



Clubs & Society News

Great Wishford

Fly Fishers at Dinner

On Friday, the Wilton Fly Fishing Club gave their annual dinner to the drowners, keepers, etc., at the Swan Inn, Stoford, when over 40 partook of the repast. The chair was taken in the first part of the evening by the Rev. F. W. Macdonald, and afterwards by Robert Beckett, Stoford. The toast list comprised "The Queen," given by the Chairman, who hoped she would live for many years. Mr. Hatfield gave "the Navy, Army and Reserve Forces." And congratulated all on the pluck and endurance shown by the British soldier. He only wished it had been possible for more to have been done by the Navy. Mr. Lever replied and spoke in eulogistic terms of the Volunteers. The Chairman gave the toast of the evening, "The Wilton Fly Fishing Club" and spoke of the good done by them in the neighbourhood, remarking that their purse was always open to assist in any good cause, while they frequently sent fish to those who were ill and to the deserving poor of the district. Mr. Canning replied on behalf of the club. Mr. Beckett submitted "the Chairman" and congratulated those present in having Mr. Macdonald to preside, especially as he was suffering from a severe cold and required great effort to attend. But the Chairman, himself a keen fisherman always endeavoured to make village life bright and happy. Hearty cheers were then given for the Chairman. Mr. Lever gave "The Drowners," who, he said, greatly assisted the keepers in looking after the fish. Mr. Simper replied. Mr. Canning gave "The Visitors" for whom Mr Ward replied. Mr Scott gave "The Host", and congratulated Mr. Dolman on providing a dinner which gave every satisfaction. Mr. Dolman suitably replied. Songs were then sung by Messrs. Hatfield, Beckett, Scott, Lever, Ward, Canning, Dolman, Mitchell, and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. S. Plowman kindly presided at the piano.

OPC Note: The Wilton Fly Fishing Club has always been based in Great Wishford.