



### **Presentation to Mr Job Clift**

The inhabitants of North Newton and Hilcote, on Tuesday last, presented Mr Job Clift, their respected church-warden, with a handsome inkstand, pen and blotting book, on his leaving the parish where he had filled that office for upwards of thirty years. The subscribers and friends of the respected gentleman, numbering nearly 100, met at the Rev. A. W. Radcliffe's residence, at one o'clock, pm, and the vicar's lady presented the united gift of the people present, with an address to Mr Clift, testifying to the good feeling which prevailed in the parish towards him, and although his health obliged him to leave the village, yet there was but one feeling with every person present, which was regard and esteem. Richard Hayward, Esq., of Chitterne, most kindly gave a luncheon to the poor. The vicar's table was bountifully spread for the respectable inhabitants and visitors, amongst whom were Mrs and Miss Newman Rogers, of Rainscombe; Mr and Mrs Hayward, and Mr R Hayward, of Chitterne, W.P. Hayward, Esq., Wilsford; T.E. Simpkins, Esq., Ablington; Miss Clift, Mr and Mrs Hayward, Beechingstoke; Mr W. Church, Golden Lands, &c. The day passed off with one feeling prevailing, and hope that Mr Clift would be spared for many years to come, still to promote that harmony which he and the present vicar had enjoyed for many years past. A good brass band was in attendance, which added much to the harmony of the day, and many of the rustics present could not withstand their bewitching strains, but footed it right merrily in a dance on the lawn.

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