



In The News

Dinton

On Monday last a party of Mr Benett's friends, residing at Dinton and places adjacent, partook of an excellent dinner together, at the French Horn Inn, Barford, in celebration of that gentleman being elected a Knight of the shire for this county. Many loyal and appropriate toasts were drunk, and the company passed the evening in the utmost harmony.

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Knights of the shire were representatives of counties acting as members of parliament for their county.

In English and Welsh politics, from mediaeval times, the knights of the shire have been representatives of counties sent to parliament. After the formation of the Parliament of England, two knights of the shire were elected to represent each English county. This is an informal term used for English and Welsh members of parliament representing rural rather than urban areas.
