



Knook

Bath Subscription Stag Hounds

The run with these hounds, on Friday last, deserves mention as one of the severest things recorded in the local annals of sporting. The meet was at Westbury; the stag was turned out at the direction-post, Warminster down. He immediately went away at a rattling pace, and the field, comprising 150 horsemen, saw immediately that their work was cut out. Passing by Bishopstrow, the deer made through Heytesbury park (the seat of Lord Heytesbury), across the river Willey, at Knook, over the Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth railway, at Corston, thence to Brixton and Monkton Deverell, through Maiden Bradley, Yeals, Stourton (the seat of R. C. Hoare, esq.,) from thence to Bourton, leaving Cucklington to the left, and was taken at Horsington, a village three miles to the left of Wincanton. The "itinerary" with which we have been furnished by a sporting friend, shows, from the turnout to the take, a measured distance of 36 miles. The detriment to the horses was of course severe; several which were left in the neighbourhood of the finish, have not yet been able to be brought home. Out of the field of 150 who started with the hounds, only about 15 were up at the take.

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Warminster market place was suddenly disturbed on Friday mid-day, by the unexpected appearance of a fine stag which flew panting up the high-street, having escaped from Captain West's staghounds, after a capital run across the Downs from Knook Knowle. The animal was secured and safely lodged in the stables of the King's Arms, where the gallant Captain had a narrow escape from serious injury, upon too nearly approaching the infuriated creature.

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