

OLD WORDS AND SAYINGS

Chris Wilcock has been remembering the words and sayings used by his father, Geoff and his grandfather, Hubert on their farm at Bradhurst, Stonyhurst.

Word	Meaning
Crudelling	Sickening for an illness. "Th'en (the hen) were crudelling a day or two afore it deed"
Dodge	Dodge up. i.e. hurriedly repair something, a quick fix.
Frum	The de-composing condition of wood when it's part way to becoming rotten.
Jag	A load of anything on a cart or trailer.
Jeist	To lodge livestock on another farmer's land. This word is possibly of Norman French origin.
Lype oil	(Or Lype hole.) Corruption of 'loop hole' found in castle walls and barn walls.
Pike off	To disappear off the scene, possibly in a sneaky way. Possibly from turnpike: "I turned to Bill and said 'grab your shovel' but he'd piked off!"
Peedle off	Similar to 'pike off'.
Picked	A sheep has picked when it aborts its lamb.
Boose (Boost)	A place or stall for one or two cows in a shippon.
Boskin	The wooden or stone dividing wall between booses in a shippon.
Frammet	A sliding frammet is the iron ring that attaches a cow's tie to the post of a boskin. It has a swivel pommel to prevent the cow from choking.
Herry!	Exclamation of surprise
Herry frost!	Even greater surprise.
Keital	A lightweight farmer's summer cotton jacket. Usually buff or navy blue.
Skaffets	Timber boarded loft above shippon for storing hay or straw.
Bawks	Same as 'skaffets'
Gorm	To take notice of or acknowledge someone. "I said good morning but he n'er gormed me."
Swint	To position an object in an oblique or diagonal way. "Try fitting it on't swint." Or "swintways on."
Shutter	To collapse, as in a pile of wood or hay.
Moo	Loose hay stacked in a barn.
Rickle	Sometimes called a foot-cock. Under threat of rain, hay is rowed up and then raked into small heaps with a rounded top that should turn all but heavy rain.
Scotch	(Used as a noun or as a verb.) A chock to brake or wedge a wheel.
Bal and skeyger	A Victorian children's toy consisting of an iron hoop and a push stick.
Willie's mother's	Over yonder. "I think it's going to rain, it's looking ver' black o'er Willie's mother's."
Kerr	Iron oxide often found blocking field drains.
Grip	Shallow channel to divert water.
Slatter	Carelessly drop or spill something. Frank Nutter lived at Deerhouse Farm and used to walk to school. One day he arrived in tears and when asked by the mistress what was the matter, Frank replied, "I've slattered mi sixpence in't brook Miss."

Amongst other words Chris Wilcock notes: Piecan - *An idiot*; Rad - *Rough or course*; Peyled - *Exhausted*. Also, Sad - *Heavy*; Fog - *Second crop of hay*; Twitch - *Couch grass*; Tripe hound - *Non-working farm dog*; Brossen - *Overfull / over eaten*; Huggins - *Cows' hips*; Teem - *To pour or drain*; Deg - *To pour*.

The Editors would be very interested in any other local words or sayings. Please send any you have to Agnes Bland or Nancy Bailey for inclusion in a future Round The Green.