



The Old Primitive Methodist Chapel, Broad Chalke

## Golden Wedding of John and Betsy Leaver

Broadchalke - Golden Wedding

Tomorrow (Saturday) John and Betsy Leaver of this village will celebrate their golden wedding. We hope next week to give some interesting particulars of this old couple.

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### An Interesting Couple

As promised last week we give our readers a few particulars respecting John and Betsy Leaver who celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday last, and received the hearty congratulations of their fellow labouring folk. John is 79 and his wife Betsy 78.

They have had a large family, numbering 15 - 7 sons and 8 daughters. Ten of their children are married, and the ages of these total 460 years, the total ages of the whole family reaching 617 years.

This interesting old couple rejoice in having 40 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. John has worked hard, and he recollects something of "The good old times" when the lot of the agricultural labourer was by no means so good as it is at the present moment. He has laboured on the soil for 68 years, and during that period he has only been ill seven weeks.

He is a "Prim," to be correct, he is a member of the Primitive Methodist body, which he joined in 1844.

Both John and his "better half" are now in fairly good health, and we are sure that our numerous readers will wish the aged couple every happiness in the eventide of their years.

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