

150 years ago

December 17 1870

■ Ash Priors Church was presented with a new and excellent harmonium by Sir John Heskett Lethbridge, hymn books by the Rev V C Day and Miss F Winter, and a timepiece for the schoolroom by parish clerk Mr Thomas Hobbs.

■ During the past week, no less than 250 head of fat cattle had been sent by train from Williton station to London, Salisbury and other markets for the Christmas trade.

■ An influential meeting of parishioners of Old Cleeve, held in Washford under the chairmanship of Captain Halliday, passed a resolution that schools should be provided on the voluntary system in connection with the Church of England.