

## Litton Cheney Newspaper Articles 1900-1919

### **27.4.1900**

Terror to His Neighbours.

At the Dorchester County Petty Sessions, William Northover was summoned for assaulting William L. Brown Pitcher, baker, of Litton Cheney, on April the 14th. Mr. Till appeared for the complainant and Mr for the defendant. An effort on the opening of the case was made by Mr. Reed for mutual apologies and a settlement as there were "six of one and half a dozen of the other", but it failed. Mr. Till standing out for substantial damages. The complainant said he was a baker and was 67 years of age. On the 14th of April he was delivering bread in the usual way. His son complained to him that the defendant had threatened him and he (complainant) threatened to horsewhip him if he ever insulted the boy again. Whereupon defendant took up a stone, struck him on the head with it and knocked him down. He became unconscious and the next thing he remembered was defendant kneeling on him. He managed to get defendant off and defendant struck him on the head again with stone, inflicting a wound from which a lot of blood flowed. The defendant had, for the past five years, continuously annoyed him and he was a "terror to his neighbours". The Bench held that there was an assault and the Chairman said the magistrates could not go into any side squabbles. Defendant was bound over to be of good behaviour for six months and ordered to pay the costs, amounting to 27s.

### **31.8.1900**

Additional Postal Facilities.

The Post-office will opened on Saturday for money order and savings bank business, the granting of licenses, &c, which will be a boon to the Inhabitants.

### **9.11.1900**

Death of Mrs Crick. The sad tidings were received here on Saturday morning that the Rector's wife had died on the previous day. She had borne a long and painful illness with much patience. More than twelve months ago she was taken to Margate in the hope of improvement, but to no avail. Much sympathy is expressed for the Rector and his family in their bereavement. The interment took place at Margate on Tuesday.

### **4.1.1901**

Litton Road.

At the meeting of the Bridport Rural District Council on Monday a letter was read out from Mr. J. Saunders, Litton Cheney, who called attention to a serious accident which happened to his man, who was thrown out of his cart whilst trying to pass a waggon on the road leading from Litton Cheney to Puncknowle, owing to heaps of stones placed by the side of the road which, in some instances only allowed ten feet of space from the heaps to the ditch on the other side. They had been there for about two months. It was whilst trying to pass a waggon that the cart wheel struck one of the heaps, the cart being overturned and his man being crushed between the two vehicles. The careless way these stones were left by the sides of the roads was disgraceful and he held the Council responsible for any expenses which might be incurred in the matter. In the discussion which followed the Chairman said that the accident was a very serious one as the man put his thigh out and had it broken as well. The Chairman further stated that a boy was driving the cart at the time on the wrong side of the road too. It was decided to acknowledge the letter but disclaim any liability.

### **17.5.1901**

A GRAND AMALGAMATED FETE of the LITTON FRIENDLY SOCIETY And COURT No. 6,430 "HEARTS OAK" ANCIENT ORDER of FORESTERS will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th, 1901. Applications for Stalls, Roundabouts, &c. apply to FRED HOUNSBELL or WM. WEBBER, Hon. Secs.

### **18.10.1901**

A serious fire occurred at Coombe Farm, resulting in the destruction of the dairy-house, a barn, stable and piggery. The buildings belonged to the late Mr. Symes and the dairy-house was occupied by Mr Bushrod who manages the dairy for Mr. Hounsell, the tenant of the farm. About two hours sufficed to transform the dairy-house and adjacent buildings into a collection of ruins. The total cost of the damage has been estimated at £600.

### **27.12.1901**

MANOR FARM, LITTON CHENEY.

MESSRS. HENRY DUKE & SON are favoured with instructions from Mr. John Saunders, quitting the farm, to give Notice of SALE by AUCTION, on the premises. On Thursday, January 2nd, 1902, at 1.15 All the DAIRY PLANT and BARN MACHINERY, including customary utensils, Churning Gear and Pig Troughs; Capital 3 h.p. Vertical Engine, in good working order; Two-knife Chaff Cutter; Barford & Perkins No.5 Improved Grinding Mill; Combined Bean and Oat Bruiser; 2 complete Horse-power Threshing Machines, each with gear and spindling, and most suitable Small Holdings; Sundry Implements and Old Iron.

Also 120 acres of Sound GRASS KEEP, with FEED of HAY and STRAW to May 12th; FEED of 16 Acres of SWEDES and TURNIPS to March 25th; 4 Ricks of Prime Quality HAY and STRAW with liberty of removal; 11 PORKERS and BARREN SOW.

### **21.3.1902**

HOUSE, SHOP, and GARDEN TO LET at Litton Cheney. Dorset. Centre of village. Suitable for grocer, baker, general business. New oven and bake-house. 2-stall stable, shed for trap. Good opening for preserving man.

### **2.6.1902**

SMITH WANTED immediately. Chance of taking the business. Good business. Apply WILLIAM BLIGDON, Litton Cheney, Dorchester.

### **9.1.1903**

DAIRY FARM SALE LITTON CHENEY.

Mr. G. J. Sampson held a successful sale on Thursday at the Court Dairy House, the property of the late Mr. George Peach, when a dairyman's horse, a useful animal, realised 41 guineas; sows £3 10s to £4; large stores 44s to 55s; smaller ditto £26 6s to 32s 6d; dairyman's spring waggon, £14; market cart £9. Several dairy utensils realised satisfactory prices.

### **23.6.1903**

LITTON CHENEY v. SYMENE At Burton Bradstock. Scores Symene 40 and 34; Litton Cheney 49.

### **17.7.1903**

A strike of agricultural labourers recently occurred at Litton Cheney. On Saturday at the Dorchester County Police-court a working foreman, named Thomas Bugler, was proceeded against by Mr. Fred Hounsel, of Martinstown, for breach of contract and for intimidation. Bugler led a number of men out on strike during hay-making time and considerable damage resulted. It was alleged that he threatened William Legg that if he did not join the others he would "lay him up for a week". Bugler was ordered to pay £4 damages and costs and the intimidation case was dismissed on payment of 9s costs.

### **13.11.1903**

COOMBE FARM, LITTON CHENEY.

Messrs. T. Ensor & Son, acting under instructions from the executors of the late Mr. A. G. S. Hounsell, dispersed the whole of the excellent dairy of 48 cows, 13 in-calf three year old heifers, three barreners, 16 weanling heifers, two bulls, together with the herd Berkshire pigs, dairy utensils, and the feed of about 110 acres, on Friday. The fine herd of dairy cows were, for the most part, young animals, showing true characteristics of the pure-bred Devon, with great milking qualities. A large company was present, the ring being packed. A highly satisfactory sale resulted. The dairy cows ranged from £12 10s to £20 5s, or average of £15 5s apiece; in-calf three-year-old heifers ranged from £13 10s to £19, or an average of £16 16s apiece; weanling heifers £10 10s to £13 10s a pair, average £5 17s apiece. A two-year-old Devon bull made £13 and a yearling £10 5s. Berkshire sows in farrow ranged from £3 10s to £4 15s; Berkshire elts, in farrow, to £4 2s 6d; strong stores to 26s 6d; slips to 13s. Mr Trump, of Bridport, catered for the luncheon, which he carried out with his usual good style.

### **30.6.1905**

GREAT DISPERSAL SALE AT LITTON CHENEY

Messrs. T. Ensor & Son dispersed on Thursday last week at Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney, the very old established Dorset horn breeding flock, in-calf heifers, horses and farm implements, the property of Mr. T. Fry, retiring from active farming pursuits. This flock was founded at Baglake in the early part of the 18th century by the late Mr. Job Legg and passed by valuation to the present owner in the year 1879. By judicious annual selections of sheep from the noted flocks of Mr. R. Hussey, (Burton Bradstock), Mr. W. Elworthy, (Alton Pancras) and Mr. G. D. Templeman, (Hazelbury Plucknett), Mr. Fry, with his shrewd business-like enterprise, was not slow in grading his flock to a very high standard of excellence and it will

be quite fresh in the minds of all breeders, the beautiful pens of draft ewes which he obtained first and second prizes for at Poundbury Fair in the years 1903 and 1904. Although a little late in the season, the sheep were shown in their wool, which was all the more advantageous to purchasers, seeing the present prices now prevailing, and were greatly admired for their good breeding, having particularly good muzzles, small bone and good wool. There was a large company present from all parts, including not only every noted breeder in Dorset, but a strong contingency from the Isle of Wight and Somerset and a record sale resulted. Six-teeth ewes averaged 60s 5d; four-teeth ewes averaged 62s. 8d; two-teeth ewes averaged 55s 2d; ewe lambs averaged 40s. 2d; In-calf heifers (three-year old) £14 to £15 5s; in-calf heifers (two-year old) £9 to £10 5s, Cart horses 22gs, 18.5gs, 12.5gs and 10gs.; pony, 11gs. The farm implements and machinery also made good prices.

### **29.3.1907**

#### **OCCUPANT OF TWO RESIDENCES.**

Wm. Richard Northover was summoned for being in arrears with his poor-rate to the extent of 11s. 3d. Defendant denied that he occupied the house in question, and said he lived at Puncknowle. The Litton Cheney house was out of repair, was untenable and it would not be put in repair while he was alive. The Assistant-Overseer said defendant was occupying two houses. He came to the Litton Cheney house sometimes at night but, when witness knocked at the door, he put the light out and refused to answer. (Laughter.). A warrant was issued for the amount due and costs.

### **3.1.1908**

#### **ASSAULT at LONGBREDY.**

Henry Richard Allen, labourer, of Litton Cheney, was indicted for indecently assaulting Beatrice Louisa Roper, Longbredy. Prisoner was also charged with common assault.—He pleaded not guilty. Mr. Sykes prosecuted.—The prisoner, when arrested, told the constable that he knew that he had made a fool of himself. Prisoner said nothing in defence. The Chairman told the prisoner that young women must be protected from people such as him. He had a good character otherwise the punishment would have been heavier. As it was he would be sentenced to six months imprisonment with hard labour.

### **28.2.1908**

By ORDER of THE TRUSTEES of THE LATE DR. SYMES

MESSRS. HENRY DUKE & SON WILL OFFER for SALE by AUCTION, at their Property Sale Room, Dorchester, on SATURDAY next, MAY 23rd, at 3.30

The IMPORTANT LANDED ESTATE, known as COOMBE FARM, in the Parish of LITTON CHENEY, Dorset, a Popular DAIRY and Healthy SHEEP-BREEDING FARM, with Useful SPORTING GROUNDS, together with an OLD-FASHIONED FARM-HOUSE, Modern DAIRYHOUSE, FARM and DAIRY PREMISES, and Five COTTAGES, the Whole covering an Area of 513 a. 3r. 15p.

### **22.5.1908**

FREEHOLD FARM, WATER POWER MILL and LANDS at LITTON CHENEY Viz:

An ACCOMMODATION HOLDING, known as TURNER'S FARM, comprising a Stone-built RESIDENCE, COTTAGE and FARM PREMISES, with 5 Dispersed Enclosures of WATER MEADOW and PASTURE LAND, 29 ACRES IN AREA, Reputedly some of the Earliest and most Productive Grass Fields in THIS FERTILE VALE, let to Mr. GEORGE FOOT at £80 per annum.

THE IMPORTANT WATER-POWER MILL PROPERTY, consisting of a Neat Dwelling-house with Garden, 2 Pasture Fields of 5 Acres, 3-storey Mill, fitted with an overshot wheel and other Machinery, Stabling and Premises, all sound stone Buildings of the best workmanship, and known as "LITTON MILLS", commanding a considerable trade in this active district, and let to the Executors the late Mr. J. M. MOORES at the moderate yearly rent of £40.

A BLOCK of COTTAGES, with Walled Garden, formerly called "LITTON POOR HOUSE" and AN ALLOTMENT of PRODUCTIVE ARABLE LAND, containing about 12 Acres, in the occupation of Mr. GODDING, at a rental of £11 per annum.

MESSRS. HENRY DUKE & SON WILL OFFER the above SAFE FREEHOLD INVESTMENTS in Four Distinct Lots, by AUCTION, at The Bull Hotel, Bridport, on WEDNESDAY, 24th JUNE, 1908, at 3.30 p.m. precisely,

### **22.5.1908**

THE COTTAGE Litton Cheney, to let

Containing three sitting-rooms, six bedrooms, bath (h. and c.), two glass houses (heated), croquet or tennis lawn, three quarters of an acre of vegetable garden, paddock, four acres, with cow-houses, stabling for pony. Private water supply direct from spring-head. Immediate occupation.—For particulars apply HENRY B. LEGGE, The Court House, Litton Cheney, Dorchester.

### **16.4.1909**

GIRL or LAD (14—15) WANTED, Mrs. BONNETT, Coombe Dairy, Litton Cheney, Dorchester.

### **9.7.1909**

William Richard Northover, Litton Cheney, was summoned for the recovery of £1 6d, rates made in May and October. Defendant did not appear. William Miller, assistant overseer, stated that defendant was eccentric. He practically lived the life of a hermit, passing his time in an old stable in the day-time and going into the house at night. Defendant said he could not pay the rates. He had plenty of furniture, and the house belonged to him. An order was made for payment, failing which a warrant would be issued.

### **23.10.1909**

BETTER TO BE FOUND GUILTY THAN INSANE.— Thomas Laver (30), gardener, was charged with indecently assaulting a girl named Ivy Fry, under 13 years of age, at Litton Cheney. Mr. Fitch prosecuted and called attention to the evidence given by the doctor at the County Police-court on Saturday to the effect that in his opinion the prisoner was of weak intellect, and did not appreciate what he was supposed to have done or the position he was in. In reply to the Judge, prisoner said he had heard that he was charged with "insult" but that he did not do it, as he was away at the time in Poole seeing a gentleman. The Judge remarked that that reply rather showed that the prisoner did know something about the charge and ordered the case to be proceeded with. The Judge, in charging the jury, said they could have the doctor called if they liked, but it would be far more serious for prisoner to found unsuitable to plead than to be found guilty of the offence laid to his charge. The offence was not a very serious one, but the girl might have been seriously frightened. The jury found the prisoner guilty. Supt. Dennett stated that formerly the prisoner had been of good character but taken to drink and during the last few years had developed a mania for committing wilful damage. The prisoner was sentenced to four calendar months with hard labour.

### **18.8.1911**

DORCHESTER COUNTY POLICE-COURT – "Litton Cheney's Amusement." William Richard Northover. Litton Cheney, who did not appear, was summoned for the recovery of £1 7s arrears of rates upon cottage, garden, and bakehouse, of the rateable value of £6 15s. Mr. Reed, who represented the defendant, said there was a tale of a cart mixed up in the affair and asked the witness if he had possession of a cart of the defendant's which he had already seized. Witness at first evaded the question but, on being pressed to give answer one way or another, said, while his face was suffused with smiles, that it was true that he had seized a cart, but, he added, lowering his voice and speaking with a confidential air, he only had half a cart now. (Laughter.) The Chairman: Half a cart? whatever do you mean? Do you mean that you have the body of the cart, or the wheels, or the shafts? Witness: Well, you see sir, we did take the cart, but the fourth night someone went into the back-door and took away the wheels. Mr. Reed: But you are responsible for this damage to the defendant's cart. Clearly, if you allow someone to run away with the wheels while the cart is in your possession you are responsible. Witness: Well, someone took them away, and that is all we really know. Mr. Reed: You have not yet realised on the seizure. Why don't you provide the cart with a new pair of wheels, you lost the others you know, and realise and hand over to the defendant the balance if there is any? Then we shall know where are. The Clerk (Mr. A. G. Symonds): But, as I understand it, you want a warrant for two rates and they have nothing to do with the question of the cart? Witness: Yes. Sir. Mr. Reed: But there ought to be a balance due on the cart, and surely until this is squared up they do not want to seize any further. That they have lost the wheels is their fault; not ours. The Chairman: Who took away the wheels? Witness; I do not know. I cannot accuse anybody because I can't prove it. Mr. Reed: Mr. Northover has asked for this cart times out of number. Witness: He owes 10s on that yet. Mr. Reed: You are sticking to the cart and then lose the wheels; you are making a pretty nice job of it. (Laughter). I know Northover is a rather difficult and crotchety person to deal with, but what he says is: "Let them return my cart and I will straighten up with them." This case is Litton Cheney's amusement. The Chairman; It would be much better if he paid up and then he would get his cart. The usual order for payment was made; in default, distress.

### **12.1.1912**

DEATH of Mr T Fry

Much regret is felt at the death of one of the most prominent and best known parishioners, Mr Thomas Fry, of Baglake, who passed peacefully away on Sunday evening aged 76 years. He was a well-known agriculturist, having farmed successfully in the Parish for half a century. He relinquished business about six years ago since which he has lead the life of a country gentleman, never being more happy than when taking his morning ride on horseback. He took a prominent part in the affairs of the village being chairman of the Parish Council, corresponding school manager and treasurer of the Litton Cheney Friendly Society.

## **24.5.1912**

### **THE COURT HOUSE LITTON CHENEY**

Under instruct inns from Mr. H. B. Legge, of the Court House, Litton Cheney, an important auction sale of freehold estate was conducted by Messrs. Henry Duke & Son, land agents and auctioneers, at their Property Sale-room on Wednesday afternoon, when they brought under the hammer the Court Estate and Court House, Litton Cheney.

The estate, which extends to an area about 415 acres. 3 roods. 26 perches is a distinguished property lying mainly in the centre of the noted valley of Litton, with attractive small holdings and accommodation lands, embracing sound and early grass land of a remarkable body and productive character. In its connection with the West Dorset dairy industry it is unquestionably second to none in the county for its yield of dairy products of the finest quality. The Court House with its pleasure grounds and pasture land of over 16 acres forms a distinct and select property worthy of the attention of those in search of a residence in a healthy climate with good position, sporting and social advantages.

The sale's attractive character was indicated by the large and representative gathering of landowners and agriculturists.

Mr. E. B. Duke, who conducted the auction, observed that the estate had been kept untouched from the auction rooms and general public for generations. It was situated in one of the choicest and most popular agricultural, sporting, and residential districts in the whole county. This particular grass country was especially in demand. He referred to the long and honoured tenancy of the late Mr Thomas Fry, who occupied this property for 30 years.

Biddings were then invited for property as a whole, but the reserve was not reached. The property was offered in 18 lots, planned so as to provide several moderate sized holdings, the results being as follows.

LOT 1: Legg's Hill Barn Farm, a small corn, sheep, and cattle farm about 70 acres, was bought by Mr. George Coombe at £1,025..

LOT 2: A small dairy farm, known as "Rowden" comprising 33 acres of rich pasture and meadow land. Purchased by Mr. Austen Whetham for client for £1,100.

LOT 3. The mixed corn and stock farm, called Cross Tree Farm, comprising 176 acres of healthy arable, pasture and down land. Bought Mr. Whetham for a client for £2,200.

LOT 4. Court Dairy Farm, an exceptionally productive dairy farm of over 77 acres. Bidding started at £2,500 and £3,250, but, not meeting the vendor's reserve, the lot was withdrawn.

LOT 5. The Court House. Litton Cheney, a moderate but pleasant country house with matured and secluded grounds and 13 acres of first-grade meadow land. Bidding started at 2,000 and rose to £3,750 but this also was below the reserve, and the property was withdrawn.

LOT 6. A choice small holding of first-class water meadow and pasture land, over seven acres in extent, with a pair of stone-built cottages. Mr. C. E. Fry, £560.

LOT 7. A valuable enclosure of water meadow land, was bought by Mr. A. W. H Creech, solicitor, Sturminster Newton, for £100.

LOT 8. A stone-built double cottage fronting the main road, with a large productive garden. Withdrawn.

LOT 9. A block three stone-built cottage with large gardens, covering area 2r. 32p. Withdrawn.

LOT 10. An accommodation pasture field, covering an area of 1 acre, 2 roods, 25 perches, was knocked down to Mr. K. Gladwyn for £75.

LOT 11. A valuable enclosure of meadow water land, abutting onto Truckle Field Lane, 3a. 2r. in area. Withdrawn.

LOT 12. Another enclosure of water meadow land, having an area of 2a. 2r. 13p. Withdrawn.

LOT 13. An accommodation water meadow, 1a. 1r. 35p. in extent. Withdrawn.

LOT 14. Litton Sheep Wash, the only wash in Litton, through which as many as 4,000 sheep pass each season. Mr. Pitcher became the purchaser at £24.

LOT 15. A piece of garden ground near the Methodist Chapel was sold to Mr. Saunders for £6.

LOT 16. Three enclosures of accommodation land, extending over four acres. Withdrawn.

LOT 17. An accommodation pasture field near Rowden Bridge, with area of 6a. 1r. 17p. Withdrawn.

LOT 18. Two enclosures of accommodation pasture land of first quality, covering an area of 8a. 3r. 8p. Withdrawn.

## **31.5.1912**

### **LITTON, CHENEY Bell Restoration:**

The bells in the Parish Church tower, which have been restored and rehung at a cost of about £50 were formally re-opened on Thursday last week. The fifth bell, one of the two of the pre-Reformation period in the tower, has been restored at the expense of Mr. C. Fry, as a memorial to his late father. Mr. T. Fry.

The bells were put to the test at their formal opening on Thursday last, when an enthusiastic team from Bridport and the neighbourhood visited the village and delighted the countryside with the sweet music of

the bells. A full peal of grandsire doubles was rung by the following team of ringers: Messrs. W. S. B. Northover, J. Zeallv, F. Powel, J. Tompkins (Bndport), Beans, and Lathey (Bradpole).

### **14.6.1912**

#### **COUNTY POLICE-COURT**

Obstruction by Gipsies' Horses. Alice Peatman, a gipsy, was summoned for allowing a horse to stray on the highway at Litton Cheney, and was fined 1s. and costs. John White, another van dweller, for a similar offence at the same time and place, was fined 5s. inclusive of costs.

### **14.3.1913**

Land Litton Vale.—Under the instructions of Colonel R. H. Symonds, Messrs. Henry Duke & Son on Wednesday offered for sale by auction at their Property Sale-room twelve small freehold properties, mainly of deep meadow land, in the Vale of Litton Cheney. There was a large business company. Mr. E. B. Duke mentioned that the twelve conveniently divided lots formed together Puddle Hole Farm, Litton Cheney, present occupied by Mr. Bligdon, whose family had held the tenancy without break for about 200 years. Lot 1, three enclosures of land, fronting the road to Askerswell Nos 65, 13 and 12 on the ordnance map and comprising nearly 15 acres, were bid up to £170 and withdrawn at the vendor's bid of £175.

Lot 2, the small mixed farm called Puddle Hole, embracing over 50 acres, with stone-built farmhouse, farm buildings and cottage, was started £800, and rose £1,100, at which it was sold.

Lot 3. 35 perches of orchard, let to Mr. Gladwyn at £2 a year, was bought for £38.

Lot 4, nearly two acres of accommodation meadow, fronting School-lane, went for £115.

Lot 5, similar meadow, little over two acres, was bought for £100.

Lot 6, another enclosure of meadow, three acres and three roods, went at £190.

Lot 7, Combe's Cowleaze, 3a. 1r. 10p., went at £110.

Lots 8, 9, and 10, Flood Mead and Amerham's Mead, fronting the Puncknowle road, four fields of deep meadow in Puncknowle parish and Hammerhead and Kidney Meads, together the area of 28.75 acres, was bought for £1,250.

Lot 11. Rowden Meadow, in Parks Lane, consisting of 4 acres 17 perches, was bid up to £140, but withdrawn at the vendor's bid of £145.

Lot 12. Woodmead, 2a, 2r. 25p. went to £54, but was withdrawn at £56.

### **28.3.1913**

The New Parish Councillors.

The Rev. F. W. Crick, Messrs. H. Gladwyn, R. VValden, G. Fry, R. Fry, W. and B. Sam ways have been elected as the new Parish Council. Mr. H. B. Legge did not seek re-election.

### **28.3.1913**

A Small Bazaar and Sale of Work was held by the Primitive Methodists of Litton Cheney on Easter Monday in aid of the purchase of additional land adjoining the chapel, and for renovating the building. There was public tea, patronised by about 60 persons. An opening statement of the purpose of the bazaar was given by the Minister (the-Rev. J. E. Sunderland).—Mrs. S. Williams, of Rodden, Portesham, in opening the bazaar expressed her delight at being present and was glad to follow in the footsteps of her dear father who had purchased the land on which the chapel was built and had been the oldest trustee. The total proceeds of the effort were upwards of £12, which covers the cost the cost of the land..

### **25.7.1913**

#### **A DORSET ESTATE**

#### **DUKE OF BEDFORD'S PROPERTY**

Mr. E. B. Duke (Messrs. Henry Duke Son) brought under the hammer valuable freehold properties belonging to His Grace the Duke of Bedford, comprising the Kingston Russell estate, situate in the parishes of Kingston Russell, Litton Cheney, and Longbredy and near the county town of Dorchester. There was a large attendance. Mr. Duke, in a few introductory observations, remarked that the transactions fixed for that day, which had been anticipated for a long time past, were to be regarded a distinct blow to the agricultural and sporting community which they in that particular part of the country could ill afford to bear. If he were speaking from the other end of room he would join in the universal expression of regret that His Grace, the most noble owner of the Kingston Russell estate, had irrevocably decided to sever his ownership so far as the particulars of that day's sale were concerned. The estate, embracing an area of over 1,283 acres, offering a wide selection excellent dairy farms, smallholdings, building sites, village properties and producing a total rental of £869 per annum, was first offered in one lot. The bidding was started at £12,000 and taken by thousands to £17,000, then by five hundreds to £20,000. Another bid was put in, but as there was no further offer, the vendor's bid was announced as £20,999, and the lot was withdrawn. The estate was then put up in lots.

Lot 1 Kingston Farm in the parishes of Longbredy and Kingston Russell, about four miles from Maiden Newton Station and midway between Dorchester and Bridport, 789 a., with a dwelling house, extensive buildings and seven cottages. The bidding commenced at £4,000, and Lot was knocked down for £4,700, the auctioneer's announcement that Mr. A. O. Symes, the occupier, had become the purchaser being met with applause.

Lot 2. Kingston Russell House, a fine old stone built mansion, and Kingston Lower Dairy Farm, with dwelling house and dairy buildings, and Longbredy Farm-house, close to the village of Longbredy in the valley of the River Bride, about eight miles from Dorchester and containing about 124 a. Starting at £3,000 the bidding was taken to £5,000, at which price Mr. Gribble, 154, St. James' Court, Stepney, became the purchaser.

Lot 3. Kingston Higher Dairy Farm, comprising about 140 acres, with dwelling-house and buildings, was withdrawn at £2,650.

Lot 4. Longbredy Dairy Farm, containing 133 acres, with dwelling-house and buildings; was withdrawn at £2,900.

Lot 5. A choice small holding, consisting of a cottage with garden, known as No. 21, Longbredy village, together with four enclosures of pasture land, and containing about 40a. 2r. 37p. was bought by Mr. A. O. Symes for £1,150.

Lot 6. Was not offered.

Lot 7. A cottage and garden, known as 15, Littlebredy village, was bought by Mr. Manuel for £490.

Lot 8. A pair of cottages and gardens, with outbuildings and small pasture field, at Longbredy, was bought Mr. A. Logan for a client for £310.

Lot 9. Two small enclosures of pasture land and a builder's yard, Longbredy, containing 1a. 1r. 4p. was purchased by Mr. Fry for £100.

Lot 10. Four pasture fields, known as Higher, Outer, Lower and Bottom Ridgways, and Row Meadow, close to Longbredy village, containing about 26a. 2r. 39p. was knocked down to Mr. R. A. Lean for a client at £310.

Lot 11. Three water meadows, known as Row Meadows, at Longbredy, containing 14a. 3r. 34p. also found a purchaser in Mr. R. A. Logan for a client at £850.

Lot 12. Two good houses with large gardens, Nos. 1 and 8, Longbredy village, with wheelwright's shop, yard, and blacksmith's premises, containing 1a. 0r. 17p. was knocked down to Mr. Whitley for £550.

The next four lots, consisting of cottages in Longbredy, were put together and bought by Mr. Symes for £460.

The same was done with the following four lots, also cottages at Longbredy, which Mr. Fry purchased for £505.

Lot 21. Two gardens in the middle of the parish of Longbredy, were bought by Mr. Cox for £54.

The concluding lot, four cottages and outbuildings with large gardens at Longbredy, found a purchaser in Mr. Vincent, of Weymouth, for £300.

The proceeds of the sale totalled £15,469.

### **10.10.1913**

Old Folks Tea.

Following the custom of many years, the old people of the village were invited to tea by the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Crick recently. Before leaving the guests were handed gifts of tea, sugar and tobacco. Expressions of gratitude to the Rector and Mrs Crick were given by all.

### **5.12.1913**

The Village Postman.

Much regret is felt in the little villages of Puncknowle, Swyre and Litton Cheney, at the fact that Mr. Kearley, the postman, is about to be moved to take up similar duties from Abbotsbury to West Bexington (twice daily), also doing station service and the delivery of Abbotsbury. Mr. Kearley has served as rural postman for 27.5 years, during which time he has made many friends. He has always been most obliging to the public. Mr. Kearley has travelled from 16 to 18 miles daily on what is known to be one of the roughest beats in the district.

### **3.4.1914**

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A FRIENDLY SOCIETY SECRETARY  
NEGLECT at LITTON CHENEY

On-Saturday, at the County Police-court Dorchester, summonses, issued by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, were heard jointly against the Litton Cheney Friendly Society and Secretary Mr. E. J. Brinkworth, for two offences alleged to have been committed under the Friendly Society Act of 1906. -The first summons was for failing to send the Chief Registrar, not later than May 31<sup>st</sup> 1913, an annual return of the receipts and expenditure, funds and effects of the society, as audited, and the second was for failing to

send to the Chief Registrar, during the five years ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 1912, a report on the condition of the society, the valuation of its assets and liabilities, and a return of the benefits assured, contributions receivable, funds and effects.

Mr. Brinkworth appeared in person and also represented the Society W. J. Day prosecuted on behalf of the Registrar of Friendly Societies, and the defendant admitted the offences both on his own behalf and on the part the Society

The Chairman: The Court wish me to say that they quite agree with Mr. Day when he says that there is no suggestion of dishonesty on the part the Secretary to the Society. We think it is merely a case of neglect on the Secretary's part not to have made the returns under the Friendly Societies' Act. At the same time we consider it a very proper case to have been brought forward, and we quite appreciate what Mr. Day has said that the Act was passed for the protection of people who are members of these kind of societies and that it is necessary that the proper returns should be most carefully prepared. The Court decides to convict, and defendant will be fined £1 in each case, including costs. The costs of the Court in each case will be 7s, and the remainder will applied to the expenses of the prosecution.

### **21.8.1914**

Herbert Specht, a German, found on the coast at Litton Cheney, was arrested by Supt. King on Wednesday week and handed over to the custody of the military authorities at Dorchester as a prisoner of war.

### **11.9.1914**

Diamond Wedding Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hansford celebrated their diamond wedding on Thursday, and were the recipients of hearty congratulations and presents. Twenty-one years of their married life have been spent on Look Farm.

### **18.12.1914**

Home from the Front.

The many friends of Sergeant T. F. Fry, R. E. were very pleased to see him homo from the Front for a few days during last Week. Sergeant Fry was looking fit and wall.

### **29.10.1915**

On Monday, at Dorchester Fair, Messrs. Henry Duke & Son dispersed the flock of registered Dorset horn breeding ewes on Baglake Farm, Litton Cheney, by direction of Mr. E. F. Samways, quitting. The Baglake Flock is of old standing and of the purest breeding. The regular Breeding Ewes in this Sale are directly descended from the eminent flocks of Mr. W. J. Doach of Alton Pancras and Mr. W. Manfield, of Worth Grange, whilst the Rams, in service from June 20<sup>th</sup>, were bred by Mr. O. Hosegood of Ilminster. The Ewes show both size and symmetry, with the best of wool and, having been bred on the healthy hills of Litton Cheney, they are of undoubted constitution and its dispersal brought together many prominent Dorset horn sheep-breeders. Six-teeth matching ewes, 84s. to 66s; four-teeth ewes 86s. to 72s; two-teeth ewes 84s. to 68s., the average for the entire flock being 74s. 5d, which is quite equal to any of those achieved in earlier sales.

### **18.2.1916**

Children's Court. Boys' Bad Language.

Five lads from Litton Cheney were summoned for using indecent language on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January and they each admitted the offence. The Rev. F. W. Crick, rector of Litton Cheney, pleaded for leniency. The lads, he said, had lost a day's work and they had to come into Dorchester. In these days the people were being asked to economise and there was much said about work on the land and here were five lads, who were doing almost men's work, taken from the land that day. The Chairman: But this bad language is highly offensive to people passing by. Mr Crick: I have spoken to them about that, but ask that, under the circumstances, you will deal mercifully with them. Supt. King said there was nothing previously known against any of the boys. The cases were dismissed on the payment by the defendants of costs of 1s. each.

### **26.5.1916**

BRIDPORT TRIBUNALS

The following conditional exemptions were granted :

R. Drake, Litton Cheney, carter

W. R. Masters, Litton Cheney, miller

### **18.8.1916**

RURAL TRIBUNAL an Appeal Refused.

Archie Coombes (24), farm bailiff, was appealed for by his father of Woolcombe Farm, Great Toller. Mrs. Simonds: When this man was here before he was a farm carter. Mr. R. A. Logan, who appeared for the

appellant, stated that the father was unable to be present as he had had a seizure. The young man, Archie, had sole charge of Barn Farm, in the parish of Litton Cheney, for his father. He had been previously exempted until August 1st. The appellant said that he went home to Toller to sleep and there were five brothers also home. One had been medically rejected by the Military Board, one had been discharged from the Yeomanry, another was only 15 years of age and there were two able-bodied brothers to work the Toller Farm. The military recommended that the claim be not entertained.

### **13.10.1916**

Look Farm, Litton Cheney.

By instructions from the exors. Of the late Mr. Stephen Vine, Messrs. Thos. Ensor & Son sold the live and dead farming stock at Look Farm, Litton Cheney. The sale attracted a numerous company of buyers, and excellent prices ruled throughout. The old-established Dorset horn breeding flock of about 450 ewes and ewe lambs sold well, six-teeth ewes making from 46s. to 58s; four-teeth ewes 48s. 6d. to 6ls; two-teeth ewes 55s. 6d. to 63s; lambs 28s. 6d. to 37s. The eight powerful and mostly young cart horses realised from 47gs. to 77gs. and the cart colts up to 50gs.; A turnout of pony, governess car and harness fetched 41gs. The in-calf heifers made from £18 10s to £31 per pair. An assortment of farm implements changed hands at satisfactory prices.

### **22.12.1916**

Rural District Tribunal Meeting.

Present: Mr. R. H. Palmer (chairman), Messrs. J. B. Hodges and H. Lenthall: Mr. J.B. Roper (clerk); J. E. Smith (assistant clerk), Messrs. R. C. E. Plumtre and A. Barrow (military representatives). Major J. A. Atherton (chief recruiting agent) was present at the commencing of the proceedings. The following cases were considered by the tribunal :

W. Dowding, Litton Cheney, carter, temporary exemption till 1st of April, if substitute be not found in the meantime.

E. E. Pye, Litton Cheney, wheelwright, temporary till 1<sup>st</sup> of April, substitute to be found if possible.

### **22.12.1916**

Daniel Richard Hunt, mail car driver, Litton Cheney, was summoned for cruelly driving a mare in unfit condition. Mr. W. H. Bolt now appeared and stated that Mr. Hunt was unable to appear. He had been engaged on Government work since the early morning and could not find anybody to take his place. Inspector Hooker, of the R.S.P.C.A., stated that Hunt was engaged by Mrs. Adams, contractor for the carrying of mails. Mrs. Adams had one son a prisoner of war in Germany and another son was serving with the Forces. The management of Mrs. Adams' horses was now left to Mr. Bolt. The horse in question was found by P.C. Burroughs to be lame in the fore limb and it had a sore on its shoulder. Some importance was attached to cases of this sort because the horses were worked in the dark and consequently were not under the same kind of supervision as those that were driven in daylight. The Mayor said that the defendant, in a letter to the Bench, had admitted the offence and he would be fined 15s.

### **5.1.1917**

THE LATE LADY WILLIAMS. INTERMENT BRIDEHEAD.

On Friday afternoon the mortal remains of the late Lady Williams, wife of Colonel Sir Robert Williams, Bart, M.P., were laid in their last resting place in the quiet little churchyard at Littlebredy, which is situated close to Bride-head. Eight of the estate hands acted as bearers and the coffin was borne on a hand bier to the Parish Church, where the first portion of the burial service was gone through. The coffin was of polished oak, with massive brass furniture. Engraved on the plate, which was attached to an oak cross at the foot, was the inscription: "Rosa Walker Williams, 20<sup>th</sup> January 1845, 25<sup>th</sup> December 1916. Underneath are the everlasting arms".

A wish had been expressed by Sir Robert Williams that no flowers should be sent in war time, but many of the near relatives and friends placed beautiful floral tributes on the grave.

### **13.4.1917**

Death of Mr, Robert Masters

The death occurred recently of Mr Robert Masters of The Mill, Litton Cheney. The deceased, who was 65 years age, had been ill during the winter, but he had been able to get about a little. He was a native of Piddletrenthide, but bought the mill and came to the village about seven years ago. He was of a quiet and retiring disposition, but beloved by those with whom he came into contact and in business was noted for his uprightness.

### **1.6.1917**

#### **DORSET APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Mr. W. W. Reed represented Mr. George Fry in his appeal for conditional exemption for Edwin Ephraim Pye (33), carpenter and wheelwright, Litton Cheney, in his employ. The local tribunal had granted exemption to May 6th only. Mr. Fry stated that his business had been in his father's and his family's hands for the past 100 years. This was the only wheelwright's business in the village of Litton Cheney. Pye was the only man he had and if he were taken the business would have to go, and great inconvenience would be caused amongst agriculturists in the district. Mr. Reed: "I would like to ask for six months exemption and see what substitutes are offered in the meantime". Captain Chubb: "Six months? Why, the war will over by then, the German Chancellor himself says so and we shall have paid the indemnity too". (Laughter.) Temporary exemption was granted to the 30th September, to end sooner if a substitute is found.

### **20.7.1917**

#### **ALARM AT LITTON CHENEY**

Mr. Reed applied for a re hearing of the case of A. J. B. Pitcher (36), Litton Cheney, licensed motor carrier. At Bridport a conditional exemption was withdrawn as from the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. Mr. W. W. Reed, who appeared for the applicant, stated that the prospect of Pitcher going was causing alarm at Litton Cheney and influential letters had been received asking that the man might be retained. Pitcher was the only carrier from Litton Cheney to Dorchester. Mr Gordeon stated that Pitcher carried milk, which released other men and he also carried food for the people of Litton Cheney.- Mr. A. O. Byrnes stated that the appellant was doing the work of 20 men and if he had to be taken he did not know what the people would do. No new facts were adduced on which to base a re-hearing, the application was refused.

### **5.10.1917**

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET. NOTICE of SALE of an ATTRACTIVE SMALL FREEHOLD DAIRY FARM OF 26.5 ACRES

All WATER MEADOW or DEEP PASTURE, with STONE HOUSE, COTTAGE, and PREMISES, known as TURNER'S FARM, LITTON CHENEY.

MESSRS. HENRY DUKE & SON are favoured with instructions to offer the above by AUCTION, at their Property Sale-room, Dorchester, on Wednesday, October 10th, at 3.30 p.m., first as a whole and, if not thus sold, then in Four Lots, as follows:

Lot 1. TWO ENCLOSURES of PASTURE LAND, with Cowstall for twelve, 10 acres, 0 roods, 30 perches in area. 13 perches in area.

Lot 3.—SMALL HOLDING of MEADOW and ORCHARD LAND in "Park's Lane", Litton Cheney, 5 acres, 2 roods, 20 perches in area.

Lot 4. TURNER'S FARM-HOUSE, BUILDINGS, LARGE GARDEN and ORCHARD in the village of Litton Cheney.

### **12.10.1917**

A successful series of sales was conducted by Messrs. Duke & Son at their Sale-rooms, South Street, Dorchester, on Wednesday afternoon. Among the lots were:

An attractive freehold dairy holding of the estate of the late Mrs. Andrews, known as "Turner's Farm", comprising about 26.6 acres of reputedly early and most productive grass land in the fertile vale of Litton Cheney, with farm-house and homestead in the village, was disposed of as a whole. The bidding started at £800, and the lot was knocked down to Mr. E. Samways, of Dowerfield, for £1,330.

The next property on offer was a small dairy farm, called "Rowden", Litton Cheney, being four closures of pasture and meadow land, in area about 33 acres, adjoining Turner's Farm, and making with it a very attractive dairy holding of first-class grass land. Here again the bidding started at £800 and Mr. E. Samways became the purchaser of the lot also at £1,300.

### **23.11.1917**

A meeting of the Dorset County Military Service Tribunal was held at the Shirehall, Dorchester. Mr. J. C. Swinburne Hanham being the chair.

Edwin E. Page (33), the Paddocks, Litton Cheney, carpenter and wheelwright, appeared for extension of time beyond September 30th. previously granted at Bridport, the period to end earlier if a substitute could be provided. Appeal dismissed as from January 31st.

### **19.4.1918**

#### **A MAIL DRIVER'S EXEMPTION**

Mr Elford applied for the exemption of William Henry Bolt (34), Grade 3 potato, vegetable and fruit merchant, of Dorchester, who holds contracts with the Postmaster General for the conveyance of mail to and from Litton Cheney and Maiden Newton. Major Atherton stated that under the circumstances and as

the man was in Grade 3, he would not offer any objection to exemption. Six months temporary exemption was granted.

### **17.5.1918**

#### **DORSET COUNTY TRIBUNAL**

A Certified Occupation. An appeal was made by Mr. W. Reed for further time on behalf of S. A. George Saunders (24), Parks Farm, Litton Cheney. He stated that originally the appellant's father had two farms, one at Portesham and the other at Litton Cheney, but the latter had been transferred to the applicant. The family, said Mr. Reed, was not shirking. There were three sons of military age, and two of them were fighting. The tribunal held that the applicant was now in a certified occupation, and as such was entitled to conditional exemption.

### **13.9.1918**

HENRY DUKE & SON beg to announce the following WAYGOING SALES during the COMING SEASON: Tuesday, September 24th. CROSS-TREE FARM, LITTON CHENEY. By order of Mr. E. S. W. Dale, on the Sale of the Estate.

Monday, September 30th. — MANOR FARM, LITTON CHENEY. By order of Mr. R. Walden, quitting.

### **14.2.1919**

The Late Mr. R. Fry.

Widespread regret was expressed at the death of Richard Fry, Court Farm, Litton Cheney, who passed away on Thursday, after three weeks' illness. The deceased, who was 61 years of age, had spent the whole of his life in the village and was held in the highest esteem. He leaves a widow, son, and five daughters to mourn their loss and the sympathy of the inhabitants is extended to them in their heavy bereavement. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon amid every sign of respect. The mourners included the widow and daughters, a large number of relatives and sympathising friends. The deceased's only son was unable to be present as he is serving in Egypt.

### **25.7.1919**

SALE of DESIRABLE SMALL HOLDINGS, ACCOMMODATION MEADOWS, BLOCK of COTTAGES and VILLAGE SITES, the whole covering an area of about 80 FREEHOLD ACRES, in the Parish LITTON CHENEY, which MESSRS. HENRY DUKE & SON are favoured with instructions to OFFER for SALE by AUCTION, on SATURDAY. AUGUST 9th, 1919, At Three p.m.,

LOT 1. A Choice SMALL ALL-GRASS HOLDING, situated opposite Litton Mill, being 16a. 3r. 4p. of rich MEADOW LAND sloping South, Pair of STONE and SLATED COTTAGES with Long Gardens, the adjoining Yard with Stalling, and a small Cowstall and Shed. The Premises can easily be converted to form a distinctive little farmery by those seeking a retiring occupation.

LOT 2. HINES MEAD, an important ACCOMMODATION MEADOW of DISTINCT POSITION and QUALITY, 2a. 3r. 17p. in Area.

LOT 3. An Excellent FIELD of DEEP MEADOW LAND, called ROWDEN, having an area of 2a. 1r. 32p.

LOT 4. The TURNER'S BARN HOLDING abutting onto the Dorchester Main Road, embracing 31a. 1r. 2p. of useful ARABLE and PASTURE LAND, with a RANGE of SUBSTANTIAL and SUITABLE BUILDINGS.

LOT 5. An ACCOMMODATION ARABLE FIELD, Part No. 76 on Plan, with an area of 5a. 2r. 0p. (more or less).

LOT 6. TWO ENCLOSURES of PASTURE and ARABLE LAND, situated either side of road near the previous Lot, and 18a. 2r. 0p. in area.

LOT 7. A BLOCK of FIVE COTTAGES, with large gardens, in the centre Litton Cheney Village, all Let to Tenants of long standing, and producing £29 per annum.

A plan of the Property may be inspected at the Litton Cheney Post Office.

### **8.8.1919**

For riding bicycles without lights, Sidney Hounsell, Austin Hounsell and Fred Cheney, of Litton Cheney, were each fined 4s.

### **15.8.1919**

THE PEACE CELEBRATIONS took place on August Bank Holiday. A procession formed in "Hill Tap" (Lent by Mr. G. Fry). The string band led the way under Bandmaster W. Oliver, then came the Union Jack borne by Mr. T. Wakely, followed by a number of decorated waggons, perambulators, bicycles the Misses Bissett and Trevett's travelling show "Wanted, a House", "Dick Whittington", jesters, a prehistoric man (Mr W. Moores), rag and bone men, fruit vendors, Service and Ex-service Men, air raid victims in very dainty attire, &c. and a large gathering of parishioners and visitors. The procession wended its way through Puddle Hole, under a profuse display of decorations, before coming to a halt at Lower Cross where prizes were handed out to the fancy dress winners. At 1 p.m. the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Crick) took the chair at a

luncheon prepared by the ladies of the Entertainments Committee. The company numbered more than 70 and included demobilised men, all of whom were guests of the village for the day. "The King" was given from the chair and drunk with musical honours. Mr. T. Foot proposed the toast of "Demobilised Men". He extended a hearty welcome to them and paid a sincere tribute to their devotion to duty. Captain R. Bailey, Flight-Sergeant S Greening and Trooper H. Hounsell returned thanks for the way the toast was received. The Rector then spoke of "Our Fallen Parishioners". The toast was received standing and in silence. Sports for the children, skittle matches and football matches &c. for the adults occupied the afternoon. An excellent tea was partaken at 4 p.m., the schoolroom being filled with the fair sex whilst men and children occupied a lawn nearby lent by Mrs Moores. The evening was marred by frequent showers and the programme of sports was not completed. Dancing was kept up from 8 till 11 p. m.

### **5.9.1919**

Rural District Council Meeting.

The Medical Officer reported that there was an overflow from the tank at Charity Farm, Litton Cheney, occupied by Mr. Gale. The overflow was connected up to the stream which flowed onto the highway to the village near dwelling houses, causing a nuisance. There was also defective drainage of a pigsty at premises occupied by Mr. George Fry, at Litton, which caused an accumulation of filth in a ditch bordering onto the garden of a private house, causing a nuisance. It was further reported that at Puddlehole Dairy, Litton Cheney, occupied by Mr. George Fry, there were pigsties with no proper drainage or paving, which caused a nuisance. Mr. Toms proposed that notices be served to abate nuisance. Mr. Symes seconded. Carried.

### **5.9.1919**

#### **PEACE CELEBRATION BALANCE-SHEET**

A meeting of the Memorial and Entertainments Committees, responsible for the day's proceedings on August Bank Holiday, was held in the Sunday School on Friday evening. The Treasurer Mr. W. S. Miller presented the balance-sheet of the Entertainments Committee which showed a balance of approximately £12. This was considered most satisfactory. It was decided to present each child in the village with a peace souvenir from the balance in hand, the rest to be carried to the Memorial Fund. This fund was next dealt with and the Treasurer reported subscriptions amounting to £250. The Committee appointed the Chairman and Treasurer to obtain drawings and estimates of the cost for a suitable memorial in granite or marble, with the names of the fallen inscribed. The memorial to be erected on the rising ground at the entrance to the church. The drawings etc. are to be open to the inspection of public and the views of bereaved relatives to be particularly taken into account when a final choice of design is made. The Memorial Committee is comprised of the Rev. F. W. Crick (chairman) Messrs F Bailey, H. B. Legge, W. S. Miller, A. Gladwyn and H. Fry. Those forming the Entertainments Committee being Mr. H. D. Legge (chairman), Missies B. Legge, M. Miller, F. Fry (The Green), V. Gladwyn, D. W. and I. Fry (Court Farm), Messrs R. Bailey, W. Darby, C. and H. Fry (The Green), A Gladwyn and G. W. Greening-

### **12.9.1919**

#### **£3,350 PRIZE FOR LOCAL SOLDIER**

#### **LUCKY DRAW IN AN ARMY SWEEPSTAKE**

A prize of £3,350 has been won by Private R. G. Bailey, Litton Cheney, Dorset, who drew "The Field," including the winner Kessoe, in the Army Victory St. Leger 'sweep' promoted and drawn at Lille among officers and men of the Overseas Forces.

### **28.11.1919**

Rural District Council

The important matter of road transport occupied the attention of the Council, the Clerk explaining that local authorities were requested to look thoroughly into the question and bring forward suggestions as to villages and districts that should be linked up. He understood it would first be decided as to what should be main trunk roads, available for heavy traffic. They would then consider the existing main roads as feeders of the trunk roads and then there would be district roads as feeders of the main roads and linking the villages and scattered districts. In this way it was hoped the road transport scheme would open up the country districts in regard to traffic and facility communication. It looked as though the road from Dorchester to Axminster would be a trunk road. The Chairman suggested that at Longbredy Hut a district road should diverge and take in Litton Cheney, Puncknowle, Swyre and Burton Bradstock. It was decided to further consider: these matters and draw up suggestions for the forthcoming conference.