



Parish News

Baverstock

CRANBORNE

STAG HUNT — The new Forest Hounds met at Blagdon Hill, Cranborne, on Monday last, and some of the finest sport ever witnessed in this country took place. The deer was uncartered at ten minutes to twelve, and the noble animal trotted off, stopping several times as if to make up his mind which way to take, but at the sound of the hounds he made first for Cobley, at a rattling pace, thence to Ebbesbourne. Ere this the concourse of horsemen had considerably tailed off. The stag then made for Mr Rebbeck's gorse, down the hill to Swallowcliffe village, through the Whitmarshes to Tisbury and Chicks Grove, thence to Sutton Mills and panther's-bridge to Teffont, crossing the river Nadder into Teffont Park, and crossing the high road into the Common made for Upper Teffont on to the Beeches into Grovely, and down to Mr Smith's farm at Baverstock, where the deer, tired out, was safely taken, but not before he had floored a man who foolishly was trying to catch hold of his fore legs. The animal struck him in the face, which made it bleed profusely. Several of the dogs met the same fate. The run, which was an exciting one, occupied two hours and fifty minutes. The thanks of the sporting public are due to Mr Brouncker for his kindness in providing them with such a day's enjoyment. We have also learnt that the sportsman who was out with the intent of shooting the deer if it came near him, mistaking a calf for the deer, shot the innocent weanling.

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