



A typical ploughing match

Collingbourne And Everleigh Association Ploughing Match

Agreeable to advertisements, this Association held their first ploughing match on Monday last, at Collingbourne Kingston, on the farm of Mr Mackrell, and notwithstanding the association being so lately formed, there was a most spirited competition for the prizes. Twenty-two teams started, each to plough half an acre. The land was dry, yet everything desirable for the purpose of trying the ability of the first-rate ploughmen.

The work being finished in the presence of the respectable inhabitants of the neighbourhood, the two able judges, Mr Leonard Maton, of Maddington, and Mr William Gale of Burbage, proceeded to give their decision; after which the members partook of an excellent dinner, served in good style by Mr T. Sawyer, of the Collingbourne Inn; the office of Chairman being discharged by Mr William Gulliver, with great ability. The successful candidates were then awarded the following premiums:

1st CLASS – Two horse with reins

1st prize of 30s, to George Smith, servant to Mr Joel Pile:

2nd ditto of 15s., to Matthews, servant to Mr Gulliver

3rd ditto, of 7s. 6d., to Jos. Smith, servant to Mr Russ.

2nd CLASS –Three horses with drivers

1st prize of 20s to James Stevens, servant to Mr Pile.

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2nd ditto of 10s. to Robert Taplin, servant to Mr Ford

3rd CLASS – Boys under 18

1st prize of 30s. to Annetts, servant to Mr Russ

2nd ditto of 15s. to William Fisher, servant to Mr Miles.

4th CLASS – Boys under 18, with driver

1st prize of 15s to Trueman, servant to Mr Russ.

The candidates were suitably addressed by the Chairman, and it only remains for us to speak in the highest terms of the praiseworthy proceedings of this infant association, the object of which is to meet every month for the discussion of agricultural subjects, as well as to encourage by every means in its power the agricultural labourer, in giving annually a meeting like the present.

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