



AVON VALE HUNT BALL

Friday's Brilliant Function

At Trowbridge

In its customary artistic setting, the annual ball of the Avon Vale Hunt was held at the Town Hall, Trowbridge, on Thursday night, when a company of 200 assembled.

A marked feature was the change in the furnishings and decorations in the ballroom itself. On previous occasions a canopy of gold veiled the roof rafters, and with the drapings of the wall in similar colour there was a huge tent formation. Although the colouring was retained the canopy was missing of this occasion. Three large circles in gold cloth depended from the ceiling, each being inset with a hanging basket of flowers, comprising begonias and gloire de Lorraine, interspersed with asparagus ferns. From there were festoons in like colour linking up the sides in radiating display.

The stage was used for the band, the former position being on a specially erected platform in the Oriel window. On the front of the orchestra were cretons, eucalyptus, orchids, azalias, primulas and choice foliage ferns. Ornamental trees and groupings of plants were in the corners. The Council Chamber was the sitting-out compartment, and this, as usual, was in green furnishings. Upon each table was a vase of pink heather.

Like a Spring Garden

The balcony was an outstanding example of the florist's art. It was like a spring garden, with its sweet-smelling hyacinths, tulips, narcissi, and other flowers of the same family. Amid the ivory whiteness, bunches of pink heather gave a beautiful toning effect. The window base at the top of the first landing was similarly treated. The grand staircase effect was something quite new. In place of the masses of hot-house plants in bloom and graceful foliage, were shapely cut ornamental box trees, step by step in varying size, a restful contrast to the crimson of the carpet.

This pleasing picture in floral placement was the work of Messrs. W. J. Stokes, and son, of Hilperton Marsh Nurseries, Trowbridge, and a finer display of artistic blending has never been accomplished by them. In other years this form of decoration had been done by the gardeners from some of the big houses in the hunting area, and that so charming an effect was obtained by local experts is all to the credit of the town, and Messrs. Stokes are to be congratulated upon the display of excellent taste in the pursuance of their art.

The furnishings were carried out by Messrs. Knee, of Trowbridge, everything being in good taste and toning.

As usual the chess room was used as a buffet.

The Music

There was also a change in the orchestra this year, Pilbeams' Band supplying the following programme:-

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| 1 | Fox trot | Out of the Dawn |
| 2 | Fox trot | Good News |
| 3 | Fox Trot | Varsity Drag |
| 4 | Valse | Japansy |
| 5 | Fox trot | Evening Star |
| 6 | Fox trot | Old Man Sunshine |

Supper Dances

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| 7 | Fox trot | If I had you |
| 8 | Fox trot | Tell me you love me |
| 9 | Fox trot | Funny Face |
| 10 | Fox trot | Virginia |
| 11 | Fox trot | Tell me you're sorry |
| 12 | Valse | Two lips |
| 13 | Fox trot | Waiting and dreaming |
| 14 | Fox trot | My one and only |
| 15 | Valse | Blue Danube |
| 16 | One step and medley | John Peel |

The Supper

Once again Fortt's of Bath, were the caterers for the supper, the menu being as under:-

Potage

Consomme Riche (en fasses)

Entrée (Chand)

Poulet saute Chasseur

Buffet

Cotelettes d'Agneau en Bellevue
Dindonneau roti au Cresson
Hure de Sanglier a la Diane
Jambon de York. Langue Ecarlate
Derby Round

Salades

Entremets

Meringues a la crème
Charlottes Moscovite
Gelees Tutti Frutti
Macedoine de Fruits.
Paillard Friandises

Oeufs pochés au lard a 2 heures

The weather conditions were not of the brightest for the arriving dancers, it being wet. At 7.30 dinner was served to the Committee in the Board Room, and dancing commenced at 10 o'clock. The arrangements were carried out by a committee, of whom Mrs. Meade, wife of Col. Meade, R.H.A., was secretary.

The Company

The following is a list of acceptances, together with the respective parties, as far as is available:-

Beanacre, Melksham – Capt. T. Holland-Hibbert, M.F.H., and Mrs. Holland-Hibbert

Berryfield, Braford on Avon – Major W. LI. Palmer, M.F.H., and Lady Alexandra Palmer, Mr. Houghton Brown, Mr. J. Pope, Miss Pope, Capt. Browne, Mr. Wyndham Hankey, Lady Diana Legge, Miss Welsh, Mr. C. Harris, and Mr. P. Palmer

Steeple Ashton – Viscountess Long, of Wraxall, Major the Hon. Eric Long, M.P. and party

Lacock Abbey – Miss Talbot, Sir Alexander and Lady Lawrence, Mr. J. Lawrence, Mr. Stewart, Miss Stewart, Miss Murray, Mr. Perrin, Miss Phillimore, Miss Cochrane, Miss E. Stewart, Mr. Goffman, and Mr. Peter Warren

Westrop House, Corsham – Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. Fullerton, Capt. Dunlop, Mrs. Dunlop, and Miss Langley

Stert House, Devizes – Mrs. Lovegrove, Miss B. Morrish, Mr. D. Morrish, and Lieut. H. Lovegrove, R.N.

Trowle House, Wingfield – Col. And Mrs. Allen Johnson, Miss Kenna, Miss C. Kenna and Mr. Eyston, Hon. Blanche Arundel, Hon. John Arundel and Mr. Ritchie

Tockenham Manor, Wootten Bassett – Major and Mrs. Buxton, Commander Hon. G. Fraser, Mr. H. Clifton, Mr. G. Gascoigne, Mr. P. Fraser, Miss Barnes, Miss A. Fielding, Miss Langman, and Hon. Mrs. G. Fraser

Box House, Box – Hon. Mrs. Shaw-Mellor, Miss B. J. Shaw-Mellor, Mr. Hugh Clark, Miss M. Calvert, Miss B. Reid, Mr. H. Levenson-Gower, Mr. A. Gordon Clark, Miss Grindlestone, and Mr. R. M. Clarke

Nonesuch, Chippenham – Major Alan Bankier, Miss A Bankier, and Miss E. Bankier

Great Chalfield – Major and Mrs. R. Fuller, Lady Betty Chappell, Mr. P. Chappell, Mr. L. Motley and Miss L. Mangle

Bath – Mrs. Gwynne-Jones, Miss P. Gordon. Miss M. Rapael, Miss Gwynne-Jones, Mr. T. Wedgwood, Mr. Bateman, and Lieut. R. Duckworth, R.N.

Greenways, Chippenham – Sir Daniel and Hon. Lady Cooper, Miss Cooper, Miss Webster, Miss Inez Holland, Mr. S. Cooper, Mr. K. Moss and Lord Cambridge

Highfield, Keevil – Colonel and Mrs. Meade and party

Officers R.H.A., Trowbridge

Shaw House, Melksham – Mrs. Warren, Col. and Mrs. Skinner

Whitley Grange – Mrs. Buller and party

Seend Manor – Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Smith

Old Park, Devizes – General Sir B. and Lady de Lisle

Ormond House, Devizes – Mrs. Guy and party

Frome – Mr. Geoffrey Peto, M.P. and party

Battle House, Bromham – Capt. and Mrs. Brassey

Shockerwick, Bath – Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morley

Manor House, Great Cheverell – Col. and Mrs. Bateson and party

Oriel House, Hilperton – Misses Wallington and party

Keevil Manor – Mrs. Dickson and party

Lacock – Mr. and Mrs. Newton and Miss Newton

Rowde Court – Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew

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Durrington Manor – Major and Mrs. Peter Layard

Longcroft, Devizes – Mrs. Jackson and party

Lackham – Capt. and Mrs. Holt

Broughton Gifford Hall – Capt. Browne

Freshford – Capt. and Mrs. Carson

Chippenham – Major and Mrs. Neville Awdry and party

Pewsey – Col. And Mrs. Heward Bell and party

Trowle Manor, Trowbridge – Mr. and Mrs. H. Lovell Hewitt and party

Southwick – Mr. and Mrs. W. Lovell Hewitt

Hilperton Grange – Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gordon Canning

Cottles, Melksham – Colonel and Mrs. Forestier Walker and party

St. Edith's, Bromham – Mr. and Mrs. McDougall

Mrs. Yateman Biggs and party

The farmers' ball was held on Friday.

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