

## **DORKING ANGLING SOCIETY**

The Dorking Angling Society was formed in 1905 and at their AGM in May 1913 they invited Robert Wyvill Barclay to succeed his father as President. They also noted that whilst the Mole Water continued to provide the greatest pleasure the lake at Westcott which was used by permission of Mr A Brooke of Leyland was much appreciated, having been the rendezvous for 4 winter competitions. Trout had increased in size and numbers, no less than ten being inadvertently taken during one days coarse fishing - but fortunately returned uninjured. No doubt the vast amount of live feed was accountable for the trout refusing to give much sport to the fly angler, although the `spinner' had in some cases proved successful.

In December 1907 the Dorking and District Angling Society announced that in addition to the stretch of the River Mole granted to them by Her Grace Lily, Duchess of Marlborough - for which each member contributed 1/- to the Dorking Cottage Hospital - the Society had acquired the sole and unrestricted right to fish at Westcott Mill Pond, an area extending to nearly 6 acres and well stocked with roach, perch, gudgeon and trout. It is likely to afford members excellent sport. The lease was drawn up in consultation with Mr Lyne of A H Lyne & Co, and signed after the committee had had a personal interview with the Managing Director of the Landowners Company, Mr A Brooke. Non members will also be allowed to fish on payment of 2/6 a day, reduced to 1 /- a day if accompanying a member.

Sources Dorking Advertiser 28 December 1907 and 17 May 1913.