G. Bradford, Mr. H. N. Goddard, and a tax collector. I pleaded my cause, but all I could gain was "You must pay." I told them I should give the assessor a deal of trouble. The collector said "no trouble." Well, it went on to the 25th March, when the assessor called for the last time and asked my wife if I meant to pay the tax. She said "No." He said he wished I would; he was that day going to consult Mr. Bradford, and it would be dreadful, especially if a sheriff's officer from Somerset House was sent. On the 26th an auctioneer's son from Wootton Bassett was sent with a distress warrant. He took account of goods, and said he should sell on the following Monday if not paid. He said he came himself, as people should'nt have such a narration over the country. I told him it would be made public.

Now I think if my correspondent had let the old bones of poor George III. alone after lying 59 years, it would have been mere to his credit; instead of rattling them together again. I suppose he thought there was some gold or plunder there or he never would have attempted it. It seems he did not wash his hands clean afterwards. This is where the disease was caught. It certainly laid in the east; pitched at Swindon and being such a strong odour it increased and swept along the side of the hill and dropped again at Broad Hinton and Clyffe. There it laid dormant for a time, when a select few sought a place to choose a young man of Wootton Bassett that could handle it well, as he was overseer, tax collector, &c., &c. They handed over the poor rate books and taxbooks to take it off the squire's land and put it on poor men's houses. Certainly he did it, and returned them, which pleased them well. Of course he had it from good authority, or he never would have done it. He had orders to do the same in Wootton Bassett as he is ready-headed. At it he went at once, and being assessor in Wootton Bassett had the first time collecting when the inhabitants were very much upset, as they had never heard of it before. Then there was a day for them to make

their appeal in Swindon. There they went in droves, thinking they should get the burden lightened. They thought of going into an open court where justice ought to be done; instead of this, they were led in separately like blind donkeys, and were glad enough to escape again, whole. It was reported that one of the legal gentlemen told them they were very good chapel people on Sundays. Then they laid all the blame on this young man.

Now this puts me in mind of an old poacher that knows where plenty of game is in a dangerous place, takes a young one with him, points out the spot where he is to go, stands out himself. ~~The first attempt by~~ made the keeper caught him. The old one heard the scuffle and escaped, and was never known. Then Clyffe Pypard and Broad Hinton made a start. Certainly people began to refuse here as well, but the answer was "It is a right and just thing." It was no use; Wootton Bassett people had made their appeal but were bound to pay. After the people at Wootton Bassett were refused at Swindon they employed a lawyer to get a councillor's opinion, but I could never hear the result. Instead of this, had they joined together and got up a petition and handed it to their member, Sir D. Gooch, M.P., or Mr. A. L. Goddard, M.P., whom they send to Parliament, and asked them to lay this petition on the table in the House of Commons, they would have acted wisely.

But it is not too late now. All through the borough and hundreds of Cricklade every man and woman that has got this monstrous tax put on them could draw up a petition, no matter if its as long as Jacob's ladder. This would be the only way to get relieved.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM SIMMONDS.

P.S.—Should feel obliged if you would publish no letter unless the gentleman will put his name.

Corn Exchange, Swindon.

**HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE of a VALUABLE FREEHOLD ESTATE, known as "LITTLE TOWN FARM," in the parishes of BROAD TOWN & BROAD HINTON, About 3 miles from Wootton Bassett Station.**

Comprising 120 Acres or thereabouts of very Rich and Fertile PASTURE & ARABLE LAND.

**M**R. JOHN A. Y. MATTHEWS has been favoured with instructions from the owner, Mr. Adam Twine to offer the above VALUABLE PROPERTY by AUCTION, at the Crown Hotel, Wootton Bassett, on WEDNESDAY, July 6th, 1887, at 2 for 3 p.m.

Further particulars may be obtained of the Vendor or the Auctioneer, Offices, 14, Bath Road, and Corn Exchange, Swindon.

From the British Library collection (Marlborough Times - Saturday 18 June 1887 /Page #?)

**THURSDAY, November 12th, 1891.**  
**LITTLE TOWN FARM BROAD TOWN.**  
 About 3 miles from Wootton Bassett Station (G.W.R.)

**UNRESERVED SALE OF LIVE AND DEAD FARMING STOCK.**

**M**R. J. A. Y. MATTHEWS has been favored with instructions from Mr. J. D. VINES, to SELL by AUCTION, on the Premises, as above, without reserve, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 1891,

**LIVE AND DEAD FARMING STOCK,**  
 COMPRISING

3 Choice Young DAIRY COWS, in calf and in full milk.  
 12 Well-bred YEARLING HEIFERS.  
 HORSES.—Nag Mare, 7 yrs., Cart Gelding, 7 yrs.  
 Four ricks of Wheat, rick of Barley, 2 ricks of Oats, rick of Beans, rick of Peas, rick of Meadow Hay, stump of ditto, about 2 acres Swedes (all to go off.

**AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS** comprise 2 waggons, 2 tip carts, mowing machine, horse rake, winnowing machine, Cambridge roller, iron plough, skim plough, cultivator, set drags, set harrows, set seed ditto, chaff cutter, cow cribs, sheep troughs, ladders, 8 doz. close burdles, &c.

**HARNESS.**—3 sets thiller harness, 2 sets trace harness, set of G. O. harness.

Sale will commence at 1 p.m. precisely.

Catalogues may be obtained of the AUCTIONEER, Auction and Valuation Offices: 46, Cricklade Street, Swindon.

From the British Library collection (North Wilts Herald - Friday 30 October 1891 /Page #?)

## IMPORTANT SALE IN SWINDON.

NEARLY 100 HOUSES IN THE MARKET.  
THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MESSRS. G.  
AND A. TWINE.

There was a very large attendance at the Assembly Room, Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon, on Monday afternoon last, when the large estates of the late Mr George Twine and Mr Adam Twine, of Wootton Bassett, came under the auctioneers' hammer. The estate offered comprised seven farms, of about 796 acres, also residences, business premises, and villas, and 97 cottages. The farms are situated at Tockenham, Broadtown, Broad Hinton, Brinkworth, and Wootton Bassett, while the remainder of the property is situated at Swindon, Highworth, and Wootton Bassett, 50 of the houses being at the last-named town, seven houses at Highworth, and 28 houses in Swindon.

The biddings were brisk, and all the farms were sold, as also a large proportion of the other property.

The Wootton Bassett property was not sold on Monday, but was offered at the Red Lion Hotel, Wootton Bassett, yesterday (Thursday).

East End Farm, near Callow Hill, Brinkworth, 57½ acres of freehold pasture and dairy land, with house and premises, let to Mr Caleb Gough at £87 a year, was sold to Mr G. Cove for £3,025.

An enclosure of freehold land adjoining, one acre in extent, was purchased by Mr A. Snow for £45.

Three pairs of cottages situate near the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Callow Hill, Brinkworth, were sold to Mr H. White, at £120 per pair.

For Greenhill Common Farm, near Wootton Bassett, 95½ acres, with farm house and buildings, let at £200 a year, there was a spirited contest. Starting at £3,000, the biddings ran to £6,200, at which figure Mr A. N. Horlick, of Lydney, became the purchaser.

For two pieces of land near Hunt's Mill, Wootton Bassett, 12½ acres in extent, Mr F. Twine paid £600, and Mr G. Twine purchased 5½ acres of allotment land near Hunt's Mill for £360.

Mr T. Henley bought 2½ acres of freehold land near the previous lot for £140.

Mr F. Twine purchased two freehold cottages near Hunt's Mill for £80.

Greenway Farm, Tockenham, containing 128½ acres, was next offered. It is let at £232 a year. Starting at £2,500, the biddings rose to £5,000, at which figure Mr H. White became the purchaser.

Mr White also purchased two cottages and gardens, and a quarter of an acre of land adjoining the farm for £170.

Tockenham Farm, 82½ acres, let at £155 a year, was secured by Mr E. Pritchard for £3,200. The timber is valued at £61.

Mr A. Twine purchased 4½ acres of arable land at Tockenham for £500.

Mr F. Twine bought six cottages at Tockenham for £360.

Three cottages, near the above at Tockenham, were knocked down to Mr A. Chillingworth for £430.

A small holding, known as Greenlands, situate on The Green, in the village of Lyneham, 4½ acres in extent, was bought by Mr F. Twine for £700.

Mr E. J. Tuck purchased a cottage, known as Whiteway Cottage, Broad Town, let at £14 a year, for £155.

Broad Town Farm, 33½ acres in extent, let at £87 15s per annum, was sold to Mr H. White for £1,900.

Cockroost Farm, near Broad Town, in the parish of Broad Hinton, 151 acres, was sold to Mr H. White for £2,800.

Littletown Farm, Broad Town, 110 acres, let at £220, was purchased by Mr H. White for £2,800.

Highworth House, in the main street of Highworth, was also in the catalogue. It has three reception rooms, 8 bedrooms, 2 dressing rooms, 2 attics, 3 staircases, 3 large cellars, conservatory and greenhouses, coach house, stabling for five horses, and two enclosed gardens. The house has for some time been unoccupied, and it now passed to Mr Gus Hart for £300.

There were 5 lots of Swindon property, and in this section only did any properties remain unsold of the whole day's sale. No. 44, Avenue Road, fetched £225 (Mr F. S. Coleman), and Nos. 1 to 9, Haydon Street, £370 (Mr C. Bishop). This lot in Haydon Street is subject to a rent charge of £17 16s 4d per annum. For seventeen other cottages, and a shop and dwelling house in Haydon Street, there were no offers.

Messrs H. Bevir and Son, Wootton Bassett, were the solicitors acting for the vendors.

Pasture field at Wootton Bassett Hill; 2½ acres; let to Mr J. King at £10 per annum.—Mr Adam Twine, £185.

Coombe Field, Restrop, Purton; 18a. 3r. 37p.; let to Mr C. Tuck at £45 per annum.—Mr W. R. Armstrong, £1,150.

Freehold orchard land adjoining Mud Lane, Purton; 1a. 0r. 38p.; let to Mr Paginton at £4 per annum.—Mr Paginton (the tenant), £105.

Pasture field adjoining Restrop House, Purton; 11a. 2r. 16p.; let to Mr E. L. Gardner at £27 per annum.—Mr Gardner, £850.

Three pasture fields near Kimbury Camp, Westrop; 16a. 3r. 17p.; let to Mr Paginton at £22 per annum.—Mr J. T. Greenaway, £625.

Freehold allotment land at Westrop; 7a. 1r. 13p.; let to Mr R. Hedges at £10 per annum; Mr J. L. Wells, £245.

Another piece of allotment land; 9a. 3r. 0p.; let at £2 per acre.—Mr A. Baker, £440.

Several plots of allotment land (remainder of the same field); 26a. 3r. 17p.; let at £48 5s 6d per annum.—Mr J. J. Webb, £990.

Six cottages, Nos. 1 to 6, Eastrop Terrace, Highworth; two let at 3s 6d, and four at 3s 3d per week.—Mr J. Morris, £410.



*To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Salisbury.*

We, the undersigned churchwardens, summoned to attend your lordship's visitation at Marlborough, beg leave to address you upon the critical state of the Church of England in this diocese.

We have painfully observed of late a desire on the part of many of the clergy to approximate their teaching and services to those of the apostate Church of Rome; and we therefore feel it to be our duty to assure your lordship that, as a necessary consequence, very many attached members of our Church are deeply pained; and we are convinced that unless a decided and timely check be given to these innovations, the future prospect of the Church is most serious and alarming.

We therefore pray your lordship to exercise your authority and influence to prevent a consummation which all true members of the Church most desire to avert.

We beg to remain, your lordship's most humble servants,  
John Redman, Froxfield; Lewin Arnold, Wilcot; George Brown, Avebury; William Charles, Chiseldon; W. H. Willis, Oxbourne St. George; Joseph Hill, Collingbourne Ducis; Henry Salfie, East Grafton; Jno. Merrifield, Overton; John Grace, Collingbourns; Charles Large, Winterbourne Bassett; Daniel W. Crook, Chilton Foliatt; William Mackerill, Chilton Foliatt; John C. Pinniger, Oxbourne St. Andrew; T. Paara Brown, Burderop; W. H. Tanner, Rockley, Oxbourne St. Andrew; H. J. Puckeridge, Winterbourne Bassett; Morris L. Potter, Great Bedwyn; William Sawyer, Great Bedwyn; Henry Brown, Monkton; James Chisman, Pewsey; H. J. Butcher, Easton; J. T. Powell, Easton; W. T. Rickers, North Savemake; Wm. Crook, Wootton Rivers; Samuel Looker, Mildenhall; S. H. Viveash, Monkton; John M. Yorke, Hilmarton; Albert Parsons, Hilmarton; Edmund Parsons, Wootton Bassett; George Horsell, Wootton Bassett; John Webb King, West Everley; D. W. Clunes, Collingbourne; Richard Batchelor, Chute; Wm. F. Church, Milton; Daniel Haines, Milton; Jonathan Rebbeck, Lockeridge; R. Canning, Froxfield; Samuel Hale Smith, Broad Hinton; Jno. Smith, Bucknall; William Henry, Cliffe Pypard; William Spearing, East Kennett; Henry Maskelyne, Little Town; Frederic Caster, Barnhill; Edward Potter, Chisbury; Edwd. Wentworth, Aldbourne; Thos. Kemm, Avebury; Thos. Chandler, Aldbourns; Jacob Matthews, Lyneham; Francis Pullen, Lyneham; H. Godding, Brimslade; William Holloway, Manningford Bruce.

From the British Library collection (Wiltshire County Mirror - Wednesday 19 June 1867 /Page #4) - Henry Maskelyne at Littletown in 1867

**F**OR SALE, a quantity of RED CURRANTS  
and a few BLACK ditto.—Apply to Miss E. Pritchard, Little Town Broad Town

From the British Library collection (Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle - Monday 11 August 1879/page #?)  
Miss E Pritchard Littletown sale of red currants 1879

## BROAD TOWN

### THE LATE MRS. TILLING

One of the most popular and esteemed residents in the village of Broad Town, Mrs. Julia Emma Telling, who kept the general stores, was buried on Wednesday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. L. G. Cawker (Vicar, of Broad Town,) who also officiated at the graveside. Mrs. Telling lived to the good old age of 74 years, and had lived in Broad Town in the same business for 67 years. It will be well remembered that Mrs. Telling's father, the late William Simmonds, of Little Town, cut the well-known white horse in the hills of Broad Town, which is visited by many people.

The chief mourners were: Miss Reeves (niece), Mr. J. Simmonds (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. R. Little, of Wootton Bassett, Mr. W. Fry (nephew, of Chippenham), Mr. and Mrs. Matthews (niece and nephew), Mrs. Ponting (niece, of Corton). Many of the villagers followed, and most of the blinds were drawn to show respect. There were many wreaths.

Mrs. Reeves, a sister of the late Mrs. Telling, was too ill to attend the funeral. The business of the late Mrs. Telling is being carried on by her niece, Miss Reeves.

From the British Library collection (Wiltshire Times and Trowbridge Advertiser - Saturday 02 December 1933) Burial of Mrs Telling (daughter of William Simmonds Littletown) 1933

## Skeletons

1 On Saturday, as some labourers in the em-  
- ploy of the Rev. E. Goddard, of Cliffe Pypyard,  
- were removing earth on the summit of the hill forming  
- the north boundary of Broad Town Fields, they dis-  
s covered, a few inches below the surface of the soil,  
- some human skeletons of gigantic stature. By re-  
- moving the earth with great care, the workmen were  
, enabled to expose the skeletons to perfect view. They  
1 were lying with their feet towards the east, but the  
, skulls and several bones of each appear to have been  
1 fractured. A surgeon of the neighbourhood was of  
- opinion, from the mouldering appearance of the bones,  
2 that they were of great antiquity. The place where  
1 they were found is contiguous to a Roman station,  
3 where other skeletons have heretofore been discovered,  
1 with several ancient weapons or implements of warfare  
3 buried with them. An iron point of an arrow was  
3 also found on this occasion near one of the skeletons.  
t Such was the curiosity excited by the discovery, that  
, crowds of persons visited the spot on the following  
5 day; and although care had been taken to cover up  
e again these relics of mortality, the earth was removed  
- by some of the visiters, the skeletons disturbed, and  
e most of the bones have since been taken away.—*De-  
vizes Gazette.*

From the British Library collection (Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette - Thursday 05 June 1834 /Page #?)



## Goldborough

**GAME.**  
**THE GAME** on the Manor of **BROAD-TOWN** in the county of **WILTS.** (which takes in Goldborough Farm,) having of late years been much destroyed by poachers, and other unqualified persons, this is to give Notice, that the Lords of the said Manor have appointed Mr. **RICHARD SMITH**, of Chippenham, to be their Gamekeeper of and for the said Manor, and to give information of all persons who shall be found trespassing thereon, in order that they may be prosecuted according to law.  
**JAMES BRADFORD**, Steward.  
Swindon, Aug. 25th, 1812.

From the British Library collection (The Bath Chronicle 1812/Page #?)

**TO BUILDERS AND OTHERS.**  
**TENDERS** are invited for the erection of a Stable and Gig-house at **Goldborough Farm** Broad Town, near Wootton Bassett, belonging to the Trustees of the Broad Town Charity, and in the occupation of Mr. Edmund Parsons, according to a Plan and Specification prepared by Mr. Richard Darley, architect, Chippenham, which can be seen any day at my office (except Sunday) between the hours of ten and six.  
Tenders to be sent sealed to the undersigned, and marked "Tender," not later than the 23rd day of August instant, but the lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.  
**JAMES E. G. BRADFORD**,  
Solicitor, High Street, Swindon.  
9th August, 1879.

From the British Library collection (North Wilts Herald - Saturday 09 August 1879 /Page #?)

**OFFICIAL NOTICES.**

**COUNTY OF WILTS.**

**SMALL HOLDINGS COMMITTEE.**

**TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.**

**T**HE Small Holdings Committee are prepared to receive TENDERS for the erection of New Buildings, alteration and adaptation of existing buildings, and general repairs at **Goldborough Farm**, Broad Town, Wootton Bassett. Plans, specification, conditions of contract and form of tender may be obtained from the undersigned.

Applications, accompanied by a deposit of £2 2s. (cheques only, payable to the Wilts County Council) must be made not later than the 30th July, 1935. Deposits will be re-funded upon the receipt of a bona fide tender and the return of plans and specifications.

Tenders will be required to be delivered not later than first post on Saturday, the 17th August, 1935, addressed to the Clerk of the Council, and no tender will be received except in a plain sealed envelope which must bear the word "Tender," followed by the subject to which it relates, but shall not bear any name or mark indicating the sender.

The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

C. W. WATSON,

County Land Agent.

County Land Agent's Office,

Polebarn House, Trowbridge.

17th July, 1935.

## Church Farm

**A SOLDIER'S DEATH.**—Sincere sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. T. Chesterman, of Poplar House, in the death of their son, Driver P. C. Chesterman, of the Army Service Corps, who died suddenly on June 6th while on service in Salonika. The young soldier had been in the Army ever since September, 1914, and had experienced many of the vicissitudes of warfare. He was first of all in the Royal Berks Regt., but within two months of his voluntary enlistment he was transferred to the Army Service Corps, and in the following January he left for France. In August of the same year he came home for six days, and this was the first and only leave he had during his Army life. A fortnight after his return to France he was sent to Egypt, where he remained only three weeks, and then he went to Salonika. Capt. B. A. Bates, writing to the bereaved mother, assures her that her son died from apparent heart failure and passed away without any pain, and expresses the deep sympathy of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men. "He has," continues the writer, "served the Division most faithfully from the day on which it left England, and during the last two years, in which I have been his Commanding Officer,

From the British Library collection (North Wilts Herald - Friday 28 June 1918/page#3)

## Ham Farm

### CLYFFE PYPARD, BUSHTON AND BROAD TOWN, WILTS.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY  
**M**ESSRS. BRUTON, KNOWLES & Co.,  
 at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, WOOTTON  
 BASSETT, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of May,  
 1885, at Two for Three o'clock in the afternoon,  
 The FREEHOLD COMPACT PASTURE FARM,  
 called HAM FARM, in the parish of Broad Town  
 and within two miles of the Wootton Bassett  
 Railway Station and nine miles from Marlborough,  
 containing 36a. 1r. 2p. ; and also the FREEHOLD  
 PASTURE LAND and other FREEHOLD PRO-  
 PERTY, as follows:

Lot 1.—All that FREEHOLD COMPACT  
 PASTURE FARM, called "Ham Farm," contain-  
 ing 36a. 1r. 2p., or thereabouts, and comprising the  
 following particulars:—

No. on Tithe ap- pointment Map.	Description.	Quality.	Quantity.		
			A.	R.	P.
59	Stoneover Mead	Pasture	1	0	29
61	The Four Acres	Pasture	3	3	29
82	Leaze Marsh	Pasture	7	1	12
89	Home Close	Pasture	4	0	28
90	House Buildings Yard & Gardens		0	3	2
91	Orchard	Orchard	0	2	31
92	Cow Leaze	Pasture	7	3	9
15	The Field	Pasture	10	1	22
			36	1	2

This Lot is in the occupation of Mr. James Nicholls (who has occupied it for the last 35 years), at the annual rent of £70, formerly £90.

The Land is of first rate quality and is at present in excellent condition.

The Buildings have recently been put and are now in thorough repair.

Possession can be had at once by arrangement with the Tenant, otherwise at Lady day, 1886.

**Lot 2.—A CLOSE OF PASTURE LAND**, called the Breach Ground, No. 473 on the Tithe Map, containing 7a. 1r. 28p. or thereabouts, situate in the parish of Clyffe, and bounded on all or most parts by lands of Nelson Goddard, Esq.

**Lot 3.—A CLOSE OF PASTURE LAND**, called the Mermaid Ground, No. 499 on the Tithe Map, containing 5a. 1r. 4p. or thereabouts, situate in the said parish of Clyffe, bounded by land of Miss Spackman, C. E. Broom, Esq., and others. This lot faces the highway leading from Wootton Bassett to Bushton.

**Lot 4.—A CLOSE OF PASTURE LAND**, called "The Close," No. 535 on the Tithe Map, containing 1a. 2r. 27p. or thereabouts, situate at Bushton, formerly let to Mr. Joseph Norton, at the annual rent of £5 10s.

**Lot 5.—TWO FREEHOLD COTTAGES AND GARDENS** adjoining each other, situate at "The Mermaid" on the side of the highway leading from Wootton Bassett to Bushton, now in the occupations of Joseph Barnett and another of the annual rent of £5 12s.

**Lot 6.—THREE WELL and SUBSTANTIALLY BRICK-BUILT COTTAGES with GARDENS** adjoining each other, situate near the highway at Bushton, now in the occupations of Mary Comley, William Smith, and George Franklin, at the aggregate annual rent of £11.

**Lot 7.—THREE FREEHOLD COTTAGES with the GARDENS** adjoining each other, situate near the Highway at Bushton, and now in the occupations of John Gale, John Comley and Thomas Smith at the aggregate annual rent of £7 14s. 0d.

**Lot 8.—FIVE FREEHOLD COTTAGES with the GARDENS** adjoining each other, situate at Belcroft in the Parish of Clyffe Pypard, and now in the respective occupations of Henry Glass and others at the aggregate annual rent of £15 12s.

The **TIMBER** on Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be taken to by the purchasers of those respective lots by valuation to be made by the Auctioneers after the sale.

Immediate possession can be had of all the Lots except Lot 1.

To view apply to the respective Tenants and for all further particulars to the Auctioneers, Albion Chambers, King Street, Gloucester, or to Mr. **WILLIAM SMITH, Solicitor, Gloucester.**

## Cotmarsh

**SALE OF GRASS FEED AT BROAD TOWN,  
COTMARSH, AND PURTON.**

**M**R. W. DORE will **SELL BY AUCTION**  
at the OLD ROYAL OAK INN, WOOTTON  
BASSETT, on Tuesday the 11th day of April, 1865, at  
3 o'clock in the afternoon, the FEED of the following  
Pasture Lands, occupied by the late Mr. Edward  
Willis, deceased, till the 29th September next.

**AT BROAD TOWN**

	A.	R.	P.
Lot 1. — Red Lains .....	11	2	35
„ 2.—Great Lains .....	11	3	0
„ 3.—Little Lains and Rutters .....	12	0	10
„ 4.—Scholar's Marsh .....	14	2	0

**AT COTMARSH.**

Lot 5.—Lower Farm Marsh .....	7	2	0
„ 6.—Upper Farm Marsh .....	9	3	0
„ 7.—Two Cotmarsh Grounds .....	7	2	0

**AT RESTROP, PURTON.**

Lot 8.—Home Ground .....	7	2	0
„ 9.—Middle Ground and Third } Ground .....	6	2	0
„ 10.—Rough Ground .....	8	1	0
„ 11.—Gatells and Cow Lease Close...	6	3	0

**Total ... 103 3 5**

**N.B.**—The Pieces are well bounded and watered,  
and the Lots at Broad Town and Cotmarsh may be  
viewed on application to Mr. Parsons, Wootton  
Fields, and at Restrop on application to Mr. Willis,  
at the Farm

Swindon, April 3rd, 1865.

From the British Library collection (Swindon Advertiser 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1865 /Page #?)

# Springfield House

BROAD TOWN AND WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

## VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTIES.

Mr. F. ARMSTRONG

Is instructed to offer for SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Royal Oak Hotel, Wootton Bassett, on Tuesday, the 1st day of June, 1886, at Three for Four o'clock in the afternoon,—

**T**HE undermentioned PROPERTIES, in Lots, as follows:—

### At Broad Town.

Lot 1.—A substantial and well appointed DWELLING HOUSE, known as "Springfield House," containing 2 reception rooms, 2 kitchens, china pantry, larder, cellar, and other domestic offices on the ground floor, and 4 good bedrooms and box or store room over; together with large garden, stable, coach-house, poultry house, and two enclosures of rich pasture land and orcharding, the whole having an area of 6a. 1r. 14p., and subject to a Land Tax of £3 11s. 11d.

The House is in a dry and healthy situation, on an eminence commanding extensive views of the surrounding country. It is distant 3 miles from Wootton Bassett (on the G.W.R. main line), within half a mile of Clyffe Pypard and Broad Town Churches. The water is good and abundant.

Mr. James Hinton has occupied this Lot for many years, at £50 per annum, but immediate possession may now be had.

Lot 2.—An Enclosure of Productive ARABLE LAND (near Lot 1), containing upwards of 5½ Acres, with the Cottage thereon, and also the building known as the "Round House," the whole being in the occupation of Mr. Wm. Comley, at £12 per annum, subject to a Land Tax of 17s. 3d.

Lot 3.—A small Enclosure of Valuable PASTURE LAND, situate between Broad Town and Thornhill, containing 3 roods and 30 poles, and numbered 329 on the new Ordnance Map.

Lot 4.—Another Enclosure of PASTURE LAND, near the above, containing 1a. 3r. 7p., and numbered 237 on the new Ordnance Map.

Lots 3 and 4 are in the occupation of Mr. J. D. Maundrell, at £6 per annum, and are subject to a Land Tax of 8s. 7d. per annum.

### At Wootton Bassett.

Lot 5.—A Substantial Stone-built DWELLING HOUSE, containing 6 rooms, and other offices, together with stable, outbuildings, yard, and premises, the whole having an area of about 25 perches, situate at the East end of the High-street, Wootton Bassett, in the occupation of Mr. J. W. S. Jefferies, at £15 per annum, and subject to a Land Tax of 17s. 6d.

The Lots may be viewed on application to the several tenants, and further particulars may be obtained from the Auctioneer, Wootton Bassett; or from

Mr. H. BEVIE, Solicitor,  
Wootton Bassett.

## Hambrook Farm

**BROAD TOWN, WILTS.**

**PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT of SALE of**

Two Small Compact **DAIRY FARMS**, a Close of Excellent **PASTURE LAND** and 3 **COTTAGES**.

**D**ORE, FIELDER & MATTHEWS are instructed to **SELL** by **PUBLIC AUCTION**, during the next month,

**THE MIDDLE HAM** or **HAMBROOKE FARM**, containing about 38 acres, now occupied by Mrs. Ody;

**"THE COMMON,"** or **"PICKETT'S FARM,"**

Containing about 30 acres, now occupied by Mr. V. Parsons.

Three **COTTAGES & GARDENS** at Thornhill, and the excellent Close of **PASTURE LAND**, called "Scholars' Marsh," containing about 14 and a half acres, situate in Broad Town Lane, and now occupied by Mr. Walter Chesterman.

Full Particulars in future advertisements, or may be obtained of

Messrs. **BRADFORD & CO.,**

Solicitors, Swindon;

and of the Auctioneers, Swindon and Malmesbury.

## Broad Town Farm

THURSDAY NEXT.

**BROAD TOWN FARM BROAD TOWN**  
WILTS,

About Three miles from Wootton Bassett G.W.R. Station.

Highly Important and Unreserved Sale of LIVE and DEAD **FARMING** STOCK, CLOVER and SANFOIN HAY, &c.

**M**R. JOHN A. Y. MATTHEWS has been favoured with instructions from Mr. F. C. TELLING, who has let his **Farm** to SELL by AUCTION, on the Premises, as above, on THURSDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1892, the whole of his

LIVE AND DEAD **FARMING** STOCK, Comprising 42 Head of Superior-bred SHORT-HORN CATTLE, consisting of 25 Choice Young Dairy Cows and Heifers in and with Calf and in full milk, 2 Fresh Barren Beasts, 4 Superior-bred two-years-old Heifers, 6 Yearling ditto, 4 weaned-off Calves, superior bred Two years-old Bull.

HORSES—Chestnut Gelding, 4 yrs., Bay Mare, 5 yrs. (suitable for London work), Ditto, 7 yrs., Bay Mare in Foal, Bay Gelding, 8 yrs., Bay Nag Mare, Chestnut Nag Gelding, Roan Cob, Yearling Cart Colt.

POULTRY—30 Couples of Fowls.

HAY (to go off)—2 Stacks and 1 Rick of Sainfoin, 2 Ricks of Clover Hay.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, &c.—Three waggons, 2 tip carts, milk cart, dog cart, iron plough, set of harrows, drags, Cambridge roller, iron roller, 2 mowing machines, haymaking machine, horse rake, cake crusher, bean grittler, chaff cutter, root pulper, sheep and lamb troughs and cages, ladders, hay knives, 4 sets thiller harness, 4 sets trace harness, double set mowing harness, set of plated trap harness, set of milk cart harness, &c.

DAIRY UTENSILS.—Eleven milk churns, milk buckets and tins, refrigerator by "Lawrence." A few Lots of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

Sale will Commence at 11 o'clock precisely.

Catalogues may be obtained of the Auctioneer, Auction and Valuation Offices: 46, Cricklade Street, Swindon.

# IMPORTANT SALE IN SWINDON.

NEARLY 100 HOUSES IN THE MARKET.  
THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MESSRS. G.  
AND A. TWINE.

There was a very large attendance at the Assembly Room, Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon, on Monday afternoon last, when the large estates of the late Mr George Twine and Mr Adam Twine, of Wootton Bassett, came under the auctioneers' hammer. The estate offered comprised seven farms, of about 796 acres, also residences, business premises, and villas, and 97 cottages. The farms are situated at Tockenham, Broadtown, Broad Hinton, Brinkworth, and Wootton Bassett, while the remainder of the property is situated at Swindon, Highworth, and Wootton Bassett, 50 of the houses being at the last-named town, seven houses at Highworth, and 28 houses in Swindon.

The biddings were brisk, and all the farms were sold, as also a large proportion of the other property.

The Wootton Bassett property was not sold on Monday, but was offered at the Red Lion Hotel, Wootton Bassett, yesterday (Thursday).

East End Farm, near Callow Hill, Brinkworth, 57½ acres of freehold pasture and dairy land, with house and premises, let to Mr Caleb Gough at £87 a year, was sold to Mr G. Cove for £2,025.

An enclosure of freehold land adjoining, one acre in extent, was purchased by Mr A. Snow for £45.

Three pairs of cottages situate near the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Callow Hill, Brinkworth, were sold to Mr H. White, at £120 per pair.

For Greenhill Common Farm, near Wootton Bassett, 95½ acres, with farm house and buildings, let at £200 a year, there was a spirited contest. Starting at £3,000, the biddings ran to £6,200, at which figure Mr A. N. Horlick, of Lydney, became the purchaser.

For two pieces of land near Hunt's Mill, Wootton Bassett, 12½ acres in extent, Mr F. Twine paid £600, and Mr G. Twine purchased 5½ acres of allotment land near Hunt's Mill for £360.

Mr T. Henley bought 2½ acres of freehold land near the previous lot for £140.

Mr F. Twine purchased two freehold cottages near Hunt's Mill for £80.

Greenway Farm, Tockenham, containing 128½ acres, was next offered. It is let at £232 a year. Starting at £2,500, the biddings rose to £5,000, at which figure Mr H. White became the purchaser.

Mr White also purchased two cottages and gardens, and a quarter of an acre of land adjoining the farm for £170.

Tockenham Farm, 82½ acres, let at £155 a year, was secured by Mr E. Pritchard for £3,200. The timber is valued at £61.

Mr A. Twine purchased 4½ acres of arable land at Tockenham for £500.

Mr F. Twine bought six cottages at Tockenham for £360.

Three cottages, near the above at Tockenham, were knocked down to Mr A. Chillingworth for £430.

A small holding, known as Greenlands, situate on The Green, in the village of Lyneham, 4½ acres in extent, was bought by Mr F. Twine for £700.

Mr E. J. Tuck purchased a cottage, known as Whiteway Cottage, Broad Town, let at £14 a year, for £155.

Broad Town Farm, 33½ acres in extent, let at £87 15s per annum, was sold to Mr H. White for £1,900.

Cockroost Farm, near Broad Town, in the parish of Broad Hinton, 151 acres, was sold to Mr H. White for £2,800.

Littletown Farm, Broad Town, 110 acres, let at £220, was purchased by Mr H. White for £2,800.

Highworth House, in the main street of Highworth, was also in the catalogue. It has three reception rooms, 8 bedrooms, 2 dressing rooms, 2 attics, 3 staircases, 3 large cellars, conservatory and greenhouses, coach house, stabling for five horses, and two enclosed gardens. The house has for some time been unoccupied, and it now passed to Mr Gus Hart for £300.

There were 5 lots of Swindon property, and in this section only did any properties remain unsold of the whole day's sale. No. 44, Avenue Road, fetched £225 (Mr F. S. Coleman), and Nos. 1 to 9, Haydon Street, £370 (Mr C. Bishop). This lot in Haydon Street is subject to a rent charge of £17 16s 4d per annum. For seventeen other cottages, and a shop and dwelling house in Haydon Street, there were no offers.

Messrs H. Bevir and Son, Wootton Bassett, were the solicitors acting for the vendors.

Pasture field at Wootton Bassett Hill; 2½ acres; let to Mr J. King at £10 per annum.—Mr Adam Twine, £185.

Coombe Field, Restrop, Purton; 18a. 3r. 37p.; let to Mr C. Tuck at £45 per annum.—Mr W. R. Armstrong, £1,150.

Freehold orchard land adjoining Mud Lane, Purton; 1a. 0r. 38p.; let to Mr Paginton at £4 per annum.—Mr Paginton (the tenant), £105.

Pasture field adjoining Restrop House, Purton; 11a. 2r. 16p.; let to Mr E. L. Gardner at £27 per annum.—Mr Gardner, £850.

Three pasture fields near Kimbury Camp, Westrop; 16a. 3r. 17p.; let to Mr Paginton at £22 per annum.—Mr J. T. Greenaway, £625.

Freehold allotment land at Westrop; 7a. 1r. 13p.; let to Mr R. Hedges at £10 per annum; Mr J. L. Wells, £245.



# THE WHITE HORSES OF WILTSHIRE.

No. 6: BROAD TOWN WHITE HORSE.



**BROAD TOWN WHITE HORSE.**

*Photo by Wilkinson & Co., Trowbridge.*

At Broadtown, near Wootton Bassett, a horse was cut out as late as 1864 by Mr. William Simmonds, the then occupier of Littleton Farm. Broadtown lies under the range of high land which, beginning from Compton Bassett, stretches right away into Berkshire, and forms the southern boundary of the Vale of White Horse itself. This figure has, therefore, the honour of following—at a long interval, in more senses than one—the original sire and prototype of the whole breed whose place is at the eastern extremity of

this same range of cliff. It measures 86 feet in extreme length by 61 feet in height. These were not, however, intended to be its ultimate proportions, as its maker says that he proposed to "enlarge it by degrees, which was the way that all White Horses were made!" Unhappily for the interests of art, however, Mr. William Simmonds gave up his farm many years ago, so that the application of his ingenious theory of growth remains still unaccomplished.

## WESTBURY WHITE HORSE.

The current number of *The Bystander* contains a very fine picture of the White Horse at Westbury which forms such a striking feature of the landscape in that neighbourhood. It is said that the historic monument commemorates a great battle between King Alfred and the Danes, the Saxon victory of Ethandun or Edington, fought here in the year 878. The present "horse" was designed by a gentleman with the appropriate name of Gee, and its principal dimensions are as follows: Extreme length from head to tail, both inclusive, 175 feet; height from hoofs to shoulder, 107 feet; circumference of eye, 25 feet. It is interesting to note that four out of the five remaining "White Horses" in Wilts are in a good state of preservation, namely, those at Cherhill, Pewsey, Vale, Broad Hinton, and Broad Town respectively. The exception is the little "horse" overlooking Marlborough.

From the British Library collection (The Somerset Standard 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1904 / Page 7)

## BROADTOWN, "THE GREAT FARMSTEAD" Where Cottages were Buried by a Landslide

**S**HELTERED under the steep edge of the Wiltshire downs, Broad Town, a parish which celebrated its 100th birthday only four years ago, is a village of mixed-style cottages scattered untidily beside the long main road and twisting lanes. Stone and thatch stand side by side with red brick and sombre grey slate and there is even a touch of 18th-century England in the half-timbered and white-washed cottage just above the church.

History of the village is somewhat obscure; there are brief records of its existence as early as the 12th century when it was known as Brodelone—"Great Farmstead."

Formed from the parishes of Broad Hinton and Clyffe Pypard in 1946, Broad Town—entirely agricultural in those days—has grown considerably in the last 50-odd years until it now has a population in the region of 500. And a large council house estate is being built just off the long main street.

In 1327, the year Edward III came to the throne, the manor was granted to Queen Isabella, by a resolution in Parliament, for her assistance in making a treaty with France and in suppressing the revolution of the Despencers and others. It was one of many granted to the Queen in Wiltshire and other counties.

### MYSTERY OF THE MANOR

Possibly, in earlier times, there was a manor house at Broad Town, one suggestion being that it stood near the garage at the cross-roads. I did hear, too, that the modern manor farm stands on the site of the old manor house.

Descendant of a family which has



Charlie Miles, 74-year-old carpenter.

been farming in the village for five or six generations, 64-year-old Mr. James Price was born at the manor and farmed there until he retired about ten years ago. He told me that originally the main part of the village nestled closer under the downs; in fact many years ago several cottages were buried when part of the downs slipped away.

Mr. Price told me of the famous Broad Town charity, formed under the will of Sarah, Duchess of Somerset, in 1686. The charity provides for the apprenticing to "some honest trade" of poor children born in the county. One boy who benefited from the charity, Thomas Spackman, became a Master Builder who later founded a school at Clyffe Pypard.

### PULL OF THE TOWN INTEREST

Although there are something like 16 farms in the parish, many of the local folk work at nearby Wootton Bassett and others make the journey to the Swindon railway works.

The large number of people working out of the parish was responsible for the formation of a local omnibus firm which, from a



Mr. "Len" Sheppard, proprietor of the local omnibus firm.

modest beginning, has grown into a thriving company. Proprietor "Len" Sheppard, who, incidentally, is landlord of the village "pub," the Queen's Head, told me how he started running his coach service.

"We were cycling home from the Swindon works one night when one of the men asked me if I could find someone to take them in and out. I found an old van and started taking the men to work, leaving it at the station all day while we were at work."

### LIFE IN YOUR VILLAGE

The subject for next week's article is Hinton Waldrist and for the following week, Winterbourne Bassett.

Business improved and Mr. Sheppard bought a 14-seater chassis which, when he had built on a body, became known as the "Herring box." Later he bought another bus. Then came contracts for taking children to school and when the war broke out he took workmen to local R.A.F. camps.

Now he has a fleet of ten modern buses and employs nine drivers. His comment on present day conditions: "Things are not so happy as they were in the old days. It was easier to run a business then."

although things have improved since the end of petrol rationing."

### A RELIC OF THE 18TH CENTURY

An employee of Mr. Sheppard, 74-year-old Charlie Miles, was born in Broad Town's oldest house, now the home of the Rev. J. S. Fowle, former vicar of Osbourne. Dating from about 1550, the old thatched cottage was once condemned by the local council but is now a comfortable and attractive home. It is half-timbered and has an old brick oven, used as a jam cupboard.

Charlie, a carpenter and joiner, and formerly the local undertaker, once carried on business on his own in a shed at the rear of the old cottage. His father was the estate carpenter and Charlie can remember when there were two or three bricklayers and three carpenters in the village.

Just below the old cottage is the parish church, built in the Early

English style little more than 100 years ago. A little further down the road is the Primitive Methodist chapel, the schoolroom of which has recently been taken over by a local nurse/manager for growing mushrooms. There was another Methodist chapel at the top of the village but this has now been turned into a house and goes under the name of "Tree Tops."

"The village has changed—and for the worst," was the comment of Charlie Miles. He may be right, it has certainly changed since the charity lands were sold. Few people will claim that it is an attractive village but it has a character which in itself is distinctive.

MAURICE J. TROWBRIDGE.



The 16th-century half-timbered cottage which stands by the side of Broad Town's main street. In the background can be seen the 100-year-old church.

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# VILLAGE LIFE



● Village hall chairman Mervyn Maul beside the stage mural. Mervyn has been involved with the hall since 1952, including the rebuilding project in 1968.

## Broad Town: not the usual sort of picture-book village



QUIETLY sitting under a hill past Broad Hinton on the road from Marlborough to Wootton Bassett is a peaceful village called Broad Town.

A relatively new village, it once had a general store and post office. But like so many other rural villages, the competition from nearby supermarket chains forced the closure of the small shop, such an important ingredient in English village life.

People used to have to walk past the shop to take their children to the village school, and they usually called in on the way back, said Betty Bastin, a well known figure in the Broad Town community.

The trouble is that now there is no post of contact; no post office and no village shop which was the centre of village life.

Broad Town was formed into a separate ecclesiastical parish from parts of Chiffe Pypard and Broad Hinton in 1945 — before that it was part of these two villages.

Its population has grown in recent years as a result of new housing developments which attracted people who work in Swindon and the surrounding areas. Its situation close to the M4 has attracted home-buyers who commute to London and Swindon, and many of the new

## Broad Town



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