



Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry Cavalry

Dinton

On Wednesday last, the Hindon Troop of R.W.Y.C. had a field-day in Dinton Park, the seat of Wm. Wyndham, Esq. The extreme fineness of the day attracted a large concourse of persons, who were highly gratified by the steady and soldier-like manner in which the various movements were performed. – At four o'clock, the Troop retired to the French Horn, where a sumptuous dinner was provided, consisting of every delicacy of the season. The chair was ably filled by Quarter-master Alford, supported on his right by Major Benett, M.P., and Lieut. Biggs, and on his left by Capt. Wyndham. After the usual loyal toasts had been drunk, the healths of Major Benett, and the Officers of the Troop, were given and received with that enthusiasm which their conduct and characters so eminently deserve. Major Benett, in returning thanks for the compliment paid him, eloquently explained the original object of yeomanry corps, and feeling alluded to the protection himself and family had received from the Hindon Troop during the melancholy riots of 1830. – On the dinner-table we observed the superb silver tankard which was a short time since presented, by Major Benett, to Capt. Wyndham and the Hindon Troop, bearing the following inscription:- “To Captain Wyndham, and the Hindon Troop of R.W.Y.C., from John Benett, Esq., Major of the regiment, as a mark of his sincere regard and gratitude for their prompt and gallant services in the protection of his property and family on the 25th Nov., 1830.” – The pleasures of the evening were much heightened by many excellent songs, and the party did not retreat from the festive board until morning's dawn.

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