



Forester's Fete at Tisbury

The Committee of the Wardour Lodge of British Foresters beg to announce to the public that they will hold a fete, on Wednesday the 17th instant, in a spacious marquee which will be erected in a field opposite the Tisbury Railway Station. A procession will be formed and the members will attend Divine Service at eleven o'clock. Dinner will be provided by Host Woods.

Member's tickets 2s each. Non-member's tickets 2s 6d each which include admission to the field. To be obtained at the Arundell Arms Inn and of the Secretary.

A good brass band is engaged. Tea and other refreshments will be provided on the ground. Admission to the field 6d each. Dinner tickets after Monday the 15th instant will be charged 6d each extra. The surplus will be appropriated to the Widows and Orphans fund.
. G.F. Osmond, Secretary, Tisbury, July 5th 1861

On Wednesday last, this village presented a very gay scene, on the occasion of the Wardour Lodge of British Foresters holding their fête. The weather for a few days previous was stormy, but the morning of Wednesday was beautifully fine, the sun shining in all its splendour, which acted with a power almost magical on the spirits of the inhabitants. As early as seven o'clock, flags were being hoisted at different parts of the parish, also on the church tower, the bells of which again sent out their "notes of invitation" to all the neighbourhood. At half-past ten, a procession was formed at the Lodge-room, headed by a brother bearing a stag's head, with an appropriate device hanging on a rail supported by the two horns, followed by a splendid silk banner of the order, on one side of which was painted a representation of a Forester's widow with her fatherless child weeping over the grave of her departed husband, surmounted by the words, "We succour the widows and orphans". On the other side was painted the Foresters' coat of arms. Next came the Tisbury brass band, then the officers of the lodge walking two and two, each wearing a green silk scarf, decorated with silver stars, and tassels, tied with a silver bee-hive, carrying a spear, followed by another brother bearing a small banner, with the words "Let brotherly love continue," then the members, wearing green scarves, with stars, &c., some with horns, and carrying spears, others carrying bows and arrows, lastly two brothers bearing another beautiful banner. They then commenced perambulating the village, during which they were joined by the Rev. the Vicar, J. L. Green, Esq., honorary surgeon, and a large number of the respectable inhabitants of the place who walked with them to the church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Hutchinson, from 2 Cor. v. 14-15. The musical part of the service was creditably performed by the choir. The service was - Boyce in C; anthem, "Give the Lord", Kent; and "Behold how good and joyful", Whitfield. Mr. E. Osmond presided at the organ. The procession re-forming wended their way to a spacious marquee, in a field near the railway station,

where Brother Woods had provided a most sumptuous spread. The Rev. the Vicar occupied the chair, and having said grace, the quality of the viands was soon made manifest by the quick way in which they disappeared, the usual loyal and other toasts were proposed and responded to, when dancing commenced, with many other amusements, including the popular game of "Aunt Sally", quoits, climbing a pole for hats, &c., which were fully entered into by several hundreds of people till the hour of separation arrived, when the company, one by one, returned to their homes. Thus terminated a most successful and pleasant day. We sincerely wish the Wardour Lodge of the British Foresters prosperity and success to their next merry meeting.

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