

The Annual Codford Ball



The annual ball, held at Codford, in this county, on Friday, the 9th instant, was most respectably attended by upwards of 250 individuals, comprising not only the greater part of the families in the surrounding districts, but also many parties from long distances. The rooms, which were tastefully decorated, were completely occupied. Dancing was kept up with spirit and heartfelt enjoyment until nearly day-light, when the company reluctantly separated, not however, without the anticipation of spending many other happy meetings.

(Wiltshire Independent, Thursday 22 February, 1838)

The annual Codford ball, under the auspices of the members of the Harmonic Society, took place on Thursday last. The attendance was as numerous and fashionable as the best wishes of its projectors could possibly desire, there being nearly 200 present, including many of the principal families in the neighbourhood. James Raxworthy, Esq., with that liberality which has characterized him on former occasions, granted the use of his rooms, which were admirably fitted up with transparencies, variegated lamps, &c., presenting quite an enchanting appearance. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, to the soul-stirring strains of Aylward's quadrille band whose performances appeared to

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have its influence on the gay assemblage, for every one seemed disposed to be pleased, and on all sides were heard expressions of delight and approbation, rendering the scene highly animating. The pleasures of the evening were prolonged with the same joyous feelings until a late or rather early hour. Refreshments were provided by Brind, of the George Inn, who left nothing to be desired. The stewards were indefatigable in their endeavours to please – indeed, the whole of the arrangements were conducted in a manner worthy of the high repute of this Society, and cannot fail to render future Codford balls a source of the greatest attraction.

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 21st January, 1843)

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This delightful RE-UNION, on Thursday last, was, as usual, well attended – there being about 150 present, including most of the principal families in the neighbourhood. Dancing was prolonged till a late hour, to Aylward's excellent Quadrille Band. Brind, of the George Inn, provided the refreshments, which gave general satisfaction. This social and admirably-conducted Ball, under the auspices of that old-established Society, the "Codford Harmonic," has for the last ten years afforded an annual treat to the lovers of Terpsichore; and, judging from the brilliant attendance on the present occasion, it bids fair to preserve its acknowledged celebrity.

(Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 15th February, 1844)

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There was a ball and supper at the George Inn, Codford, on Wednesday last, which was exceedingly well attended. The band gave every satisfaction, and the pleasures of the evening were prolonged till a late hour. The catering of Mr and Mrs Brind was, as usual, all that could be desired.

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 11th January, 1851)

The Tradesmen's Ball

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THE TRADESMEN'S BALL.- This ball came off on Friday last, at the old ball room, and was attended by the principal tradesmen of Codford St. Peter and Codford St. Mary. Dancing commenced at about nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit until past eleven o'clock, when supper was served in the good old style. After supper the dancing was renewed, and continued for some time.

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 27th January, 1866)
