



# Durrington

## In The News

### **WILTS FRIENDLY SOCIETY**

The Friendly Society at Durrington held their annual meeting on Monday last at the Nag's Head Inn, from whence the members walked to church, headed by Clark's brass band from Winterslow, and after hearing an appropriate sermon, returned to the inn, and sat down to an excellent dinner, served up in Mr Bailey's best style. After dinner, mirth and good humour prevailed. The band in the course of the afternoon played some favourite airs, to the high gratification of the members.

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The Branch Association formed in this parish, held its anniversary on Whit-Monday. In the morning the members having assembled together and being preceded by band and banner, walked to church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. James Keeling, vicar of St. Paul's, Lisson Grove, London, from the text, "Let brotherly love continue," xiii. Heb., 1<sup>st</sup> verse, a divine injunction, suggested as suitable to the occasion, said the preacher, by the closing sentence in the general Association Report – "Long may this Society continue, to be a bond of real union between all the classes, and a means of benefit to its members in their day of trial."

After service the members sat down to an excellent dinner laid out in the school-room. The vicar being absent through illness, Mr Keeling occupied the chair, supported by several honorary members. In the course of the evening the members paid their respects to many kind friends and patrons in the neighbourhood; the band discoursing sweet music for general entertainment, and thus a day of pleasant recreation, thoroughly enjoyed, was brought to a happy close.

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