

Parish News

Hankerton



The Friendly Society

The first annual festival of the Hankerton Friendly Society was held on Wednesday. The members formed a procession at 2 pm, and, headed by the Malmesbury Brass Band, marched to the parish church, where an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev W J Buckland, the rector. The members then reformed, and, after perambulating the village, repaired to a field, placed at their disposal by Mr J Painter, the secretary of the society. Here an excellent tea was served in a tent, lent for the occasion by Mr Walter Powell, MP, and a large company sat down. Subsequently outdoor amusements were freely indulged in, a large number of people arriving towards the evening, and dancing was kept up with great spirit to the strains of the Malmesbury Brass Band. Everything passed off successfully.

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