



# *Parish News*

## *Minety*

### Death of a Farmer

Mr Thomas Brown, a Gentleman Farmer of Minety, in the County of Gloucester, was a Haymaking with six of his Servants, at a Ground about a Mile from his House, on Friday Evening, when a violent Storm of Rain and Hail fell, with frequent Claps of Thunder and Lightning.

To avoid the Storm, Mr Brown and his Servants ran to a Hawthorn Tree for Shelter; but unhappily for them, no sooner were they got there than a terrible Clap of Thunder and Lightning broke over their Heads, which killed Mr Brown and one Thomas Vines on the spot. The other five were dangerously wounded, particularly the Widow of Thomas Vines, whose Life is despaired of. It is very remarkable, that tho' their Bodies were quite excoriated by the Lightning, and their linen burned, yet their other Garments were not affected.

*Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette 21 July 1763*

### Proposal for Turnpike Road

In pursuance of an order of the Honourable House of Commons of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1810, Notice is hereby given, that a Bill is now depending in the Honourable House of Commons, for making and maintaining a Turnpike Road, from Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, to Wootton Bassett in the county of Wilts in which bill provision is intended to be made for making and maintaining a Road through the Parishes of Crudwell and Minety, until it communicates with the Turnpike Road leading from Cricklade to Malmesbury, at or near Minety Common.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1810.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal 30 April 1810

### Proposal for Turnpike Road

Notice is hereby given, that Application is intended to be made to Parliament in the next Session, for leave to bring in a Bill for making and maintaining a Turnpike Road from or near the town of Cirencester, in the county of Gloucester, to a turnpike road situate in or near to the parish of Minty, otherwise Minety, in the said county of Gloucester, or in the county of Wilts, and leading from Malmesbury to Cricklade, in the said county of Wilts, which Road is intended to pass through the several parishes of Cirencester, Siddington, otherwise Siddington St Mary, and that part of Minty, otherwise Minety, situate in the said county of Gloucester; and Shorncote, otherwise Cerncott; Somerford Keynes, Poole, Oaksey, and that part of Minty, otherwise Minety, situate in the said county of Wilts or some or one of them.

D WHATLEY, Solicitor  
CIRENCESTER, Aug 29, 1817.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal 8 September 1817

### Horrible Cruelty

The following account of an act of barbarity, seldom heard of, is furnished us by a gentleman on whose veracity we can depend:--

Wednesday last some persons (calling themselves gentlemen and sportsmen) from the neighbourhood of Cirencester and Minety, were riding by Lord Sherborne's lodge park, attended by a brace of greyhounds loose, when an unfortunate fox jumped over the wall near them.

The dogs were immediately set on him, and after a long run, succeeded in catching poor reynard, when the *sportsmen* rode up in triumph, gave the poor animal a pat on the head with a whip, and, horrid to relate, cut off his brush and pads, and left the poor creature *alive* remarking "he would do for another hunt." Fortunately, a labourer on the road saw the transaction, and immediately put an end to the sufferings of the poor animal.

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette 17 February 1831

### Dissolution of Partnership

John Perry and Samuel Eccles, of Minety, Gloucestershire, soap boilers, &c. 17<sup>th</sup> August last.

Perry's Bankrupt Gazette 9 July 1831

### White Robin

A Cheltenham paper states that, during the past week, a robin, perfectly white, with the exception of the breast, which was beautifully tinged with red, was killed by Mr W P Keene, of Minety, near Cirencester. During the summer, a white swallow was shot in the same neighbourhood.

Wiltshire Independent 26 April 1838

### Triplets

Mr Jonathan Packer, of Minety, near Cirencester, has two heifers and a bull in his possession, two years old, the produce of one birth.

Worcester Journal 25 April 1844

### Serious Accident

An alarming accident happened at Tetbury on Friday evening week, to the horses and tandem cart of W Perry Keene, esq., of Minety House. It appears that the servant was waiting for his master in the vehicle at the door of the Talbot Inn, and was adjusting his master's coat, when, from some negligence on the

part of those who should have known better, the leader, without the reins being in the driver's hand, was allowed to move on.

Being a fine high-spirited animal, the pace soon changed from a moderate trot to a frightening gallop along a narrow street called Church-lane, until the wheel came in contact with a post against the vicarage wall, upsetting the vehicle, and thereby inflicting a severe wound on the face of its terrified occupant.

The animal again broke away at a furious pace towards the church until they met the carriage of Mr Watts, from Bath, against which they struck with great force, the shaft penetrating the wheeler's thigh, and passing through the flesh like a spit. The poor animal fell, actually screaming, with the blood rushing from the body: the other horse did not sustain much damage, and still endeavoured to proceed: the shafts and harness of both carriages were much shattered.

The horse, which Mr Keene has since humanely had shot, was a remarkably fine pie-balled animal, worth £50.

Luckily, no other person was injured by this untoward event. Neither of the persons in Mr Watt's carriage sustained any injury, though both vehicles were very much damaged.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 3 October 1844

### Collision on the Great Western Railway

On Thursday week, as an engine and tender, drawing two trucks, one laden with stone, the other occupied by about 30 workmen, in the employ of Mr Bridges, builder, of Cirencester, was passing the Minety Station, on its way to Swindon, it came in contact with a van containing a number of pigs, which projected across the rail. The engine and tender were forced off the line by the shock, but luckily no injury was done except to the van, which was literally smashed, nor were any lives lost, except among the porcine race, several of which came to an untimely end.

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette 10 September 1846

