



Britford Great Sheep Fair

This fair was held on Wednesday last, the 12th inst. The number penned was much less than last year, being full ten thousand short of the usual quantity. This must be attributed to the many lots having been sold previous to the fair. The trade in all descriptions opened with great briskness, and continued throughout, when everything penned was sold. Wethers fetched from 34s. to 44s.; Ewes from 28s. to 38s.; and Lambs from 28s. to 32s.; prime lots at much higher prices. Mr. J. Raxworthy, of Codford, obtained the high price of 55s. per head for a very superior pen of 200 four-tooth wether sheep. The prize list will give us account of the other best stock: the show of rams was rather large, which sold and let readily at good prices: the show horses were large, and sold readily at high prices. This fair must be considered full from 2s. to 3s. per head higher than the late fairs, and the quickest and last this year.

The following prizes were awarded:

A piece of plate, of the value of seven guineas, for the best 100 wether lambs, bred by the competitor, and not having been fed on any artificial feed. Mr. J. Taunton, of Britford. There were five competitors in this class

A piece of plate, of the value of five guineas, given by the Right Honorable Sidney Herbert, M.P., for the second best 100 wether lambs, on the same condition as the former prize. Mr. J. F. Hart, of Fisherton Delamere.

A piece of plate, of the value of five guineas, given by A. Morrison, Esq., of Fonthill, for the best 100 wether lambs, without restriction as to feeding. Messrs. Rawlence of Bulbridge. These lambs were purchased by Messrs. Monk and Son, of Portsmouth. There were five competitors in this class. Mr. Erlysmen Pinckney's were highly commended.

A piece of plate, of the value of five guineas, given by Major-General Buckley, M.P., for the best 100 wether lambs, from a flock not exceeding 400 ewes, bred by the competitor, and not having been fed on any artificial food. Mr. Richard Pyle, of Woodford.

A piece of plate, of the value of seven guineas, for the best 100 breeding ewes, good on tooth, having been in the possession of the competitor at least six months. Mr. Thomas Newton of Dogdean. There was no competition for this prize, but the judges considered that Mr. Newton's ewes were so good that it was awarded him.

A piece of plate, of the value of five guineas, given by Lord iscount Folkestone, for the best Hampshire Down ram of any age. Mr. John Moore, of Littlecott. There were several competitors in this class, and a ram shown by Mr. Edward Waters, of Straford, was highly commended.

A piece of plate, of the value of five guineas, given by F. J. E. Jervoise, Esq., for the best pen of 10 Hampshire Down ram lambs. Mr. Spencer of Fonthill. Mr. Dear's lambs, of Itchen Stoke, Hants., were highly commended.

A piece of plate, of the value of five guineas, given by Messrs. Attwater and Taylor, to the person who shall pen the largest number of sheep for sale. Mr. John Strange, Hazlebury Brian.

The judges were Mr. F. Budd, of Hatchwarren Farm, Hants; and Mr. G. Rutler of Whitchurch, Hants., whose decisions gave general satisfaction, and who expressed themselves much pleased with the arrangements. The show was much larger and the competition much greater than on any previous occasion, the whole of the stock being of very superior quality. We may here mention that the success of this show is mainly owing to the great exertions of Mr. G. T. Attwater, of Corhampton: and we are glad to find that although he had expressed his intention of resigning the office of honorary secretary, he has been induced to retain that post at the request of his friends and the supporters of the exhibition.

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