



Parish News

Minety

Large Trees

At Minety House, Minety, near Malmesbury, a 60 feet high elm is 23 feet girth four feet above ground. The trunk near the base is more of a triangular shape than round, the three sides of the triangle being 6½ feet, 6½ feet and 10 feet.

Cornishman 13 September 1900

Accident

At Minety, on Tuesday afternoon, John Bedwell, in the employ of Mr T C Ovens, The Shrubbery, Victoria-road, met with a bad accident by the running away of his master's horse. Bedwell was seriously cut about the head and face.

Gloucester Citizen 4 September 1901

A Runaway

On Friday afternoon, a horse, belonging to Mr J Joicey, of Poulton Priory, created great commotion in Cricklade-street by a bolt and a bump. Left to itself in a trap outside the Cotswold Association Stores, it ran away and successfully got past many moving and stationary objects until it reached the turn into the Market-place, and there it came into collision with the horse and cart of Mr Tidmarsh, farmer and dealer, of Minety. Mr Tidmarsh managed to jump out, and was unhurt, but the horse and cart went down, and Mr Joicey's horse got mixed up with both.

There was a great crowd, and much work to pacify and disentangle the horses. When all was over it was found there was no damage to either horses or conveyances, and no person was injured.

Gloucester Citizen 26 April 1902

An Example of a Limerick

“There was an old person of Minety,
Who purchased five hundred and ninety
Large apples and pears,
Which he threw unawares
At the heads of the people of Minety.”

Edward Lear

Hastings and St Leonards Observer 22 October 1904

Accident to Hounds on the Line

On Friday afternoon, as the 3.5 pm Great Western train from Swindon was nearing Minety Station, about six couples of foxhounds were observed by the driver and guard to come through a hedge and ran right in front of the train, which, before it could be pulled up with all expedition, knocked over two of them.

Guard Impney, of Swindon, picked up these hounds, one of which was dead, while the other was seriously injured in the ribs, put them in his van, and they were taken to Minety and there handed over to the stationmaster.

The hounds in question are believed to be a divided part of the V W H (Earl Bathurst's) Hounds, which were hunting in the neighbourhood of Minety on Friday.

Cheltenham Chronicle 28 March 1908

Anthrax

An outbreak of anthrax has occurred on the Braydon Hall Estate, near Minety.

Gloucester Citizen 13 July 1913

Shrewd Police Officer Catches a Militant "Mouse" in a Wiltshire Village

A militant suffragette named Louise Shepperd, of Walsall, who was sent to prison for breaking a window at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on the occasion of the visit of Mr Asquith to the city in July last, and released under the "Cat and Mouse" Act, was re-arrested at Crudwell on Saturday. She was conveyed to Birmingham the same evening, and taken direct to the prison at Winsom Green.

Mrs Shepperd was released from prison after having served ten days of a 21 days' sentence. She then absconded, and since her disappearance had been staying with two brothers, one at Crudwell, near Malmesbury, and the other in the employ of Capt Jay, of Braydon. She is a native of Minety, her maiden name being Miles. During her stay at Crudwell, she expressed strong sympathy with the militants, and PC Vincent's suspicions being aroused, he eventually arrested her. The officer has been highly complimented on his shrewdness.

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette 13 September 1913

Fire Brigade's Busy Day

On Friday afternoon, the Fire Brigade had the unusual experience of being called out twice in two hours. The first summons was to a motor lorry on the high road near Dryleaze, Siddington. It appears that a pipe of the petrol tank had burst, and the overflow set fire to the engine and front part of the vehicle. The lorry was very much damaged though the body part was saved. The lorry belonged to Mr Austin Clarke, of Minety, and was proceeding to Ashton Keynes. Fortunately, at the place of conflagration the roadside ditches were full of water, and afforded the firemen an abundant supply.

After an hours' absence, the Brigade returned to headquarters in Ashcroft road, Cirencester, and was again summoned by the fire alarm bell.....

Gloucester Citizen 9 January 1925

District Council's Complaint

Complaint was made by the Chairman of the Malmesbury Rural District Council (Colonel W W Turner), that action had not followed the condemnation by the Medical Officer of Health of a house occupied by two ladies at Minety. Dr Moore had certified the house as dangerous for habitation. A member, however, took the view that as the property was freehold no one had a right to interfere with the ladies who lived quietly, paid their rates and troubled no one. The Chair insisted that when the Medical Officer condemned a house it was the duty of the officials of the Council to act upon it. They knew what the process was and should get on with it.

Western Daily Press 21 August 1928

Accident

Wilfred Thomas Hayd of Minety Crossing, Swindon Wilts, was riding a bicycle from Lydney home, when near Underdean he came into collision with a lorry and received injuries to his arm and ankle.

Western Daily Press 24 March 1933

Woman Motorist Injured

She was Miss Edith Ludlow-Hewitt, of the Vicarage, Minety, and the driver of the other car was Mr H T Higgins, of Cheltenham.

At the time the road was covered with a thin layer of ice, and it is stated that both cars skidded. As a result of the crash the front of each car was badly smashed.

Mr Higgins received no injury, but Miss Ludlow-Hewitt was cut on the face and right leg. She was taken to Painswick by friends.

Cheltenham Chronicle 3 November 1934

Coronation Festivities

Cricket and football matches followed a service at Minety Church. A carnival procession with sports and a tea for the children also took place. Coronation mugs were presented.

A bonfire and a dance in the village hall concluded the festivities.

Western Daily Press 13 May 1937

Stack Fire

Two ponds were pumped dry by the Malmesbury Fire Brigade in their efforts to extinguish burning hay and straw at Flowers Farm Minety, occupied by Mr Wesley West. Three haystacks and one straw stack were involved.

Shortage of water hampered the brigade, who were engaged over 24 hours in fighting the fire.

Mr West only finished stacking last week and about 60 tons of hay were destroyed.

Western Daily Press 7 August 1937

Gifts to Malmesbury Museum

Mr D I H Hatchwell presented pottery etc., which was found in an old well on the Bell Hotel premises. It is interesting to note that the pottery, which is medieval, is probably from the kilns at Minety.

Western Daily Press 25 May 1940