



Knook

WARMINSTER AND SOUTH WILTS FARMERS' CLUB

The second anniversary of this Institution was held on Friday last, and was very numerously attended. The stock exhibited was remarkably fine, particularly of sheep, and was even superior to that of last year. Some belonging to Mr Bevan excited great attention, and was particularly alluded to by Mr Biggs in the course of the afternoon. After the business of the day, about 120 gentlemen dined together at the Town-hall:- W. Wyndham, jun. esq., in the chair, and T. Goodman, esq. officiating as Vice-chairman. Among the company were Mr H. Biggs, Mr Ravenhill, Mr Clark, Mr Festing, the Rev. Dr. Thring, The Rev. A. Fane, the Rev. F. Skurray, the Rev. Mr Waugh, the Rev. Mr Glanville, the Rev. Mr White, Rev. Mr Arnold, Mr S. Mills, Mr J. Davis, Mr Bannister, Mr Everett, Mr W. Brown of Winterbourne, Mr W. Brown of Horton, Mr Fussell, Mr Raxworthy, Mr T. Davis, Mr T. Chandler. Mr C. Bayly of Frome, Mr Chapman, Mr Boor, Mr White, Mr Pocock, Mr Lush, &c. &c.

The dinner was provided by Messrs Down and Low of the London Inn, and a better dinner was never placed on the table. The wines too were thoroughly good, and the dessert was supplied with great liberality; the whole arrangements, indeed, did great credit to Messrs. Down and Low.-The labourers dined in tan adjoining room; but in the course of the afternoon they came into the Hall, to hear the list of prizes read, and their appearance added not a little to the interest of the proceedings.

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PREMIUMS AWARDED

Four Men for length of service on the same farm, although with different masters.

Robert Dunford, servant to Mr Jno. Randall, Deverill, £1

Thomas Dunford, servant to Mr Issac Flower, Knook, £1

George Barnes, servant to Mr Issac Flower, Knook, £1

John Newman, servant to Mr Joshua Whitaker, Bratton, £1

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REV. A. FANE'S PREMIUM

Two such Agricultural Labourers as shall obtain the best character for religious and moral conduct from the Clergyman of their respective parishes, and for _____, industry and honesty from their employers

John Moody, servant to Mr Jno. Ball, Corsely, and George Barnes, servant to Mr Isaac Flower, Knook, a large bible and prayer book each, value 15s.

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The annual ploughing match in connection with the Warminster Farmers' Club took place in favourable weather on Friday last, upon Shute Farm, Longbridge Deverell, by the kind permission of Mr Wm. Fulford. The number of ploughs in the field-between 30 and 40- was rather below that of last year. In the champion and ox team classes the ploughing was very good, but below the average in the other competitions. There was considerable increase in the number of entries made in the various classes for other descriptions of farm work. Several of the cups offered by manure manufacturers for the best crop of roots grown with their manures were returned from lack of competition. The following is the prize list:-

SHEPHERDS-

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For having reared the greatest per centage of tegs in a flock of 200 and upwards, 1st, £1, Henry White in the employ of Mr J. B. Gifford, of Knook, who had no death in a flock of 420 tegs; 2nd, 10s., Edward Meaden, in the employ of Mr William Dean, who had no death in a flock of 230 tegs. 13 entries.

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