

Wesleyan Methodist Chapel 1845-1914



A "commodious and pretty Chapel" built in 1846

Help from Friends

We have so often been grieved at witnessing the exhibition of acrimonious party spirit between persons of different religious denominations, that we feel great pleasure in recording the following instance of Christian benevolence and liberality.

The churchwardens and some other influential churchmen of Tisbury have very kindly assisted the Wesleyan Methodists in the erection of a chapel in the centre of that populous parish. The chapel is now nearly completed and will soon be opened for public worship.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 15 November 1845

Chapel Open

The Wesleyan Methodists at Tisbury opened their commodious and pretty chapel for Divine worship on Friday, the 10th inst., when the Rev Dr Beaumont of London preached to delighted and overflowing audiences.

The services were continued on the following Sabbath, when the Rev Levi Waterhouse, of Frome, officiated. This neat edifice was crowded on the Sabbath also. The inhabitants of Tisbury are highly gratified and the collections amounted to the handsome sum of £79.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 30 May 1846

Wesleyan Sunday School

The customary anniversary services were held on Good Friday. After a largely attended tea in the High Street school room, there was a meeting in the chapel presided over by Mr T Hayter of Gillingham.

Western Gazette Friday 06 April 1888

New Wesleyan Chapel Scheme

On Good Friday, a tea was provided in the Victoria Hall to which about 200 sat down. A meeting to consider the above scheme was afterwards held, when there was a large attendance. Mr J Herridge, of Salisbury, presided and addresses were given by the Rev A D Cope, of Southampton, Rev C Rose, of Shaftesbury, and others.

Western Gazette Friday 20 April 1900

The Wesleyan Building Fund

On Tuesday evening a concert and entertainment was held in the Oddfellows' Hall for the purpose of aiding the new Wesleyan Chapel building fund. The room was comfortably full and each of the items was very creditably rendered, and much enjoyed by those present. The programme consisted of two parts, refreshments being handed round during the interval. The whole of the proceeds will be spent in purchasing material for work in the Wesleyan Sewing Club which is preparing for the bazaar in aid of the building fund. The following gave their services at the concert: The Wesleyan Band, Mrs Randall, the Misses N and P Dewey, and Messrs S Howell and Perry (quartets), Mrs Randall (songs), Mr Jay (recitations), Mr Perry (songs), Mrs Didham (recitations), Miss N Dewey and Mr F Ford (violin solos), Miss Pattie Dewey played the accompaniments.

Western Gazette Friday 09 February 1900

A Grand Bazaar

Held in aid of the Building Fund in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday, the opening ceremony was performed by Mrs Whitehead, of Blandford. The hall had been very effectively decorated and the stalls were well filled with articles, both useful and ornamental, a good business being done. The stall holders were: Refreshments - Mrs Churchill (Gillingham) and Miss Pollie Ford; Fancy - Mrs Green and Misses Green (Berwick St Leonard) and Mrs Joy; Needlework - Mrs W Green, Mrs Trump, Mrs Didham and Miss P Dewey; Trade - Mr Didham and Mr Sidney Ford; Flowers Miss A Ford, Miss N Dewey and Mrs Hoskins; Diary - Mr Trump, Mr Green and Mr Frank Ford; Confectionery - Miss Hodder and Miss Temple; Second Hand Articles - Mrs Randall, Salisbury and Mr W Dewey; Gillingham Stall - Mrs George and Mrs England; Shaftesbury Stall - Mrs B....., Barker's Hill, Mr and Mrs James; Bran Tub - Mrs Didham, Mabel Joy, Blanche Snook and Ford.

The Hon Secretaries were Messrs Joy and Gerry. During the afternoon and evening, songs and selections of music were rendered by Miss Combes, Miss B Wright, Misses Sims, Miss Lush, Mr Randall, Mr Maloney and others. Altogether the bazaar was a great success, upwards of £70 being taken on Wednesday. The bazaar was continued yesterday (Thursday). (article on reverse of page)

Western Gazette Friday 22 June 1900

Fund for New Chapel

A tea was held on Good Friday in the Victoria Hall by the Wesleyans. After the tea a public meeting was held, presided over by the Mr Coombs, of Bourton. Addresses were given by the Chairman, the Revs W P Elliss, C Rose and S Whittaker, and Mr Mark Churchill. Selections were given by the string band and special hymns were sung. There was a good company present both afternoon and evening and the profits will go towards the fund for the building of the new chapel and Sunday School.

Western Gazette Friday 12 April 1901

Married

A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Wesleyan Church, Tisbury, Wilts, on Whit-Monday, the contracting parties being Mr Sidney Wivell, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wivell, North Walk, Barnstaple (and now of London), and Miss Ethel Lansdown Didham, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W W Didham of Tisbury. The service was fully choral. The bride was becomingly attired in a dress of cream silk popeline, trimmed with silk ball fringe and wore a wreath of orange blossom and veil. She was given away by her father. Miss May Didham, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and wore a pretty dress of Saxe blue crepon, trimmed with cream all-over lace. Mr W H Lansdown of Bristol was best man. The wedding breakfast was held at the residence of the bride's father and a large number of relatives of both parties were present. The happy couple, who are spending their honeymoon at Ilfracombe, were the recipients of numerous and valuable wedding presents.

North Devon Journal Thursday 26 May 1910

Married

The wedding was solemnised at the Wesleyan Church of Mr Herbert Rixon, Mount Pleasant, and Miss May Didham, younger daughter of Mr W W Didham, Railway-terrace. The Officiating Minister was the Rev P Callier (Superintendent Minister, Shaftesbury). The happy pair left later in the day for their honeymoon. The Sunday previous they were the recipients of a handsome marble timepiece and silver jam dish on behalf of the officers and friends of the Wesleyan Church. In the absence of Mr W Green, Berwick St Leonard (Society Steward), the presentation was made by Mr E Plummer Davies.

Western Gazette Friday 20 February 1914