



Parish News

Oaksey

Benefit Society Anniversary

The members of the Oaksey (near Cirencester) Benefit Society held their annual festival on Monday, and the gathering was well attended. The members formed into procession and, headed by the Kemble Brass Band, marched to the parish church, where an impressive sermon was preached by the respected vicar. After service, they proceeded outside the village to a marquee, erected in a field, kindly lent for the purpose, where an excellent tea was provided. During the evening, various rustic games were freely indulged in.

Western Daily Press Thursday 2 June 1870

Killed by a Horse

A dreadful accident occurred to a boy by the name of Albert Mayo, son of Charles Mayo, of Oaksey, aged 13 years, on Saturday afternoon last. It appears that the deceased was in the employ of Mr Cole, butcher, of Cirencester, who occupies land at Oaksey. In the stable was standing a nag horse, and whilst the deceased was taking the cart horses in the same stall, the nag kicked the lad with great force in the chest, sending his head violently against the wall, and thereby fracturing his skull and otherwise injuring him. A boy, who was standing near, witnessing what had happened, ran and told the workmen in the rick yard what had taken place, when they hastened to the scene of the accident, and found the deceased lying upon the ground and blood flowing freely from his head and mouth. He was at once removed and medical aid immediately procured. The poor fellow lingered till one o'clock the following day, when death terminated his sufferings.

Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle Saturday 9 August 1879

Narrow Escape

The V W H Hounds had a narrow escape a day or two since. They were running a fox in the neighbourhood of Oaksey, and got on the line just in front of a passenger train from Gloucester. Price, the huntsman, tried to get them off, but to no avail. The engine driver was, however, fortunately able to pull up just before running into the pack. We believe the driver will be rewarded.

(Note V W H = Vale of White Horse)

Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle Monday 10 July 1882

Gored by a Heifer

Mr Allen, who has recently taken Whychurch Farm, near Malmesbury, was last week savagely attacked by a heifer, which inflicted severe injuries upon him. Mr Allen is at present staying with his brother-in-law, Mr Bown, of Oaksey Park, where the occurrence took place. Medical aid was promptly obtained, and we are informed that Mr Allen is progressing favourably.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thurs day 8 March 1883

Outrageous and Disgraceful Conduct

The Churchyard of the village of Oaksey presented a sad spectacle yesterday morning. It appears that during Christmas night, or early on the following morning, some miscreant entered the burial ground and willfully knocked down no less than nine monumental stones, some of which were broken into fragments. The marble cross erected to the memory of the late Mr John Leonard Hawkins only a short time since was torn down, but not broken. The pretty tablet to the memory of a former rector's daughter (the Rev Mr Norris) was broken into pieces, besides seven others. The cap stones of some were as much as five or six hundredweight each, and must of necessity have required great strength to displace them. Superintendent Luffman has been communicated with, and it is hoped that officer will speedily lay hands on the lawless individual or individuals who have dishonoured the dead in such a shameful manner. The police have, we understand, some suspicion of the depredator.
(OPC Note: See Court Case of Walter Baker 1884)

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 27 December 1883

The Snake's Head Lily (To the Editor of The Citizen)

Sir,

It is not a little singular that "Wild Flower" should have written respecting the "Snake's Head Lily" just at the moment when the meadow where it grows is literally covered with the flower in its beauty; but your correspondent will be grieved to learn that by the time this communication appears in print that flower bed will probably have passed away for this season. The meadow is at Oaksey, about six miles from Cirencester, but less than three miles from Kemble Station. Oaksey Races are taking place this very day, and, if I am correctly informed, the Lily Meadow forms part of the racecourse.

April 17, 1884.

Gloucester Citizen Friday 18 April 1884

Sunstroke

Dr Kinneir, of Malmesbury, has had several cases of sunstroke in the neighbourhood of Malmesbury, during the tremendous heat of the past week, the worst cases being those of a man named Gabriel Fry, of Hullavington, who was seized with a violent attack in a hayfield, and a man named George Baker, of Oaksey, a ganger on the Great Western Railway, both of whom are in a fair way to recover.

Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle Saturday 1 August 1885

Liberal Meeting at Malmesbury

Mr Banister Fletcher, the Liberal candidate for the Chippenham division of Wilts, has during the past week been holding a series of meetings in the neighbourhood of Malmesbury. On Wednesday evening, he visited Crudwell, and held a most successful meeting at the club-room belonging to the Wheat Sheaf Inn. Mr Wm Cole, of Oaksey, presided, and there was a good attendance, mostly of the labouring class. Mr Fletcher made a capital speech, in which he explained his views on the land question. On the motion of Mr Cook, seconded by Mr G S Cole, a vote of confidence in Mr Fletcher was carried by acclamation. On the motion of the Rev J S Grant, of Fairford, seconded by Mr Smith of Malmesbury, a vote of confidence in Mr Gladstone's Ministry was also carried. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

Western Daily Press Friday 25 September 1885

Wheat Sheaf Inn

A transfer of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Oaksey, was granted to Mary Ann Grimshaw, widow of the deceased landlord.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 7 April 1887

Accident in the Hunting Field

On Monday, whilst hunting with the Duke of Beaufort's Hounds near Oaksey, Mr J Rich's horse fell and threw the rider, who suffered a great shock and some slight injuries, but was able to proceed to his home at Rodbourne after resting a while.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 22 November 1888

Narrow Escape of Earl Bathurst's Hounds

Earl Bathurst's hounds met on Friday at the village of Oaksey, and in a wood near the village a fox was found, and a good run was made in the direction of Kemble. Here the fox made tracks for the railway, and as the pack, which was in full cry, came through the fence and down the steep slope of the railway cutting about a mile south of Kemble, the 11.43 am express from Gloucester came into sight. Inspector Davis, who was on the line near the spot, and saw the danger, signaled to the driver (Williams), who stopped the train in an almost incredibly short distance, but none too soon, for the whole pack had got on the rails, and were just in front of the engine when it pulled up. One or two of the hounds were actually under the engine, but were not hurt. The hounds ran along the line for two or three hundred yards, the train following behind to the great amusement of some of the passengers, before the whips with the help of a gang of packers succeeded in getting them off the line at a foot crossing.

Gloucester Citizen Saturday 10 March 1894

Shooting Accident

An unfortunate and singular accident happened on the 15th inst. whilst a party of gentlemen were out shooting in Salthrop Wood. The party included Capt Birch of Salthrop House, and Mr Day, of Oaksey. These gentlemen were standing in the wood when the wind blew Captain Birch's coat against the trigger of his gun, which was discharged, the charge passing through the instep of one of Mr Day's feet.

The unfortunate gentleman was at once taken to Salthrop House, and Dr Cressy, of Wroughton, was sent for, and also Dr Maclean, of Swindon. It was found necessary to amputate the leg, and Mr Day expressed a desire that his family doctor should attend. A telegram was thereupon sent to Dr Clarke, of Malmesbury, who attended, and after a consultation, the medical gentlemen decided to amputate the foot at the ankle bone. The operation was successfully performed, but the patient is in a very critical state.

Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle Saturday 22 December 1894

Notice of Bankruptcy

Anna Cole Platt Baldwin, Bahama Cottage, Oaksey, Wilts, spinster, Nov. 30.

London Standard Saturday 4 December 1897