



## *Agricultural / Horticultural*

### *Show Achievements*

#### *Durrington*

##### **ANDOVER**

The sixth exhibition of the Andover Horticultural Society and Dahlia Show took place at the Town Hall, Andover, on Wednesday last. The fineness of the weather and the character of the previous exhibitions of this Society attracted a very full attendance of visitors, including all the gentry of the neighbourhood. The Rev. F. Dyson, of Tidworth, again exhibited his beautiful collection of plants, having been enriched since last year by the addition of many rare and valuable specimens. Mr Wakeford's collection also attracted general admiration, and included many new varieties; and there were several minor collections in great beauty and perfection. Mr Henderson, of the Edgware-road, acted as Censor, and awarded the following prizes:-

.....best Lettuce, Miss Fowle, Durrington;

Dahlias – First Class ..... Second Class – First prize, Mr Kingstone, Stockbridge (12 blooms); second ditto, Miss Fowle, Durrington.

*(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1843)*

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##### **DEVIZES DAHLIA SHOW**

At the Devizes Dahlia Show, which took place on Thursday morning, the following prizes were awarded:

1<sup>st</sup> Class – Nurserymen – 1<sup>st</sup> prize.....

2<sup>nd</sup> Class – Amateurs – 1<sup>st</sup> prize.....

3<sup>rd</sup> Class – Amateurs – 1<sup>st</sup> prize.....

4<sup>th</sup> Class – Gentleman's Gardener's – 1<sup>st</sup> prize to Mr E. Skeates. Of Durrington;

*(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1845)*

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## THE BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SOCIETY'S MEETING

SALISBURY, Monday – The second meeting of the Bath and West of England Society in this city commenced this morning under exceedingly favourable circumstances. The sky all day has been cloudless, and the heat intense. The city authorities have striven hard to make amends for their supposed coolness towards the society last year, and have decorated the principal streets with much profusion and great taste. Triumphal arches have been erected in the thoroughfares to the show-yard, and flags are hung from most of the houses. The bells have been ringing merrily at frequent intervals, visitors have poured into the city by thousands by road and by rail, and itinerant musicians and vocalists, both black and white, have contributed to the gay and lively appearance of the city.

**SHEEP SHEARING:** On Monday afternoon the special prizes offered by the Local Committee to shepherds shearing two sheep in the least time and in the best manner, were competed for, the sheep being supplied by Mr John Marsh, of Stratford-sub-Castle. The work was generally well executed, and in a remarkably short time, one of Mr Gould's men, of Broad Clist, Devon, succeeding in taking off the fleeces in 30 minutes and 40 seconds. He happened, however, to cut his sheep in several places, and thus lost the chance of the first prize, which, if he had taken a few minutes longer time would probably have fallen to his lot. Mr H. Fookes and Mr M. Farrant acted as Stewards of this Department, and the Judges, Messes V. B. Watts, Mr Moon and Mr Bone were judiciously selected from the counties of Dorset, Devon and Hants. The result of the competition was as follows:-

First prize, £2, Henry Still, servant to Mr Henry Mayo, Coker's Farm, Dorset; time, 48 minutes.

Second prize, £1, James Sheppard, servant to Mr Targett, Durrington, Wilts; time, 50 minutes, 30 seconds.

*(Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1867)*

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## NETHERAVON – AVON VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

By the kind permission of Mr Charles Raikes, C.S.I., the Avon Valley Horticultural Society held its fifth annual exhibition in Netheravon Park, on Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. It had been feared that this year's show would not be as good as usual, but we are happy to say that the number of entries exceeded that of any previous year (about 450 articles being entered for competition), and we can confidently appeal to those who were present, whether, although there was but a small show of flowers, the quality of the fruit and vegetables was not far superior to what they expected to see. The society is to be congratulated on the steady growth it has made since its commencement in 1863.

.....Soon after six o'clock the prizes were distributed by Mr Raikes, according to the subjoined list, as awarded by Messrs Mould, of Pewsey, and Bryant, of Calne, who kindly gave their services as judges.

..... **WHITE TICKET CLASS** – For the best cultivated and neatest kept cottage garden – Fittleton, James Stevens and James Yates; Netheravon, Thomas Poole and Michael Mannings; Durrington, Thomas Smith and John Long; Bulford, William Love and James Thorn.....

*(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1867)*

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## **NETHERAVON – THE AVON VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the annual show of this society was held, by permission of Mr C. Raikes, C.S.I., in Netheravon Park. The weather was brilliant, and the show one of the best, considering the dry season. There was a better display of flowers and ornamental designs, the ladies in the neighbourhood having kindly interested themselves in arranging them. The vegetables in the white ticket class were good for the season..... The following is the list of prizes:-

..... WHITE TICKET CLASS - For the best cultivated and neatest kept cottage gardens – champion prize, James Stevens, Fittleton; Fittleton, John Hayward and Michael Spratt; Netheravon, Michael Mannings and Thomas Hiscock; Durrington, John Long and Charles Marshall; Bulford, James Thorn.....

*(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 1870)*

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## **AVON VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

On Wednesday last the annual show of this society was held by the kind permission of Mr C. Raikes, C.S.I., in Netheravon Park. The day was fine, and the visitors, of whom there were many from the immediate neighbourhood, were able to enjoy themselves in the pleasant park. There was not so much fruit as usual, but the show of flowers and vegetables was good. Mr Long, of Amesbury, also added to the show by sending some beautiful fuchsias. Prizes were given for the first time for plain needlework done by the children of the village schools within the district. The scene was enlivened by the excellent music of the Pewsey band. This society has now entered upon its tenth year and has encouraged ornamental as well as useful gardening in the neighbourhood. The following is a list of prizes awarded by the judges, Messrs Mould, of Pewsey; and Bryant, of Chippenham:-

SCHOOL CHILDREN – Design of wild flowers, John Sainsbury, Annie Pearce, Kattie King, Annie Barlow, Matild Munday; specimen of needlework, 1<sup>st</sup>, Hannah Smith (Durrington), 2<sup>nd</sup>, Betsey Fay (Enford), 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dora Douse (Netheravon), 4<sup>th</sup>, Annie Peck (Figheldean), 5<sup>th</sup>, Maria Forder (Fittleton).

*(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1872)*

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