Title:
Whitchurch Canonicorum, 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; pommey = 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 [hV'o:]) and <s-> → [z] (scythes [zVIDz])

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

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