

**Title:**

Whitchurch Canoniconum, Dorset

**Shelfmark:**

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**Description:**

John talks about the amount of cider drunk by farm workers and recalls the wages when he first started work. The original recording appears to have been paused on a number of occasions.

**Lexis:**

*daresay* = to venture to say, assert; *pomme* = pulp of ground apples used in cider making; *mind* = to remember

**Phonology:**

occasional H-dropping; rhoticity; <f-> → [v] (*for* [v@`:], *from* [vr@m] and *before* [bIvO`:]) and <s-> → [z] (*scythes* [zVIDz])

MOUTH [EU]; PRICE [VI]; GOAT [o:]; PALM [a:]; START [A`:]; NORTH [O`: ~ A`:]; SQUARE [E@`]; LOT [A]; LETTER [A`]

note also *it is* [tIz], *better* [bEd@`], *so much* [s@ mVtS], *work* [w@`:k], *go* [gu:], *by* [bI], *Saturday* [sad@`di], *hay* [haI ~ hEI], *one* [wUn], *after* [a:ft@`], *years* [j@`:z], *wouldn't* [Ud=n], *beer* [bI@`], *gallons* [galInz] and *it wasn't* [twAd=n]

**Grammar:**

first person plural *was* (*we was happy in them days*); third person plural *was* (*people was more contented years ago*)

determiner, *those* → *them* (*in them days*)

periphrastic *do* (*they did soon get off on their head* = they soon got off their head; *not the cider that you do buy from the brewers and that* = not the cider that you buy from the brewers; *I do mind before there was any reins for to drive them* = I remember before there were any reins)

preposition, *off* + pronoun → *off on* (*they did soon get off on their head*)

*for* + infinitive (*they had a mill, see, for grind down the apples*); *for to* + infinitive (*they had, like a press, see, for to press it down; I've had enough for to make me lie down; I do mind before there was any reins for to drive them, for the carter, we'll say for to drive them*)

multiple negation (*some years you didn't, you wouldn't get any hardly; he never had no more than three shillings a day*)

preposition, *with* → *by* (*they drive the horses by reins now*)

*there was + plural complement (I do mind before there was any reins for to drive them)*

*negative as emphatic positive (very often it wasn't only about two; they didn't get only about ten shillings)*

*of + pronoun → on (now today I suppose they wouldn't cut a quarter on it)*

*third person singular have (I know he've been dead some years)*

*zero for + general time phrase (I know he've been dead \_ some years)*

