

# Obituary



## Dinton

### Mr George Engleheart

**Mr George Engleheart**, The Hon. D.W.J.North, M.A., V.M.H., J.P.

An appreciation for nearly thirty years I had the privilege of knowing George Engleheart. I feel it is due to him that some account of his great qualities should be put on record, and I cannot do better than quote from those words written of him by his great friend, the late P.D. Williams, V.M.H., in 1933. He says:

“It is only natural that the first volume of the renewal of the Daffodil Year Book should be dedicated to George Engleheart, who is alone and outstanding as the producer of the most beautiful hybrid narcissii that is now so popular. Engleheart went to Appleshaw in 1881, but later removed to Dinton, where he still lives. In 1923 his bulbs were badly attacked by eel-worm and fly, so he decided to part with his whole stock; he was over 70, and felt entitled to rest after a long and strenuous life. He now gave more time to archaeology and was closely connected with the investigation and excavation of Stonehenge. Engleheart is a highly-cultured man, well read and most appreciative of everything that is beautiful..... His home and its contents are as near perfection as most people attain.....his handwriting, at the age of 82, is still the neatest and most perfect I have ever seen.”

From the foregoing it is not difficult to see how highly Engleheart was valued by those most competent to judge. It would be tedious to recount his innumerable successes with daffodils and Cox's orangepippin apples, which he grew to the acme of perfection, and was never beaten in a large class (sometimes exceeding thirty entries) at the R.H.S.

Engleheart was also a great Greek and Latin scholar, and a man of exceptional gifts, which he used unstintingly to further the particular work he had in hand. A kindly, gentle and humble servant of God and man, his memory will remain fresh in the heart of those who had the privilege of his friendship – until the time comes when they also must answer the call as he did. May he rest in peace.

C.A.S.

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