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Staunton-on-Wye of yore (part 2) by R. Pantall

January 9th 1783

To be sold by private contract, at the Swan Inn, Staunton-on-Wye, on Monday the 20th day of January, all the household stuff and furniture, together with all the livestock, formerly belonging to James Davies, seized and taken in distress for rent due to the Rev. Mr. Thomas Higgins, Clerk of Letton Church.

March 10th 1790

Last week a melancholy accident happened at Staunton-on-Wye. Mr. Francis Lewis, who kept the Redstreak Tree Inn in the Cittie of Hereford, returning home from that neighbourhood, was thrown from his horse, and received so violent a concussion in his head as to occasion his death in a few hours. The unfortunate man has left a widow and several small children. An Inquisition being held by the Coroner, a verdict of Accidental Death was returned by the Jury.

Lost, Supposed to be Stolen:

On Thursday night August 18th, or early the next morning, from a meadow near the Portway, TEN FAT WETHER SHEEP and ONE TUP, marked on the crup with the letters J.C., and a hole through each ear. If strayed, any person who will bring them to Garmons shall be handsomely rewarded; and, if stolen, whoever will give information, so that the offender(s) may be convicted of the same, shall receive a reward of TEN GUINEAS by applying at Garmons.

All contributions for the JUNE issue should be sent to Gareth Evans, Lanzerac, Norton Canon (0544 318505) by Saturday 20th May.

August 8th 1792

At the Hereford Assizes last week, William Davies was tried for stealing four sheep, the property of William Pantall, Kilkington, Staunton-on-Wye. He was found guilty and sentenced to death, but reprieved before the Judges left the city.

August 29th 1792

Yesterday died, at Ludlow, Lady Cotterell, relict of Sir John Cotterell of Garnons. Lady Cotterell was Anne, only surviving child and heiress of John Geers of Garnons, who married John Brookes Cotterell, of Saintbury, Gloucestershire, at Mansell Gamage Church, on 13th October 1756.

Lady Cotterell inherited her father's estates at Garnons, The Marsh at Bridge Sollars, and Hatfield Court near Leominster. Her husband was knighted in 1761 for presenting "An Address of Congratulations to the King on his Accession to the Throne." (George the Third 1760-1820).

February 11th 1795

The highest flood on record was on this date, with the waters reaching exactly 20 feet at Hereford, when the river rose 15 feet within 24 hours, doing enormous damage throughout the county. The Rev. L. Maxey, Rector of Byford, made the following entry in his Church Register "Great flood, many cattle lost. Caused by sudden thaw, the ice on the Wye was more than one foot thick."

February 10th 1802

Stolen from the Portway, in the parish of Staunton-on-Wye, on Monday night the 25th January: A Brown Chestnut Mare, with a new saddle and bridle,

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From a Letter in "The Times"

Sir

The daffodils in our front garden are all pointing towards the street and away from our house. I bought them so that I could look at them out of the window but they seem to reserve their beauty not for me but for the passers by who did not fork out last autumn for the bulbs as I did.

My wife tells me they are looking towards the sun but that does not explain the behaviour of the daffodils in the back garden which are also facing the other way. Is there something fundamentally wrong about the way we planted them or are we doing something of which they disapprove?

Short of wringing their necks or cutting off the flowers and placing them in a vase on the dining room table or changing our highly provocative life style can anything be done? We need an answer fast as their un-cooperative attitude is already beginning to infect the primroses.

about thirteen hands high, the one ear slit and the other notched. Whoever will give information of the offender(s), shall upon conviction, receive a reward of TWO GUINEAS, by applying to Mr. Morgan, Portway.

May 9th 1804

yesterday died, at the advanced age of 103, at Staunton-on-Wye, Elizabeth Shepherd. This venerable matron retained her faculties to the last, and had never known an hour's illness till two days of her death.

September 5th 1804

List of Persons in the parish of Staunton-on-Wye, who have already voluntarily offered their horses and carriages with drivers, to convey the Volunteers of the County of Hereford, in case of their being ordered to march in the defence of their country:--

William Powell	...	1	wagon	4	horses	1	driver
John Bird, Clutterbuck Hall	...	1	"	3	"	1	"
Mr. Nott	...	1	"	4	"	1	"
John Lewis	...	1	"	4	"	1	"
Richard Powles	...	1	"	4	"	1	"
Mrs. Pantall, Pound Farm	...	1	"	4	"	No	driver
E. Waring, Old Letton Court	...	1	"	4	"	1	driver
W. Baker, Portway Farm	...	1	"	3	"	1	"
David Pantall, Kilmington	...	1	"	4	"	1	"

February 26th 1806

On Monday a fox was found between Staunton-on-Wye and Norton Canon by the hounds of J. Parry, Esq., of the Weir, and ran the distance of 35 miles without a check, before it was killed close to the town of Kilmington.

July 22nd 1807

Whereas Robert Williams, an Insane Pauper, of Staunton-on-Wye, has been missing ever since Sunday the 12th instant, and every possible means have been used to endeavour to find him, but all to no purpose. It is supposed (as he hardly ever wandered a great way out of the parish), that he must have perished under some hedge, or be covered in some piece of grain. Whoever may find him, or give information of him, to Mr. David Pantall, the Overseer of the said parish, at Kilmington, shall be handsomely rewarded.

January 1st 1808

Coal Wanted Immediately: On account of the late Mr. Jarvis's Charity, from fifty to one hundred tons of good English or Welsh hard fuel for fire. Any owner of barges, being desirous to supply, upon the most reasonable terms, to be delivered at Bredwardine Bridge, or by others for delivery by land carriage at the same place, are requested to send their proposals directly to Thomas Williams, Clerk to the Trustees, at Brobury.