



Wishfords' historic horse-drawn fire engine, which was purchased by the church-wardens for the parish for £33 3s. 0d. in 1728, and was made by Richard Newsham. It was used in the village until the 1920's and is now kept in the Church of St. Giles at Wishford.

## Proposed New Fire Brigade

A meeting of the Wishford fire brigade was held in the Schoolroom on Monday evening. The Rector took the chair, and the churchwardens (Mr. H. C. Lever and Mr. H. C. Martin) supported him. The rector stated that as the church were the owners of the old fire engine and as they were custodians of the engine lent by the Earl of Pembroke they had decided to dispense with the services of the members of the volunteer Fire Brigade for the future, and intended to engage members for a new brigade at the annual pay of four shillings, but without an annual dinner.

As there has been a difficulty as to the election of a captain under the old conditions, the rector and churchwardens intended in the future to appoint their own officers without having them elected. Those men who wished to be engaged must send in their names for approval. The Chairman stated that he had mentioned the matter to the Earl of Pembroke and other subscribers, as well as the commanding officers of other brigades, and that what he had told them was the outcome, but if the arrangement did not work satisfactorily he had decided that he and the churchwardens would return the fire engine lent by the Earl of Pembroke, and would lock up the old historical fire engine.

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