

## ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH 1867



The annual ploughing match and dinner of the East Knoyle Agricultural Society was held on Thursday. The ploughing took place on land in the occupation of Mr Warren, at Pertwood, East Knoyle, and, notwithstanding the extremely unfavourable state of the weather, rain falling almost continually upon the hilly country upon which the land is situated, the matches seemed quite as much as ordinarily to excite public attention.

The work generally was well performed, and the junior ploughment in particular obtained the merited approval of the three experienced judges, Messrs J Lush, of Kilmington; Wallace, of Chittern; and Keevle, of Compton Chamberlain.

As might be expected, the interest centred principally upon the ploughing for the champion prizes, four in number, consisting of a prize of £5 to the best ploughman in the field, and a cup, value £5, given by the president of the society (Mr Alfred Seymour, MP) to the master of the best ploughman; £2 given by Mr William Cheater and a third prize given by Mr J W Titt. For these prizes, opened to be competed for by all comers under certain stipulated conditions fixed by Mr Seymour and the committee, seventeen ploughs had been entered, and at about ten o'clock, fifteen of these were started.

The work was done in an exceedingly creditable style, more particularly considering the unfavourable circumstance of weather, which, besides placing difficulties before the ploughman, occasioned the utmost confusion to the judges. The following are the awards:-

### Hedgers

First, James Fletcher, servant to Mr Perry; second, James Dewey, servant to Mr Ovens; third, Charles Maidmant, servant to Mr Gray; fourth, James Burt, servant to Mr Bracher



### Shepherds

First, Thomas Berry, servant to Mr Allen; second, James Brown, servant to Mr Stacey; third, Henry Mills, servant to Mr Gray; fourth, John Snook, servant to Mr Parham

### Under Shepherds

First, Thomas Berry, servant to Mr Allen; second, Charles Hill, servant to Mr Coles; third, Amos Trimby, servant to Mr Thorp; fourth, George Jukes, servant to Mr Hacker

### Broadcast Seedsmen

First, Theodore Snook, servant to Mr Thorp; second, Charles Ford, servant to Mr Allen

### Turnip Hoeing

First, Charles Ball, servant to Mr Allen; second, Isaac Smith, servant to Mr Stacey, third, George Mathews, servant to Mr Stacey; fourth, William Mathews, servant to Mr Yeoman

### Rickmaking and Thatching

First, Henry Fletcher, servant to Mr Down; second, Jesse Vining, servant to Mr Allen

### Champion Ploughing

First, Edward Highman, servant to Mr Burt; second, James Pearce, servant to Mr Melsome; third, Edward Trim, servant to Mr Blanchard

### First Class: Head Carters

First, Philip Wareham, servant to Mr Warren, second, James Bledstow, servant to Mr Wiltshire; third, Philip Screen, servant to Mr Parham; fourth, Albert Fletcher, servant to Mr Gray

### Second Class: Under Carters

First, John Stanton, servant to Mr Coles; second, Charles Long, servant to Mr Coles; third, Stephen Green, servant to Mr Warren; fourth, Thomas Small, servant to Mr Corbin

### Third Class: Boys Under 18

First, Thomas Viney, servant to Mr Allen; second, Benjamin Bishop, servant to Mr Gough; third, Alfred Wareham, servant to Mr Warren; fourth, Walter Force, servant to Mr R Godwin

The committee, according to their annual custom, provided a dinner for the ploughmen. The annual dinner of the members was held at the Seymour Arms Inn, East Knoyle, and between 50 and 60 gentlemen attended. Mr Alfred Seymour, MP., presided and was supported by Lord Henry Thynne, MP., Mr T F Grove M.P., Mr H D Seymour, M.P., Sir Henry Hoare, Mr George Troyte-Bullock, Mr H Stodard, Rev R N Milford (rector of East Knoyle), Mr Fitcher, Mr George Genge, Mr Kersley, Mr J Corbin, Mr P Genge, Mr Thorp, Mr Cheater, Mr Bugg, Mr Coombes, Mr Whittle, Mr Gray, Mr Gough, Mr Russell, Mr Allen, Mr Coles, Mr Yeoman, Mr Mullens, Mr Warren, Mr John Titt, Mr Cooper, Mr Godwin, Mr Morgan, Mr Lush, Mr Down, Mr Keevle, Mr Wallace, Mr J Scott. Mr Thomas Stacey (treasurer) and Mr S Bracher (secretary) occupied the vice-chairs.

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