



The Mill and Fire Engine

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Fire Brigade News

Bishopstone 1881

On Wednesday evening last the members of the Swindon Volunteer Fire Brigade paid a flying visit to Bishopstone going via Bourton and returning by Liddington, with their engine. On arriving at Bishopstone, Mr. Povey, who takes a good deal of interest in the working of the Bishopstone engine, brought it out, and the two engines were taken to the mill pond, where some good drill was done, the Swindon engine being worked with long and short hose, and with single and double jets. The Bishopstone engine is a very old one, having been in the village possibly considerably over a century, but it is a very useful one, and would prove of great value if early on a scene of fire. The hose, however, is quite past use, and could not be depended on for a moment. It is a pity the inhabitants of the place do not provide Mr. Povey with the means necessary to get new, as we feel sure in his hands it would be properly taken care of and properly used if occasion required.

After drill Mr. Povey invited the Swindon brigade to his house to supper. A few complimentary speeches were made. Mr. Povey's health heartily drunk, and the return journey made about 9 p.m. The brigade hope to arrange a similar meeting at Wootton Bassett shortly.

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