



## *Upton Lovell*

### **SPRING PLOUGHING MATCH**

The Spring Ploughing Match and annual sheep-shearing of the Wiltshire Society for the Encouragement of Agriculture, &c., took place, at Deptford, on Wednesday last, when eight Ploughs started for the different Premiums offered by the Society. The following were the successful Candidates :-

In the first Class, with two horses without a driver, the first premium was awarded to Jesse Grant, a servant of Mr P. Whitaker, of Bratton, who ploughed his half acre in two hours and 34 minutes; the second, to James Carter, a servant of Mr William Brown, of Upton Lovell, who ploughed his half acre in 2 h. and 22 m.; and the third, to Thomas Neale, also a servant of Mr Brown, who ploughed his half acre in 2 h. 37m.

In the second Class, with two oxen without a driver, the first premium was awarded to Joseph Smith, a servant of Mr Joshua Whitaker, of Bratton, who ploughed his half acre in 3 h. and 5 m.; and the second to William Grace, a servant of Mr Stephen Mills, who ploughed his half acre in 3 h.

In the third class, with three horses and a driver, or with four oxen and a driver, there was no competition; but, in consequence of his great merit, the first premium was awarded to John Pearce, a servant of Mr Stephen Mills, who ploughed his half acre with four oxen in 2 h. and 47 m.

The Ploughings in general were well executed, and gained for the Candidates the approbation of the Judges.

The Candidates for the Premiums offered to Shearers were exceedingly numerous, amounting to no less than 26 in number, and the whole of them were entitled to great commendation for the skillful manner in which they performed their work.

In the first Class, the first premium was awarded to Stephen Hiscocks, of Allcannings; the second, to William Collins, of Tidworth; and the third, to James Strickland, of Broad Chalke.

In the second Class, the Judges awarded the first premium to John Sutton, of Clinton; the second, to John Stratton, of Pewsey; and the third, to Joseph Williams, of Shrewton.

There was only one claim for the premium offered for Shepherds rearing Lambs, which was made by Mr John Goodman, of Clatford Farm, on behalf of his servant, Joseph Hat, who reared 360 lambs from 400 two-toothed ewes, having lost only four ewes during the season.

The Committee and Stewards were honoured with the company of a large party of their friends, who dined with them at the Deptford Inn. The dinner, wines, and dessert were quite equal to what the most fastidious could wish for, and the company did not separate till a late hour, so much were they pleased with the entertainment provided them, the attention they received, and the interesting proceedings of the day.

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