

Highworth Parish Snippets

Saturday 28th Jun 1645

This day we understood by Letters from the Army that Sir **Thomas Fairfax** was marching forwards for the relief at Taunton and that in his passage he had taken a garrison of the enemies, which did much annoy the country, called Highworth Church; that a Lieutenant Colonel of the Kings and some others were killed and about 60 prisoners taken, with store of Arms and Provisions.

Weekly Account 25th Jun – 2nd Jul 1645

Bankrupt - **Richard Shermer**, Chapman of Highworth Wilts *London Gazette 18th May – 1st Jun 1717*

At Highworth in the county of Wilts, a good market town within 2 miles of the Thames, 5 of Swindon, 4 of Cricklade, 4 of Lechlade and 5 of Faringdon, all Market Towns is to be sold a large substantial dwelling house and Malt House adjoining with all Necessaries convenient for the making of 50 or 60 Quarters of Malt a week, with sufficient Graineries a large Barn, Stable and Houses for fewel, half an acre of Out-Let well fenced with a stone wall. Enquire of Mr **John Evans**, Tobacconist, the corner of Shoe Lane in Holbourn or of Mr **Will. Elton** at Swindon aforesaid and you may be farther inform'd. N.B. Whoever possesses the same is toll free. *Evening Post 10th Jul – 12th Jul 1718*

WHEREAS On Sunday the 26th May at night, Two Black Mares were stolen or strayed out of Eastrop Common in the Parish of Highworth and County of Wilts. The largest Mare, a little dusty, near 15 hands high, 7 or 8 years old, a Star in the Forehead, a little white upon the corner of one Heel: The other has 2 white Heels, a Star in the Forehead and about 14 hands 3 inches high. Whoever gives notice of the said Mares to **John Gorton** of Highworth (so as they may be had again) will receive a Guinea Reward for each Mare and reasonable (?). Note the largest Mare worth about Nine pounds and the other Seven. *Gloucester Journal Tues 4th Jun 1728*

A Nursery of near half a score acres of most sorts of trees going to be sold off viz. Oak, Ash. English Witch and Dutch Elms, Beeches, Abells, Limes, Horsechestnuts, Scotch and Silver Firs, Yews, Walnuts, Apple and Cherry trees...Enquire at the Greyhound in Highworth in the county of Wilts or at **Matthew Acreman's** in Marston in the same Parish where the Nursery is to be seen.

Gloucester Journal Tues 4th Nov 1729

Last Week died at his House at Highworth in Wilts, **Thomas Ewer**, Esq.

London Evening Post 14th – 16th Jun 1739

Last Week died at his Seat at Highworth in Wilts, **Thomas Ewer**, Esq a Gentleman of a large Estate in the said County. *Daily Gazetteer (London) Mon 18th Jun 1739*

A few days since died the Rev Mr **James Ayscough**, Vicar of Highworth in Wiltshire.

St James's Evening Post 12th- 14th Nov 1745

Bankrupt - **John Rodgerson**, late of Highworth in the County of Wilts, Innholder and Chapman.

Whitehall Evening Post or London Intelligencer 12th-15th Dec 1747

Extract of Letter from Purton in Wilts, April 9 A very suspicious and dangerous fellow has been for some time past, and still is, lurking about this Neighbourhood and particularly of late in and about the woods and contiguous hovels, calves houses & c. near the commons of Brinkworth and Braydon. On Thursday the 2nd instant he rushed out of the woods on some children who were keeping cows near a place called Lydiard Plain and seized their basket of victuals threatening them in case of an outcry, that they should want victuals no more. He was likewise on Saturday morning last seen in a hovel with a woman who goes about begging under various pretences; and with this Woman he has been seen at different times by different persons. He is said to be a tall, thin, pale pock-fretten young man wearing a ragged, bluish coat and upon the strongest reasons, he is believed to be one **Baxter**, formerly of Highworth and one of the persons charged with robbery and murder of **Carey the Higler**.

London Evening Post 14th-16th Apr 1752

HIGHWORTH RACES, WILTSHIRE, 1766

Are altered and will begin as follows:

To be run for on Tuesday the 29th of July next, on the course near Highworth, a purse of 50£ (being the Gentlemen's subscription) by any four years old horse, Mare or Gelding, that never won 50£ in Match or Plate, to carry 8st 9lb, the best of three two-mile Heats. And on Thursday the 31st, 50£ (being the Town Plate) by any five, six or aged Horses, Mares or Geldings; five years old to carry 8st 10lb, six years old 9st 4lb and aged to carry 9st 20lb the best of three four-mile Heats. The horses to be entered for either of the Plates at the Market House in Highworth on Tuesday the 22nd day of July, between the hours of two and seven of the clock in the afternoon and to run and be governed by the Articles which shall then and there be produced by the Clerk of the course. A Subscriber to pay One Guinea Entrance; a Non-Subscriber Three Guineas; or double at the Post and Five shillings to the Clerk of the course. The stakes each day for the second best horse, winning a clear Heat. No less than three reported running horses to start for either of the said plates without consent of the majority of the subscribers then present; if but one horse enters for either of the purses, the owner to have 10 Guineas; if two only, the owners of those two shall have 15 Guineas between them. The horses to be plated by a Subscriber. The winning horse each day to pay two Guineas towards the repairing of the course. No person will be permitted to sell any liquor on the course without subscribing one Guinea to the town Plate. *General Evening Post 5th-7th Jun 1766*

Married – The Rev Mr **Clarke**, Vicar of Highworth, to Miss **Marsh** of the same place.
Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thurs 18th Jan 1770

Deaths Jan 1. At his sister's house at Highworth, Wilts, **William Nash** Esq alderman of Walbrook ward to which he was elected in 1766 and served the office of lord mayor last year.
London Magazine or Gentleman's Monthly Intelligencer Jan 1773 pg 49

POOR to FARM, at EASTER next. - WANTED a Person to undertake the POOR of Highworth, Wilts which is an extensive Parish well situated for all Kinds of Spinning and therefore the Preference will be given to a Manufacturer. Any Person willing to contract are desired to give in their Proposals to the Vestry Clerk, on or before the 30th instant. *Oxford Journal Sat 29th Sep 1781*

Feb 20th 1792 **K Freke** Esq to Miss **Coleman** both of Highworth, Wilts.
The Gentleman's Magazine Vol 62 Pg 182 Marriages

Saturday last was married at Highworth, Mr **John Pullen**, en eminent butcher of Sevenhampton to Miss **C Edwards** of Queenslaines. *Oxford Journal Sat 18th Mar 1797*

A good rump of beef was sold at 3d per pound and inferior pieces at 2 1/2d per pound at Highworth market last Wednesday. – Reading Mercury *The Times 6th Nov 1801*

Last week was married at Highworth, Wilts, Mr **Richard Holly** of Suscott in this county to Miss **Chillingworth** of Sevenhampton, near Highworth. *Oxford Journal Sat 26th Nov 1803*

In the early part of this month, as Mr **Barret**, a respectable farmer, of Wanborough, Wilts, being on a visit to Mr **Pinnegar**, of Round Robin farm, in Highworth parish, was shewing how his mare could leap, and standing too near her heels, with a short whip, with which he struck her, she flung herself out with great violence, and kicking him in the left side, killed him on the spot.
The Sporting Magazine 1809 Vol 33 Pg 147 Dec 1808

Aug 29, 1811 Rev **Edward Rowden**, Vicar of Highworth, Wilts to **Elizabeth**, youngest daughter of the late Dr **Wetherell**, Dean of Hereford and Master of University College, Oxford.
Gentleman's Magazine Sep 1811 pg 283

On Tuesday last, Mr **John Frampton** of Hunt's Coppice, near Highworth, Wilts to Miss **Susan Jenner** of Bury Town in the same county. *The Examiner 29th Mar 1812*

On Thursday last at Highworth, Wilts, Lieut-Col **Jones** of Denbighshire, late of the 2nd or Queen's own regiment, to **Richarda**, daughter of the Rev **N Wetherell** D D, late Dean of Hereford.
Hereford Journal Wed 18th Aug 1813

Jan 14, 1816 At Oxford, aged 19, **Henry**, youngest son of **James Crowdy** Esq of Highworth, Wilts.
Gentleman's Magazine Feb 1816 pg 182

At Highworth, **Richard Marsh**, MD. *Gentleman's Magazine Apr 1816 pg 372*

At Highworth, aged 26, Mr **Price**, surgeon, son of the late Rev **Rees Price**, Burkaston, Salop.
The Gentleman's Magazine 1817 Vol 87 Pg 477

Turnpike Road from Faringdon to Cricklade, Malmesbury, Acton Turville and Downend
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Trustees for this district of road will be held by adjournment at the King and Queen Inn in Highworth, on Saturday the 25th day of July instant, at twelve o'clock at noon: at which meeting the Tolls arising or payable at the gates between Faringdon and Cricklade, called the Faringdon, Eastrop, Westrop and Sevenbridges Gates will be let, separately or two or more together to the highest bidder for onw whole year from the first day of August next and will be put up in such manner as the Trustees of the said road shall think fit. Whoever happens to be the best bidder must at the same time give security with sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the said Trustees for payment of the rent agreed for and at such times as they shall direct. Jackson's **James Crowdy**, Clerk Highworth July 8, 1818 *Oxford Journal Sat 18th Jul 1818*

Bankrupts - Saturday December 16, 1820 – **Thomas Reynolds**, Highworth, Wilts, Draper
The York Herald and General Advertiser Sat 23rd Dec 1820

Died on Monday sennight, after a long illness, aged 67, **James Crowdy** Esq of Highworth, Wilts, who a few years since, retired from the profession of law of which for a long period he had been an honourable and respected member. *Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thurs 22nd Nov 1821*

Nov 12th 1821 After a lingering illness, in his 67th year, **James Crowdy** Esq, solicitor of Highworth, Wilts. *The Gentleman's Magazine Vol 91 Pg 478*

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WILTS May 12

Married at Highworth, Wilts on Monday, **Frederick William**, second son of the late **Peter Tabois** Esq of Great Ealing to Miss **Fitchew**, late of Devizes.
Hampshire Chronicle Mon 14th May 1827

THE RING Wiltshire Fancy – **Yeates**, who fought **Bill Day** last week, has written to us complaining of a partial account of the battle. He says he lost entirely from spraining his ankle and is prepared to make another match with **Day** for £5, £20 or £50. He will be at Mr **Baker's**, Fishes Inn, Highworth, Wilts on Wednesday evening to post the poney.
Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle Sun 22nd Feb 1829

On Monday last died, in the 81st year of his age, Mr **Thomas Anns**, clock and watch maker, ironmonger &c of Highworth; a man very highly respected. *Jackson's Oxford Journal Sat 9th May 1829*

On the 25th ult. at his residence Hannington House, Highworth Wiltshire, **Roger Montgomery** Esq. in the 65th year of his age. Mr Montgomery was a native of Newry; he sold out a senior Captain in his Majesty's 30th Regiment and was a Magistrate of the county Wilts.
The Belfast News-Letter Tues 16th Nov 1830

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DESTROYING THRASHING MACHINE

Robert Stokes aged 30, **Robert Willoughby** aged 28 and **Aminadab Smith** aged 35, were put to the bar charged with destroying a thrashing machine, the property of **Wm Smith** of Highworth. The prisoners were proved to have come with a mob, armed with sticks, hammers &c. on the night of the 24th of November to break machines. The prisoners were close to those who were breaking the machine but were not proved to have taken a very active part. One of the witnesses, a young lad, in giving his evidence, said that when the mob were going up to the house of the prosecutor, his brother said to them "Act like men, go and break the machine, but don't go up to the house." The mob on this went up and broke the machine. The Court held that this was too much of leave given to bring home the crime of felony to the prisoners. They were therefore acquitted. *The Times 8th Jan 1831*

LATE RURAL DISTURBANCES

The following letter on the subject of the payment of the rewards for the apprehension to the Home Secretary of State, by Mr Dyke of Highworth, Wilts; and notwithstanding the mails did not arrive in town till nearly 12 o'clock on the following day, owing to the unfavourable state of the roads, the subjoined reply was transmitted the same evening by return of post. This is a simple fact but it tells well for the prompt attention and business-like despatch displayed in the official department of the Noble and Right Honourable Secretary. E.T.D.

To Viscount **Melbourne**

Highworth, Wilts Feb 1

"My Lord – On behalf of several individuals who have apprehended or caused to be apprehended, various persons lately concerned in breaking machines & c. In this county and who have been convicted thereof, I have taken the liberty of applying to your Lordship for the purpose of requesting to be informed if it is the intention of His Majesty's Government to make good the promise contained in His Majesty's proclamation of the 23rd November, so far as regards the payment of the reward 50£ to those individuals who, according to the terms of the said proclamation are entitled to the same. I would also wish to ask your Lordship if it is the intention of Government to allow the prosecutors' expenses in the cases alluded to, as many of these individuals are extremely ill-prepared, if not totally unable to meet the same." I am my Lord, your Lordship's very obedient servant." **Edw T Dyke**

To Mr **E T Dyke**, Highworth

Whitehall, Feb 2

"Sir – I am directed by Viscount **Melbourne** to inform you in reply to your letter of yesterday, that all persons entitled to the rewards offered by His Majesty's proclamation of the 23rd November will receive the amount on applying to the Lords Commissioner of the Treasury. It is not the intention of the Government to defray the expenses of prosecutions arising out the recent disturbances, as the law has made provision for the payment of these expenses on a proper application being made to the judge before whom the trials took place." I am, Sir, your obedient servant, **Sam Phillips**

The Times Mon 7th Feb 1831

April 18. 1831 At Stanton, the Rev **Edw Rowden**, Vicar of Highworth, Wilts to **Ellen Frances**, eldest dau of the Rev Dr **Ashfordby Trenchard**, of Stanton House.

Gentleman's Magazine Apr 1831 pg 635

On Wednesday last at the tithe audit of the Rev Mr **Rowden** of Highworth, that gentleman (unsolicited) returned to all his tenants 10 per cent on their respective payments in consideration of the losses they sustained by the rot in their sheep and the increase of wages given to the farming labourers. *Jackson's Oxford Journal Sat 4th Jun 1831*

INCENDIARY FIRE – On Saturday evening a cottage belonging to a respectable man name **Finch** at Highworth was discovered by him and his wife to be on fire; they immediately rose and had only time to escape before the whole was a body of flame in which the adjoining cottage was included; both houses were burnt to the ground. The fire commenced from the outside of the thatch and there is no doubt of its being the work of an incendiary. Upwards of 200£ in notes belonging to **Finch** have been consumed. 60 guineas and sovereigns were found in the ruins on Monday. Wiltshire Independent

The Times Mon 19th Dec 1836

TO LAND MEASURERS WANTED – A person to measure the whole parish of Highworth, Wilts correctly. It contains about Ten Thousand Acres. – Tenders to be sent (post paid) to Mr **E Hedges** Overseer of Highworth parish, on or before Wednesday the 8th of November, stating the sum per acre. *Jackson's Oxford Journal 4th Nov 1837*

HIGHWORTH – The Earl of **Radnor** with his usual generosity and kind consideration for the poor has unsolicited presented £20 to be given in clothing to the poor of this town. The yearly income of the public charities of this town amounts to upwards of £200; by this sum more than 900 persons at Christmas are annually supplied with bread and beef of the first quality. In addition, 20 men and women are completely clothed and various sums at from 2s 6d to 5s are given to at least 50 deserving poor and every two years, gifts of £7 each are made to young tradesmen. The administration of these charities does honour to the Trustees.

Wiltshire Independent Thurs 18th Jan 1838

William **Crowdy** died 21 Apr 1838 at Westrop House, Highworth in his 57th year.

The Morning Post Sat 28th Apr 1838

HIGHWORTH – An instance of awful sudden death occurred here in the case of Mr **Charles Curtis** of this town. He had been complaining of being unwell for a few days previous but on Sunday he was about as usual and while in the act of eating his dinner he uttered a shriek, fell back and died instantly. He was much respected and deservedly lamented.

Wiltshire Independent Thurs 20th Dec 1838

HIGHWORTH – The usual donations have during the past week, been given to the poor of Highworth. Clothing was distributed on Saturday and three fat beasts and bread on Monday. A subscription has been set on foot in Highworth, for the purpose of purchasing a quantity of coals, which the farmer are daily fetching and which are to be distributed at a low price to those who are in need. At Blunsdon, last week, four fine fat sheep given by Messrs **Chamberlen** were distributed to the poor of that village.

Wiltshire Independent Thurs 3rd Jan 1839

POLICE GUILDHALL – Yesterday **William Dance**, a porter at the New Inn, Old Bailey was finally examined before Mr Alderman **Magnay**, charged with stealing a box containing returned goods from a draper at Highworth, in Wilts, addressed to Messrs **Gillman** and **Lucas**, warehousemen, Newgate Street.

The evidence previously taken was read over to the effect that on Monday, the 25th of March, Mr **Webb**, a tobacconist in Goswell Street, called at the booking office of the New Inn to state some circumstances that had excited his suspicion. On the preceding Saturday morning the New Inn wagon drew up near his door and the driver having drawn the awning to screen him from observation, got into the wagon, forced open a box and deliberately took out the packages one by one. Mr **Webb** and his wife looking through their first floor window could see into the wagon, even to catching the address written on the cover of the box. They saw him unroll the papers from two pieces of bombazine and some lace and break open and read a letter he took from the box. He replaced the articles carelessly in the box before he drove away. Both Mr and Mrs **Webb** identified the prisoner positively as the man whom they watched. Miss **Martha Matthews** now deposed that she lived at Mr **Smith's** at Highworth and packed the goods in the box, which was sent to London on the 19th of March. She placed in it 69 yards of blend, a half-piece of lustring, a half-piece of green riband, two pieces of bombazine, three satin stocks and two tissue figured handkerchiefs. Mr **Matthews**, one of the proprietors of the inn, said that after receiving the information from Mr **Webb** on the 25th of March, he took no notice of the matter to the prisoner till the 2nd of April when he asked him how it happened that he had not got the signature of Messrs **Gillman** and **Lucas** for the delivery of the box there. The prisoner replied he was not positive that he had taken the box out for delivery. Witness told him he was sure he had and moreover he had evidence that he opened the box in the wagon in Goswell Street. The prisoner answered that he would not believe the gentleman who said that on his oath. Witness did not give him into custody, thinking it would be prudent to ascertain first what were the contents. Mr **Wooler**, for the prisoner put some questions in answer to which Mr **Matthews** said the prisoner was under warning when he stole the box. Witness knew he was going to another inn. Notwithstanding he had told the prisoner a gentleman saw him open the identical box, he did not apprehend he would run away and did not cause him to be taken into custody till the 6th inst. **Herdfield**, the officer, said he apprehended the prisoner at the Elephant Inn. He searched him and also his lodging, but did not find anything connected with this charge. Mr **Wooler** dwelt on the conduct of the prisoner in not flying to avoid the charge. Mr Alderman **Magnay** thought the evidence was conclusive and committed the prisoner for trial.

The Times 11th May 1839

Aug 24, 1840 At Taney, Dublin, **J W Crowdy** Esq Capt 47th Reg eldest son of the late **W Crowdy**, Esq of Westop House, Highworth, to **Anastasia**, second dau of the late **L J O'Neill Donovan** Esq. *Gentleman's Magazine Oct 1840 pg 422*

Jul 6, 1841 At Bath, **Henry James Chamberlen** Esq of Blunsdon, near Highworth, to **Eliza**, eldest dau of **Thomas Axford** Esq of Bath and late of Shaw, near Swindon. *Gentleman's Magazine Sep 1841 pg312*

May 18, 1842 At Bath, aged 73, **John Hawksey Acherley** Esq Barrister-at-Law, Quorum Commissiонер in Bankruptcy for the districts of Warminster and Highworth, Wilts and senior Deputy Lieut of Somerset. He was called to the bar at the Middle Temple, Nov 26, 1802. *Gentleman's Magazine Jul 1842 pg 105*

To be Let and entered on immediately - A good DWELLING HOUSE, with an excellent Linen and Woollen Draper's Shop in front, situate in the market place at Highworth: it has been upwards of forty years in the occupation of Mr **Angell** who is retiring from business. For a view, apply to Mr **Ricketts**, Highworth and for further particulars of the proprietor, Mr **Henry Coleman**, Hannington near Highworth. *Jackson's Oxford Journal Sat 22nd Apr 1843*

On Wednesday, Lord **Radnor**, presided over a public meeting at Highworth about two miles from the Noble Lord's seat, convened for the purpose of "taking into consideration the distress of the working classes and to discuss the benefits likely to arise if the trade in corn and other provisions were free." The discussion however took an unexpected turn. The speakers were all of the middle class (the opening speech was made by a dealer in second-hand clothes and bedding), tenants or neighbours of the Noble Chairman. It may be presumed, therefore, they possessed peculiarly favourable opportunities for becoming acquainted with his character as a landlord and we must say they spoke their minds freely and told his Lordship some rough truths upon the subject of his extortionate rents for allotments. We doubt whether his radical predilections were ever before so properly handled. As we shall probably return to this meeting (for it was a curiosity in its way), we shall here merely remark that while Lord **Radnor** told the poor that he would help by free trade, the poor told Lord **Radnor** that he would help them much more to their satisfaction if he would let them have their patches of land at a fair rent. *John Bull 19th Oct 1844*

In 1839, Lord **Radnor** made in the House of Lords, one of customary speeches in favour of free trade. The Duke of Buckingham inquired of the noble Earl whether he believed that "a repeal of the corn laws would raise the rate of wages?"

"No" was the response of Lord **Radnor**. "I do not pretend to say that a repeal of the corn laws would raise wages; but then I think that, from the influence of many causes, wages are now above their natural level."

"What" asked the Duke of Buckingham, "may be the level of wages which the noble Earl thinks too high?"

"NINE SHILLINGS A-WEEK" was the answer of the philanthropic free trader.

Dundee Courier Tues 22nd Oct 1844

Jan 13. Near Highworth, Wilts, the Rev **George Thomas** of Bishopstone. When out with the Vale of White Horse Hounds, apparently in good health and spirits and crossing a field at a foot-pace, he suddenly fell from off his horse and expired. He was but recently married. He was (it is believed) of Trinity college, Cambridge, B.A. 1830. *Gentleman's Magazine May 1846 pg 548-549*

June 10, 1847 At Inglesham, Wilts, the Rev **Francis M Rowden** MA, second son of the Rev **Edward Rowden** MA, Vicar of Highworth, Wilts to **Susanna**, eldest dau of the Rev **W A Evanson** MA, Vicar of Inglesham. *Gentleman's Magazine Sep 1847 pg 309*

Nov. 18 at the Countess of Huntingdon's chapel by the Rev **John Owen**, Mr **Thomas Packer** of Highworth, Wilts to **Susanna**, daughter of the late Mr **Enoch Davies**, of Bath.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thurs 25th Nov 1847

May 2nd 1848 At Plymouth, the Rev **Thomas Coulthard** M.A. Curate of Highworth, Wilts, second son of **James B Coulthard** Esq of Binstead Hill, Hants to **Elizabeth**, eldest dau. of the Rev **John Hatchard**, Vicar of St Andrew's Plymouth. *The Gentleman's Magazine Vol 184 Pg 86 Marriages*

June 12th 1848 At Highworth, **John Chamberlen** Esq Solicitor.

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PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED - From Tuesday's Gazette, April 10

Crowdy and **Hawkins**, Highworth, Wiltshire, Attornies

The Bradford Observer Thurs 19th Apr 1855

Bucks Summer Assizes - The Commission of Oyer and Terminer for this county was opened on Thursday by Mr Justice **Coleridge** who arrived at the railway terminus shortly after one o'clock wherer his lordship was received by the High Sheriff, **W F Farrar** Esq and the Under Sheriff, Mr **John Garrard** when, preceded by the javelin men, the procession proceeded at once to the County Hall where the Commission was opened with the usual formalities. The court was then adjourned till three o'clock to enable his lordship to attend Divine service in St Mary's Church, where a most impressive discourse was preached by the High Sheriff's chaplain, the Rev **Edward Rowden**, Vicar of Highworth, Wilts who selected as his text 14 Proverbs v 34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." The learned judge then returned to court when the proclamation against vice and immorality was read. *Bucks Herald Sat 12th Jul 1856*

At the house of his father-in-law, Highworth, Wilts aged 49, **John Tucker** Esq of Westham Abbey, Essex. *Gentleman's Magazine Sep 1856 pg 390*

Nov 15, 1856 Very suddenly, at Shrivenham, Berks, **Thomas Hopper** Esq Lieut and Assistant Surgeon of Royal Wilts Militia, formerly of Highworth, Wilts and for many years resident in Reading.

Gentleman's Magazine Jan 1857 pg 117

Jun 20 1857 At the residence of her brother, Highworth, Wilts Miss **Sharps** of Down House, Bath.

Gentleman's Magazine Aug 1857 pg224

Nov 29th 1858 At her residence, Portland-ter, Leamington, Warwickshire, aged 89, Mrs **Barbara Salmon**, widow of **Nicholas Salmon** Esq, author of "Stemata Latinitatis" and several works in the English and French languages and mother of Mr **J C Salmon** of Highworth, Wilts.

The Gentleman's Magazine and Historical Review, Vol 204 Pg 115 Obituaries

Mar 12, 1863 At All Saints' Knightsbridge, **Edgar Hanbury** Esq, of Highworth, Wiltshire, fourth son of **Robert Hanbury** Esq, of Poles, Herts, to **Caroline Frances**, youngest dau of the late Col **T H Kingscote**, of Kingscote, Gloucestershire. *Gentleman's Magazine Apr 1863 pg 514*

Jul 25th 1863 At his residence, Westhill, Highworth Wilts, Capt **J S W Johnson** RN, MP. He was a son of the Rev **Charles Johnson**, Rector of Barrow and Prebendary of Wells by **Mary**, dau. of Archdeacon **Willes**. He was born in 1793... *The Gentleman's Magazine Vol 215 Pg 516 Obituaries*

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EDMONDS – NASH On the 17th inst at Harford, Faringdon by the Rev **G B James**, rector **Charles William**, only son of Mr **Charles Edmonds** of Fresdon, Highworth, Wilts to **Elizabeth**, second daughter of Mr **Nash** of Hatford and Ingelsham, Berks. *Bucks Herald Sat 26th Jan 1867*

In the course of the restorations in Highworth Church, Wilts, a curious distemper painting has been found of St Dunstan shoeing a horse, which places its foot on the anvil.

Illustrated London News Sat 27 Jun 1868

HIGHWORTH Society for the propagation of the Gospel. On Sunday Week sermons were preached in the Parish Church by the Rev **H Rowley** (formerly Missionary with Bishop **Mackenzie** in Central Africa and for some time companion of Dr **Livingstone** in his travels) on behalf of this valuable Society. A public meeting was held the following evening, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was small. Upwards of 8£ we believe was collected. *Jackson's Oxford Journal Sat 25th Dec 1869*

On the 18th July, at Stanton House, Highworth, **Winifred**, youngest daughter of **J G Grimwood Esq** aged eight months. *The Times Thurs 21st Jul 1870*

Private **Jenkins** has won the Challenge Cup with a score of 589 points. Sergrts **Sprindloe** and **Sutcliffe** followed with 460 and 458 points.

Reading Mercury Sat 11th Mar 1871

The Volunteer Fete at Highworth was a great success; the "professionals" from London provided by Mr **A Maynard**, gave the greatest satisfaction whilst the brilliant display of fireworks exhibited by Mr **F Baker** of London was received with great applause. There were over 200 persons present. Much of the success is due to the exertions of the Secretary, Sergeant **Sutcliffe** who being ably backed by a good working committee was enabled to carry out the arrangements with precision; the only drawback was in the want of accommodation for light refreshments on the ground. The weather was all that could be desired. On Thursday last the National school children had their annual treat in the Vicarage Orchard when over 200 were regaled with tea and cake, after which the various sports commenced. The singing of the children was very creditable to their instructors.

Reading Mercury Sat 12th Aug 1871

A curious incident in a run – A curious hunting incident occurred at Highworth, Wilts on Saturday afternoon. The NWH hounds started on the scent of a fox and after 25 minutes run were close upon it when the animal jumped through an open window about 5ft from the ground into a schoolroom. The hounds followed through the window and caught the fox which was nearly killed when the huntsmen had affected an entrance. *Bucks Herald Sat 22nd Nov 1890*

On the 3rd inst, at Highworth, Wiltshire, **Charles Wadley**, fourth son of **George Wadley** of Springfield, Beulah-Hill, Norwood, Surrey aged 32. *The Times Tues 7th Jul, 1891*

On the 9th Aug, at Highworth, **William Frederick Jennings** Esq, for many years Resident Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank, aged 77. *The Times Tues 18th Aug 1891*

ONCE GUARDIAN, NOW PAUPER - The death of a few days ago in the Highworth and Swindon Workhouse of a man named **John Williams** at the advanced age of 92 years, recalls a romantic and pathetic story. He had actually been a member of the Board of Guardians whose shelter in latter years he had to seek as a pauper. *Hull Daily Mail Tues 1st Apr 1902*

COUNTY POLICE COURT – **Robert Embling** of Highworth was charged with the desertion of his wife and family who in consequence, became chargeable to the Swindon and Highworth Union. Mr **V H Vowles**, the relieving officer gave evidence and the case was adjourned for one month.

Gloucester Citizen Tues 10th Dec 1907

Archer – On the 17th inst, Lieut-Colonel **D Archer** of Lushill House, Highworth, Wilts aged 76. Funeral on Wednesday, Nov 20 at Castle Eaton Church at 3 o'clock. *The Times Mon 18th Nov 1912*

FATAL ACCIDENT AT HIGHWORTH - MR **LEIGHTON WHITE** THROWN FROM HIS HORSE. A fatal accident occurred at Hampton Hill, Highworth on Friday. Mr **Leighton White** of Blunsdon House, brother to Mr **Graham White**, was riding down the hill when his horse appears to have shied and he was thrown and dragged several yards. Death was caused through a fractured skull.

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Sat 14th Dec 1912

APPOINTMENTS The Rev **J F D Stephens**, vicar of Highworth with Sevenhampton and rector of Inglesham, Wilts has been appointed to an honorary canonry of Bristol Cathedral.

The Times Fri 3rd Apr 1914

Barclays Bank will open on Tuesday next a sub-branch at High Street, Highworth, Wilts, under the control of Mr **E Roberts**, manager of the Swindon branch. *The Financial Times Fri 22nd Sep 1922*

MARRIAGE Mr **G Wilson** and Miss **Giddins** - The marriage took place in London on November 14 between **Gerald Wilson** of Redlands Court, Highworth, Wilts and **Eileen**, only daughter of Mr and Mrs **F C Giddins** of Crowood, Ramsbury, Wilts. *The Times Tues 19th Nov 1929*

PARENTS WIN WILTS SCHOOL STRIKE – For more than a year the school strike at Highworth has continued, the children for the main refusing to attend the school provided for them at Stratton about four miles away; they would be conveyed there by bus. On many occasions the matter has occupied the attention of Wilts Education Committee, the County Council and even Parliament, but it now seems that the last stage has been reached and the parents win. At the meeting of Wilts Education Committee at Trowbridge yesterday afternoon, the matter was dealt with in private and the Press were afterwards informed that the Attendance Sub-committee had received and considered the opinion of counsel on the question of taking proceedings against the parents of the children attending the voluntary school at Highworth and recommended in accordance with that opinion that no action be taken. This was agreed to. It was reported that the Board of Education had approved plans for the erection of a new senior Council school for Trowbridge at a cost of £53,870.

Western Daily Press Sat 28th Jan 1939

1£ DEPOSIT AT WEDDINGS - GUARANTEE OF GUESTS' GOOD BEHAVIOUR

From our Correspondent Swindon March 22 - The parochial church council at Highworth, a small Wiltshire market town, near Swindon have announced that drastic steps are to be taken to stop damage and desecration in the churchyard at weddings. In future, spectators will not be allowed in the churchyard. The throwing of confetti in the churchyard is also to be prohibited and wedding couples are to be asked for a deposit of £1 as a guarantee of good behaviour by their guests. Deposits that are forfeited will go to the churchyard guild fund. The vicar, the Rev **W B Thomas** said that the reason for these steps was that the shrubs and flower beds were being trampled and the churchyard was being littered with confetti cartons. "I have been told" he said, "that damage of this kind has been going on for 25 years and I feel it is about time that someone took a tough line on the matter. In future either myself, my curate or one of the church officials will be patrolling the churchyard during weddings. A patrol will be on duty on Saturday to see that spectators are kept out." Asked what action he would take if anyone refused to pay the deposit, Mr **Thomas** said he would marry them but a bill might be sent for any damage caused. *The Times Fri 23rd Mar 1956*