



Minety

People

Jonathan Read

A well-known figure in Cirencester is Mr Jonathan Read, who has this week celebrated his golden wedding in his native village of Minety.

In his youth, he won many mile races in Gloucestershire and Wales, and then as a cricketer, he performed the feat of taking nine wickets with nine successive balls.

He then launched out as a poet, getting two volumes of verse published.

Working on his father's farm, he, 50 years ago visualised the possibility of an invasion of this country, and wrote a poem urging the growing and storing of more home-grown food in the country.

After farming, he became an inn-keeper, wrote rustic plays, and formed his own company to produce them in many towns.

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