



*Baverstock*

## RAM SALE PURCHASES

### MR DIBBEN'S RAM AND RAM LAMB SALE

On Tuesday last the annual sale and letting of ram lambs and rams belonging to Mr Dibben, of Bishopstone, was held as usual on a piece of ground near the South-Western Station at Fisherton, the auctioneers being Messrs Ewer and Winstanley. As most of our agricultural readers are aware, Mr Dibben succeeded Mr Shittler, a well-known breeder of the Improved Hampshire Downs, and the well-earned reputation of the flock has been fully sustained by the present owner. There was a very good company, including a number of well-known breeders and flockmasters both of this and neighbouring counties. Among those present were Mr James Rawlence, Mr Bennett, Chilmark; Mr E. Olding, Woodford; Mr Walter Flower, Netton; Mr Carpenter, Lake; Mr John Read, Mr E. Pinckney, Mr Jenner, Amesbury; Mr John Waters, Canal, Salisbury; Mr Charles Waters, Mr Rogers, Burcombe; Mr Charles Hursley; Mr Cheney, Barford; Mr Symes, St. Giles's; Mr Andrews, Wishford; Mr Whitmarsh; Mr Jas. Ridley, Damerham; Mr Wallis (Hants); Messrs Geo. and Edwd. Rawlence, Bulbridge; Mr John Marsh, Stratford; Mr Coles, Middleton; Mr Wm. Taunton, Redlynch; Mr Chas. Long, Rafin; Mr H. Woodcock, Fugglestone; Mr Dominey (Dorset); Mr Henry Swayne, Mr T. Mayo and Mr W. Mayo, Swallowcliffe; Mr Raxworthy, Longford Farm; Mr Moore, Andover, Mr Aaron Fatcher, Fovant; Mr Rebbeck; Mr Newman (Dorset), Mr Young, Bishopstone; Mr Drew; Mr Norton; Mr Whitmarsh, Melbury Abbas; Mr Hayter, Woodyates; Mr Smith, Baverstock; &c. &c.

Mr Ewer, in commencing the sale, said the excellence of Mr Dibben's flock was so thoroughly well known that it was quite unnecessary for him to comment upon it to the numerous practical breeders and flockmasters whom he saw around him. Mr Dibben had now been a ram breeder for some years, and he (Mr Ewer) thought all who had been in the habit of attending that gentleman's sales, would agree that the stock improved every year. He had on no previous occasion had the pleasure of offering them such capital sheep, though on account of the scarcity of green food this season they were not perhaps in such good condition as they would doubtless otherwise have been. The sale was then proceeded with. There were four ram lamb to be let and 83 to be sold. Those to be let realised 6 ½ guineas, 13 ½, 6 ½, and 8 guineas respectively, Mr Wallis being the highest bidder. Amongst the purchasers were Mr E. Pinckney, Mr Cheney, Mr James Rawlence, Mr Carpenter, Mr Symes, Mr Andrews, Mr Jenner, Mr Whitmarsh. The whole lot realised an average of 8l. 5s. 6d.

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## MR DIBBEN'S RAM SALE

On Tuesday afternoon Messrs Ewer and Winstanley offered for sale by auction, in the Market House yard, 83 ram lambs and rams, of the Improved Hampshire Down breed, the property of Mr E. Dibben, of Bishopstone, the quality of which was generally admitted to be far superior to any offered from the same well-known flock in previous years. There were 6 lots of rams to be let until the 1<sup>st</sup> September, and for one of them – lot 3 – there was a remarkable spirited bidding between Mr E. Rawlence and Mr Budd. From 20 guineas it ran rapidly up to 62 guineas, at which point the animal jumped over the hurdles, and knocked down two or three of the bystanders. Still the biddings went on, and eventually it was knocked down to the extraordinary price of 70 guineas to Mr Budd, of Hatchwarren, Hants. ....Altogether it was a most satisfactory sale. The buyers were – Mr Gray (Grimstead), Mr Barton (Hants), Mr Budd (Hatchwarren, Hants), Mr R. Coles (Middleton), Mr E. Olding, Mr C. Waters, Mr Blake (Chitterne), Mr J. Brown (Stockton), Mr J. Taunton, Mr E. Pinckney (Berwick), Mr John Fleetwood (Coombe), Mr Street (Wick, Downton), Mr Pern (Hants), Mr W. Taunton (Redlynch), Mr Gay (Blandford), Mr Davis (Littleton, Blandford), Mr Benjafield (Ebbesbourne), Mr J. Rogers (Alvediston), Mr Smith (Durrington), Mr C. Notley (Codford), Mr Keevil (Compton Chamberlayne), Mr John Phillips (near Mere), Mr H. Smith (Baverstock), Mr H. Swayne (Bishopstone), Mr Morrice (Rockbourne), Mr T. Compton (Fisherton Delamere), Mr W. Cottle (Bemerton), Mr Whitlock, Mr E. Mills (Orcheston), Mr G. Read (Charford). &c.

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## MR W. F. BENNETT'S RAM SALE

The annual sale and letting of the rams and ram lambs of Mr W. F. Bennett, of Chilmark, took place on Tuesday last in the Market-house Yard, Salisbury, and we may fairly congratulate both the auctioneers (Messrs Ewers and Winstanley) and Mr Bennet himself on its result. The stock surpassed in quality anything Mr Bennett had previously brought out, and was the theme of universal admiration. Among the animals was the celebrated prize ram which won the prize and gained so much renown at the Bath and West of England Show, and at several other local exhibitions. This animal was not let, the price offered not coming up to the reserve which Mr Bennet had put upon it; but for the other lambs there was spirited competition among the large attendance with which the yard was thronged..... The principal buyers and hirers were Mr John Moore, of Littlecot; Mr John Read, of Newcourt; Mr Walter Read, of Charlton; Mr Galpin, of Langford; Mr T. E. Rawlence, of Ugford; Mr Wm. Ferris, of Tollard Royal; Mr James Read, of Homington; Mr Sprake, of Wimbourne St. Giles; Mr W. Flower, of Chilmark; Mr Good, of Ford, Mr Briant, of Clarendon; Mr Jeffery, of Donhead; Mr T. Stone, of Longford; Mr Targett, of Compton Chamberlayne; Mr Gulliver, of Eling, Southampton; Mr H. Smith, of Baverstock; Mr H. King, of Winterslow; Mr Pullen, of Warminster; Mr Sutton, of West Dean; and Mr Coles, of Middleton. Altogether it was a good clearing sale – and one which could not fail to be as satisfactory to Mr Bennett as it must have been to the well-known auctioneers by whom it was conducted.

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