

THE BEAUMONT ESTATE ANNUAL RENT DINNERS

Cod Fish

Oyster Sauce

JOINTS

Roast sirloin of beef. Horse radish sauce

Boiled round of beef

Boiled leg of mutton. Caper sauce

RABBIT PIE

Jugged Hare

Red current jelly.

Boiled fowls and ox tongue.

Roast chicken.

Roast turkey,

Roast goose.

SWEETS

Plum pudding

Lemon pudding

Mince pies

Cherry tarts.

Wine jellies

Blanc mange

Cheese and celery.

Wines and desert.

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PREFACE

THE BEAUMONT ESTATE RENT DINNERS HELD AT THE "BEAUMONT ARMS"

When John Charville took over the license at the Beaumont Arms in 1870, this undoubtedly became the most interesting period in the pub's history. His daughter Mrs. Cuthbert, and his son John Charville are recorded in an old copy of "The Coalville Times" as relating that John V (Peck) Charville was Landlord of the Beaumont Arms for sixty-two years, that is a remarkable achievement by anyone's standards. He died on April 14th 1932, at the age of 89. He was obviously a man of some standing, and well respected in the community. This was borne out by the list of distinguished mourners who attended his funeral. He was a popular host at the Beaumont Arms, and for 55 years he did the catering for the annual farmer's rent dinner.

One of the most exciting events of the year in the village, recalled by John Charville's daughter Mrs. Cuthbert, was the annual farmer's rent dinner held at "The Beaumont Arms" for the estate farmers. Never was there such a spread: goose, turkey, chicken, hare and various other delicacies, with rum punch to follow with the desert. There was a social programme afterwards, which was enjoyed by Sir George (the chairman), and every one of his guests.

The following day, cottagers on the estate fetched their allotted foodstuffs from the custody of mine host Charville. Each received a ration of beef, with bread, vegetables and a quart of beer - all to be consumed at their own tables.

The only records found, describing the rent dinners were during the time when Sir George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont, 11th Baronet of Stoughton, was Lord of the manor. These are dated from 1915 (when Sir George was on a flying visit from his duties in the army, which was held at the Beaumont Arms), as was the one in 1920. The Abel-Smith's were in residence at Coleorton Hall from 1924 to 1925 of course.

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COMPLIMENTARY READING

The reader will benefit from reading the following which are free to download and read on the author's website <https://samuelstewart940.wixsite.com/mysite>

"The Beaumont Arms" - Coleorton (under public houses section)

"The Sporting Baronet" (under people section)

"A Synopsis of the Life of Sir George Howland Francis Beaumont, the 12th and last baronet of Stoughton" (under people section)

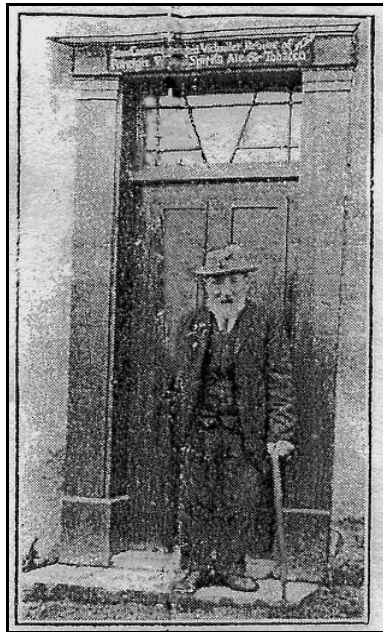
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THE BEAUMONT ARMS



The Beaumont Arms building in 1994



**John Peck Charville
The Beaumont Arms most fondly remembered Landlord
standing outside the front entrance**

**A FLYING VISIT TO COLEORTON BY THE 11TH BARONET
FOR THE RENT AUDIT DINNER AT THE BEAUMONT ARMS
(c.1915)**

**AT THIS TIME, COLEORTON HALL WAS BEING RENTED
BY THE ABEL-SMITHS**

FROM AN UNTITLED NEWSPAPER CUTTING:-

The annual rent audit for the Coleorton estate of Captain Sir George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont, 11th Bart, took place on Thursday. Upon the conclusion of business at the Beaumont Arms, a capital dinner was served. Mr. Fisher Jesson who was agent for the estate presided, and the company, included Mr. T. Radford (who has farmed on the estate for 53 years), Mr. C. Jackson, and Mr. Josiah Walker (50 years each), and Mr. J. W. Knight (who 25 years ago succeeded his brother, and whose family have occupied the same farm for at least three generations). Others present were Supt. Lockton, Mr. Tom Orton (Ashby), Mr. H. Wilson (of the hall gardens), Mr. F. Tatham, &c., the company numbering about 40. The menu was as follows:-

Cod Fish	Oyster Sauce
JOINTS	
Roast sirloin of beef. Horse radish sauce	
Boiled round of beef	
Boiled leg of mutton.	Caper sauce
RABBIT PIE	
Jugged Hare	Red current jelly.
Boiled fowls and ox tongue.	
Roast chicken.	
Roast turkey,	
Roast goose.	
SWEETS	
Plum pudding	Lemon pudding
Mince pies	Cherry tarts.
Wine jellies	Blanc mange
Cheese and celery.	
Wines and desert.	

The first toast submitted after the cloths had been removed was that of "The King", which was given by the chairman, who referred to the outstanding characteristics of his majesty; his care and thought for his subjects, his devotion to agriculture, and his contribution to the fighting forces at the present juncture – a son to the Army and another to the Navy. Mr. Jesson invited the company to drink to the health and prosperity of his majesty, with the hope that peace would speedily be restored.

The toast having been well received, that of "The Queen and Royal Family" was submitted from the chair and duly accorded.

The chairman said that before proceeding with the toast list, he felt he must refer to the fact that since they last met, Sir George H. W. Beaumont, 10th Baronet, had passed away. He felt he had lost a good friend and master, and they would agree that they had lost a good landlord. He was more closely in touch with the late Sir

George than most of them, and he could speak of Sir George's interest in the tenants and his desire to do all he could for their welfare. These sentiments were endorsed by the company, who silently rose in their places.

Mr. A. Walker then sang "Hearts of Oak". Mr. T. Radford then proposed the health of Sir George Beaumont (*11th Baronet*), he said he had known the present landlord all his life, and knew his good qualities. He hoped he would make as good a landlord as his father; he ought to do so, as he had a good mother – (hear, hear). Referring to the fact that Sir George was proceeding to France with his regiment, he said they would all wish him a safe return.

The company drank the health of their landlord and wished him a safe return, and concluded by singing "For he's a jolly good fellow". Mr. Josiah Walker recited "the Irish-man's shave".

Mr. Jesson then replied on behalf of Sir George. Before proceeding to do so, he read letters of apology from Mr. John Shields, Capt. Hassall, and Mr. Hough (the estate bailiff). Mr. Jesson said that it had been his duty and his father before him, to respond to this toast year after year, and he had hoped that this year Sir George would be here to speak for himself. But an Englishman's duty was to put country before private interest, and that was what Sir George was doing. After serving in the Army in India for some years he had returned home. He paid Coleorton a flying visit, and whilst at home tried to meet every tenant, even to the humblest, and proceeding to resume his military duties, was now in France, where they could rest assured that he would do his duty. On Sir George's behalf, he thanked Mr. Radford for the kind way in which he had submitted the toast. It was very kind of Mr. Radford to be there, because it had required a great effort after his recent accident, and he also thanked the company for the cordial reception of the toast. Superintendent Lockton then sang "The Veteran".

Mr. T. Tatham proposed the health of Lady Beaumont, who, he said, was one of the finest ladies in the district, whom every woman could take pattern by, and of whom they were all proud. He hoped that her ladyship would live to see her son return in safety, to see him married, and see another heir to the name and estates. Mr. R. Timms contributed a song of his own composition, "Britain's volunteers".

Mr. Jesson responded on behalf of Lady Beaumont, and said Mr. Tatham had in no way flattered her ladyship. She was indeed a pattern to follow, and was ever at the beck and call of rich and poor alike. They did not know half the good she did, because she did not let her left hand know what her right hand did.

Mr. Trivett sang "Sally in our Ally". (*William Oram Trivett leased and ran the Coleorton Pottery under the name of "The Trivett Potter Company" between 1911 and 1918, hence his presence at the dinner*).

The meeting then gave over to lengthy reports on the farming and agricultural situation together with the raising of numerous toasts supported by musical entertainment &c.,.....

The meeting concluded with Mr. T. Orton submitting the health of Mrs. F. Abel-Smith, and referred to her great goodness and kindness. *She was in the 14th year of the Abel-Smiths 25 year lease on Coleorton Hall.*

SIR GEORGE ENTERTAINS THE COLEORTON TENANTRY AT COLEORTON HALL - 1919

A RATHER STRANGE AFFAIR REALLY CONSIDERING MRS ABEL-SMITH WAS RESIDENT AT THE HALL AT THIS TIME. INTERESTING TO SEE ALSO THAT THE ABEL-SMITHS WERE THE LARGEST PARTY AT THE CENTRE TABLE

Leicester Evening Mail - Monday 18 August 1919

Sir G. Beaumont Entertains Tenantry.

GREAT COLEORTON EVENT

A company numbering about 950, the tenantry on the Coleorton estate, with their wives, and families, were regally entertained on Saturday by Sir George Beaumont, the 11th baronet of the fine old family of Beaumont, which can trace its lineage on the paternal side from the old monarchs of France, and maternally from Henry III of England.

For over 500 years the family has been associated with the beautiful Leicestershire village of Coleorton, and naturally the greatest interest taken in Saturday's proceedings, which took place in the paddock not far from this beautiful residence. Coleorton Hall, famous for its association with Wordsworth and Sir Walter Scott, many of whose poems were written while staying at the hall.

It was also in these picturesque surroundings that Sir Joshua Reynolds found inspiration for, and executed some of his marvellous works.

Owing to Sir George having been abroad on active service—he is a Major in the King's Rifles—it was the first time he had had the opportunity of meeting his tenants since succeeding to the title and the estate.

A substantial meet tea was provided in a large marquee, and was served to the strains of the Desford Industrial School Band. At the centre table Sir George was supported by his mother, Lady Beaumont, the Rev. H. Robinson (rector) and Mrs. Robinson. **Mrs. Abel-Smith and party from Coleorton hall, the latter including Mr. and Mrs. Tabor, Miss Abel-Smith. Mr. Hy. Abel-Smith and Mr. Alex. Abel-Smith,** also by Mr. J. F. Jesson of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, solicitor and agent.

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Extract from the landscape picture entitled “Coleorton Tenants Entertained by Sir George Beaumont” – August 16th 1919. Sir George is in the centre with his mother to his left.

RENT DINNER AT THE BEAUMONT ARMS - JANUARY 1920

Leicester Evening Mail - Friday 16 January 1920

LANDLORD AND TENANTS

COLEORTON ESTATE DINNER

Sir George Beaumont's first appearance as landlord at the time-honoured dinner to the tenants of his charming estate at Coleorton, near Ashby -de-la-Zouch held at the Beaumont Arms on Wednesday, was the occasion of a cordial manifestation of welcome.

Sir George Beaumont, in proposing "Success to Agriculture" apologised for not knowing much about his subject because he had been in the army all his life, but now he proposed to find out something about it.

The poor state of agriculture which existed in the eighties, lasted till the war began, and the Government then realised that agriculture was the most important industry in the country. but we very nearly lost the war because of the condition of agriculture. The experience of the war would compel any Government to look after agriculture in addition to which the farming community had increased and combined and would get its wishes attended to.

Mr. E. Faux said that last year was the best for many years, but this would not work out quite so well. He urged than to combine by joining their union.

Mr. Walker proposed the health of their landlord. He had heard him say that but for his mother, Lady Beaumont, he would most likely have sold the estate. It would have been a great pity considering that for generations the name of Beaumont had been identified with the estate.

The Rev. H. Robinson, in proposing the health of Lady Beaumont, said, "there was no one who did more than she did to realise the maxim." "While we have time let us do good." (Applause.)

WILL NOT SELL ESTATE.

The Chairman. responding. mentioned that it was the first time he had attended the dinner as landlord. He would. perhaps be better off if he sold the estate, but he did not fancy doing it, and he did not propose to, but he asked them to remember that present conditions for a proprietor are not easy. He cordially endorsed what had been said about his mother. He had never met anyone he liked more, and " if" he said, " he can get a wife as good as my mother I shall be quite content."

Sir George proposed the health of his agent, Mr. J. Fisher Jesson for whom, he said, he had the greatest admiration. Mr. Jesson having responded, Sir George mentioned the interesting fact that it was the 50th year that Mr. and Mrs. Charville had catered for them. They left Coleorton Hall where they had been in the service of his grandfather to he married, and celebrated their golden Jubilee last month.

SIR GEORGE ENTERTAINS THE TENANT FARMERS AT THE ANNUAL RENT DINNER - 1925

**Transcribed from the Leicester Evening Mail -
Thursday 10 December 1925**

STATE OF FARMING

Coleorton Hall, the beautiful ancestral home of the Beaumont family, was last night the scene of the annual dinner to the tenantry of the Coleorton estate. About 50 sat down in the picturesque dining hall. Sir George Beaumont presided, and was supported by Earl Ferrers. Immediately after the dinner the party were joined by Lady Beaumont, Mrs. H. Harp and Mrs. A. Moore.

"The King" was submitted from the chair. Mr. J. Leeds (the village schoolmaster) then proposed "The Army, Navy and Air Force, to which Major Miles responded.

Captain A. G. de Moore, D.S.O., in proposing "agriculture," said his work at the moment was limited to one branch only — the sugar beet industry. There was no doubt that in time the Midland farmers would grow sugar beet, though it would probably only come about by the assistance of the Government. Several of the tenants responded. Mr. E. Faux said agriculture was sorely hit at the present time by the outbreak of foot and mouth disease, but they hoped to wear it down in a year or so. In regard to the growing of sugar beet, he said this district would not stand it. Lincolnshire was arable land, it would not grow turf, and so they could do nothing else. (Laughter).

NOTHING ENCOURAGING

Mr. R. A. Haywood said he could not say anything very encouraging about agriculture. Thousands of acres of ploughed land had gone out of cultivation since last year.

Foot and mouth disease also affected hunting. Hunting and agriculture went together, because horses could not go on petrol.

Mr. E. H. Taylor said farming was pretty much in the some condition as last year. He was glad that the disease was on the wane, and he hoped they would soon see the end of it.

Mr. C. Harding said agriculture was not as prosperous as the public made out, and it took a clever man in farming to keep things going.

Mr. W. Taylor, manager of the Leicestershire Colliery and Pipe Co., proposed The visitors, remarking that they very much appreciated Sir George Beaumont's hospitality, he assured the visitors of a welcome, and said Sir George and the tenants were honoured by their presence (cheers).

Sir Geo. Beaumont, in asking Mr. J. F. Jesson to respond, said that for many years Mr. Jesson and his father managed the Coleorton estate. But when some of the estate was sold Mr. Jesson told him Sir George ought to manage the estate himself. He was doing so, and though he did not do it so well as Mr. Jesson, it was a good thing because it brought landlord and tenant closer together. He was always pleased

to consult Mr. Jesson on any legal question, and he generally found that Mr. Jesson won his case. Mr. Jesson, responding, said be thanked Sir George for that unsolicited advertisement. (Laughter.) He welcomed the opportunity of being there, even though it was only as a visitor. He thought the farmers who had spoken that night had not been quite honest with Sir George, inasmuch as they had not disclosed the profits they had made during the last year or so. (Much laughter.)

SIR GEORGE'S GOOD PART

Mr. H. M. Cuthbert (the old schoolmaster) proposed The Landlord and Lady Beaumont, the Dowager Lady Beaumont and Master Beaumont." He said it was due to the Dowager Lady Beaumont that Sir George had been trained to be the man they knew him to-day. She had led a useful life, and they hoped her health would be restored. (cheers.)

As a country gentleman, Sir George was playing a good part, and he was fully living up to the traditions of the illustrious family from which he had sprung. (Applause.) In Lady Beaumont he had a most charming helpmate (Cheers). She took a great interest in the estate, and the tenants, and the more she moved about among them the more she endeared herself to them (Cheers). He was glad that the baby was coming on, and they all hoped to see him grow up to be a good and useful citizen and make even a better man than his father (cheers).

AFTER SIXTY YEARS.

Sir George Beaumont, in reply, said the rent dinner had not taken place in the hall for at least nearly 60 years. It was always held at the Beaumont Arms, and it was not because he was dissatisfied with Mr. Charville'a catering that this had been changed. The catering had always been good, and he was well satisfied, but he thought it would be best to have the dinner at the hall, and he proposed to hold it there in future (Cheers). They still had the Coleorton estate, and he thought the landlords who had sold their estates had made the mistake of their lives. It might have paid them financially, but money was not everything. If a man was poorer and was happy among his people he thought that was much better. If he sold out and went to the South of England, nobody would know him, but while he stayed here he was still Sir Geo. Beaumont of Leicestershire. He may not have done all the repairs on the estate they would like, but he had done what he could. They now had a great industry on the estate. The Coalmine (New Lount Colliery) was keeping things going. His wife cut the first sod about 18 months ago, and now the colliery was turning about 650 tons of coal and clay out each day. He thought that in three to five years it might be 2,000 tons a day.

Another industry which had been revived at Coleorton and was doing well, was the Coleorton Pottery Co. They had the best clay in England, and he hoped to see it go on thriving.

"ALL ROT."

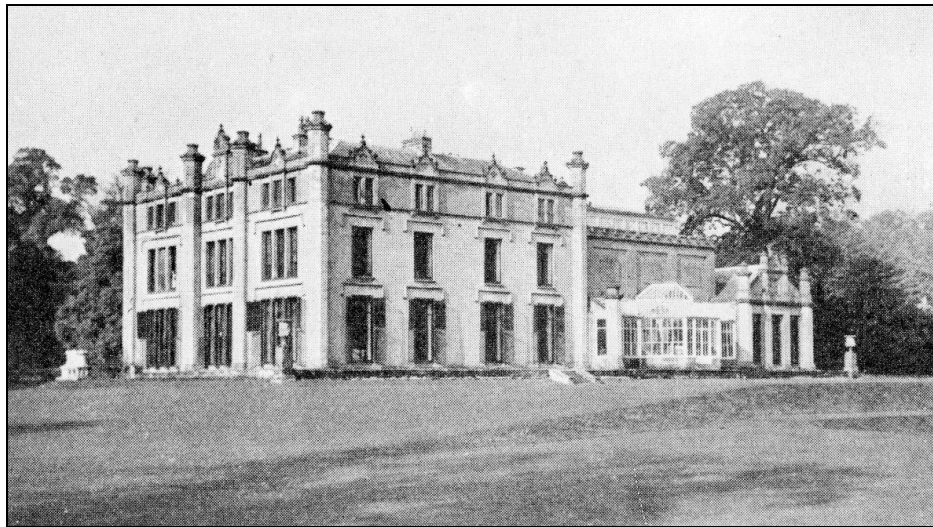
Though some of them had not spoken very well of agriculture that night, they all seemed to live comfortably. If a farmer lived well and kept his family without getting an overdraft at the bank, what more could they want?

It was all rot to say that agriculture had gone to the dogs. People expected more now than they used to and they said agriculture was in a bad way because they wanted to

live like dukes and duchesses on a farmer's income. It applied to every class, they were all experiencing more, and wanting more pleasure and less work.

He expressed regret that two of his tenants were leaving next March. One of them had been a tenant on the Coleorton estate for 65 years, and the other only 5 years, but they both gave him notice that it was not he who had given them notice.

He owned acres and they might consider him a rich man, but apart from the collieries and the potteries, he assured them he got nothing out of it. He thanked them for the way the toast had been proposed and received. The proceedings ended with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."



The dining room (Beaumont Room) at Coleorton Hall was on the extreme right of this photograph



The dining room ceiling

**THE FIRST ANNUAL RENT DINNER HELD IN JUNE
1934 FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF SIR GEORGE
BEAUMONT, 11TH BARONET OF STOUGHTON IN
1933**

TWO ALTERNATIVE NEWSPAPER REPORTS

The Squire, Aged Nine, Makes A Speech

HIS LIFE'S INTERESTS TO BE LINKED WITH
THOSE OF HIS TENANTS

"THE best sportsman you or I have ever known" was how Lady Beaumont described her late husband, Sir George Beaumont when she welcomed tenants and visitors to the estate rent dinner at Coleorton Hall. "Although we have many sad memories, I beg of you all to enjoy yourselves as much as possible," she said.

Lady Beaumont explained that she did not want to let the annual rent dinner fall through, and she was trying to carry on in the way her husband did. Lady Beaumont introduced her father, Major-General Sir Edward Northey, who was chairman and host, and his son, Mr. Edward Northey, who is a lieutenant in the King's Royal Rifles, his father's regiment, in which the late Sir George Beaumont also served.

Dinner was served in the spacious picture gallery, and the guests were waited upon by maids wearing dresses of French grey and scarlet—the late baronet's racing colours.

Great Reception

The young Squire—the nine-year-old Sir George H. F. Beaumont—also welcomed the visitors and presented his cups for the best-kept gardens on the estate. He had a great reception, and, speaking slowly and deliberately, said: "Good evening, gentlemen,—I am happy to welcome you and hope you have a nice time. I am pleased to give these cups to the garden prize-winners."

After presenting the silver trophies to Mr. Arthur Brooks, Mr. John Brooks, and Mr. A. Jeffreys, the young Squire said, "Good night, gentlemen"—and retired to bed.

"The Navy, Army and Air Force" was proposed by Mr. Elijah Toon, and replied to by Mr. Ed. Northey, who was making his first speech.

Mr. Frank Hodges, the managing director of the New Lount Colliery, proposed "Agriculture."

Mr. T. Forvarque replied. Mr. J. K. Smith, another farmer, said the sooner the farmers got out of the hands of the Government the better. There were too many schemes.

Sir Edward Northey, proposing "The Guests," said his daughter, Lady Beau-



THE YOUNG SQUIRE

mont, was trying to keep things going in the usual way until her little son could do it himself.

Mr. Burrows replied.

Young Squire's Future

Mr. G. J. Leeds and the Rev. H. Stevens spoke of the good work of the Dowager Lady Beaumont, and Mr. J. Fisher Jesson proposed "Sir Geo. H. F. Beaumont and Miss Brienne Beaumont."

Sir Edward Northey, replying, said Lady Beaumont had considered the future and took the firmest line that her son must stay at Coleorton. His tenants' interests must be his life interests.

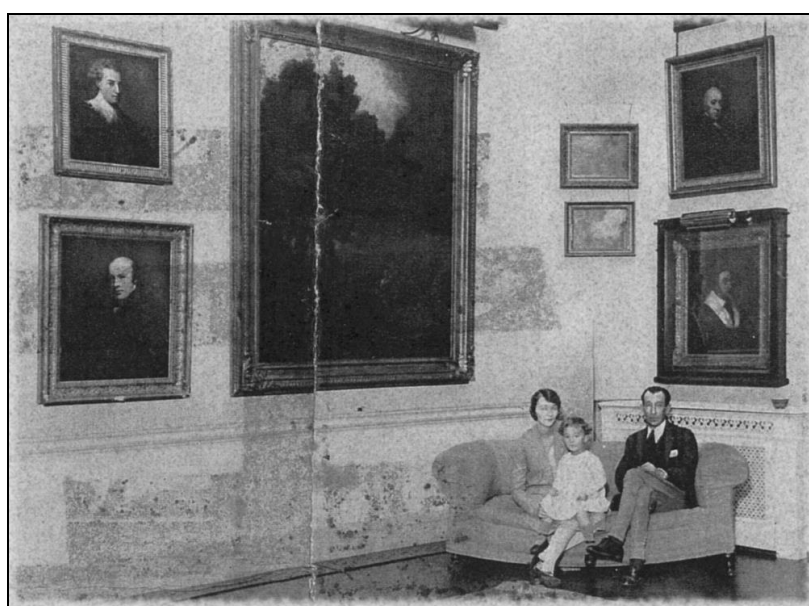
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Transcribed from the Leicester Evening mail - Monday June 11th 1934

**FREE SUPPLY OF WATER FROM COLLIERY FOR COLEORTON PEOPLE
MR. HODGES BIG OFFER AT ESTATE TENANTS DINNER
LADY BEAUMONTS DECISION TO CONTINUE LIVING AT HALL**

The tenants on the Coleorton estate were informed by Lady Beaumont at the rent dinner at Coleorton hall on Saturday of her intention to continue in residence at the hall and to try to carry on there, though it would not be easy owing to the heavy death duties.

Alluding to her late husband as "the best sportsman that they and she ever knew", Lady Beaumont said she was sure that it would have been his greatest wish that night that they would enjoy themselves. She introduced her father Major-General Sir Edward Northey, who presided at the dinner which was held in the picture gallery.



Photograph c. 1930 of Sir G. A. H. Beaumont, 11th Baronet, with his wife Lady Renee Muriel and daughter Eleanor Brienne in the Picture Gallery

The company numbering more than 40 included Mr. Edward Northey, Lady Beaumont's brother, Mr. Frank Hodges, M.D. of the "New Lount Colliery", the Rev H. E. Stevens (Rector of Coleorton) and Mr. J. Fisher Jesson, Ashby.

After the dinner, the company toured the grounds and on reassembly in the hall, young Sir George Howland Francis Beaumont presented prizes for the best kept cottage gardens on the estate. The awards were:-

1. Arthur Brooks
2. John Brooks
3. A. Jeffries

The boy baronet then saluted the company and bade them "Good night".

Proposing the toast of "agriculture", Mr. Frank Hodges said the late Sir George Beaumont was a great sportsman and a great pal. Mr. Hodges then paid tribute to Lady Beaumont and the young baronet. Proceeding, Mr. Hodges said that why he

should have been called upon to propose the toast of agriculture passed his comprehension as his special trade was mining.

MR. HODGES OFFER

He felt they were in for a long period of drought in this part of the world, and he wanted to make a practical suggestion.

Down at the colliery, New Lount, they were pumping 80,000 gallons of water everyday. Last year he offered the water to the Ashby Rural Council. "I am sorry for reasons best known to Ashby R C, my proposal was not adopted, but the fact remains that the district immediately surrounding this hall is still without water and if the drought conditions continue, it is going to be a very bad situation", he said. "What I propose to do is that instead of pumping into a culvert 80,000 gallons of water a day to waste, I am going to lay a pipe from one of our colliery tanks of the reservoir into the colliery yard near our Land Sale Dept., and I shall put up a notice that farmers and other people who require water for purposes other than drinking can have it without let or hindrance, free of charge".

Mr. T. Fovargue, responding, said that for every £100 worth of milk they sold last winter, they were lucky if they got £65.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Contrary to the headline referring to the 9 year old squire Sir George Howland Francis Beaumont stating "HIS LIFE'S INTEREST TO BE LINKED WITH THOSE OF HIS TENANTS", this did not happen, and he never played any future part in the running of the estate.

See complimentary recommended reading on page 2.