

Celebrations



Charlton St. Peter

The Duck Revel

According to ancient custom, the thrashers in the neighbourhood of Charlton in this county met on Wednesday last at the public house in that place where they were entertained with a good dinner and plenty of strong beer. It appears from Britton's Beauties of Wiltshire that the late Lord Palmerston purchased an acre of land at Rushall, the adjoining parish to Charlton, and ordered the rent to be appropriated for ever to the purchase of a dinner for the thrashers of Charlton to be given at the Red Lion Inn in that village to preserve the memory of Stephen Duck, the celebrated though unfortunate thrasher and poet. The land is let at a guinea per annum and the dinner is given on May 30 in every succeeding year. It is called the Duck Revel.

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