



Fugglestone St. Peter

Choir Outing

On Thursday, June 14, the choirs of Bemerton and Fugglestone Churches, accompanied by the Rev. S. H. Lushington, had a most delightful day in the New Forest. Leaving Salisbury at half-past eight in the morning they drove to Stoney Bog, and after an examination of what is known as "Rufus's Stone", sat down to a first-class dinner at the Compton Arms Hotel. Mounting the breaks again they proceeded to Lyndhurst, through some of the most lovely scenery the Forest affords. Arrived at their destination the party divided into two sections; the first comprising the ladies, who under the guidance of one of the sterner sex, paid a visit to the church and other places of interest; and the second, all gentlemen, of course, who were fortunate enough to find a "good pitch" for a downright game of cricket. Tea was provided in the school-room at half-past six, at which some ladies of Lyndhurst waited upon the visitors, after which evensong was sung in the church by the Bemerton choir. The Rev. S.H. Lushington intoned the service, and Mr Walter Barnett presided most efficiently at the organ which is a fine instrument. The party left Lyndhurst for Salisbury at nine o'clock, high gratified by their visit to the new Forest.

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