



The Great Flood at Codford

Owing to the rapid thaw on Saturday last, the water rose to a very unusual height at Codford, and its neighbourhood; the turnpike road was for a while nearly impassable, and the inhabitants near the stream running from Chitterne were obliged to leave their dwellings from the dread of their being washed down upon them. Mr. Fry, blacksmith, of that place, a very honest industrious man, has had his shop and a great part of his premises carried away, and great fears were entertained for the dwelling house, which for some time was in imminent danger. Mr. William Bennett was also very seriously inconvenienced, from the same cause. So rapid was the increase of water, that during the time his carter was eating his dinner, it had risen to the horses middles in the stable. The horses were removed as quickly as possible to the George Inn. A flock of sheep belonging to the same gentleman were obliged to be carried off in wagons, which was not effected without great difficulty. The cribs from which they had been feeding, were all washed away.

Several cart sheds and mud walls have been completely razed. This was the highest flood ever remembered.

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