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HARTHILL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

At last the Harthill Agricultural Society may be congratulated upon having a thoroughly fine day for the annual show, which was held yesterday, near Kiveton Hall. In the past years they have suffered rather severely from inclement weather, and in consequence the finances have been generally somewhat strained, but thanks in some degree to a moderately fine day last year, the Society now finds itself in the happy position of having a comfortable balance to hand. That this will be augmented there can be no doubt, for the attendance yesterday was a record one, quite three thousand people being on the ground during the afternoon. Even to the novice, it is palpable that the Harthill Show is improving year by year, and the quality of the exhibits shown yesterday was well in advance in all departments, with perhaps, the single exception of hackneys which, though nearly the same in point of numbers as last year, were not of so high a quality. The most marked improvement in the show was in the classes for cattle, wherein not only was there a record entry, but in the opinion of very competent judges, there was a marked improvement in the quality. The total number of entries was actually ten short of last year, but when it is remembered that five classes have been eliminated, this reduction is easily understood.

The outstanding classes were of course the mainstays of the farmer, agricultural horses and cattle, and in the former section there were some admirable animals shown. In the class for brood mares Mr Grimes, of Palterton, scored a first with a wonderfully good mare, both with regard to weight and size, with the making of a brood mare throughout. She was an excellent walker, with grand feet and postures. Mr J. H. C. Warden can not get good second with his grey mare, which would no doubt have been nearer still to premier honours had she not been in rather low condition. The best colt foal in the show was adjudged to be that of Mr G. Roberts, of Damsbrook. At present it stands a little too upright in the joints, but looks like making a good horse. The prize for the best, filly foal also went to Mr Grimes, with the daughter of the winner in the brood mare class. In this class Mr T. Palmer, of Whitwell, was second. The classes for yearlings and two-year-olds filled very fairly and competition was close. Mr Wilson, of Highwood, found a winner in the former class with a big upstanding bay filly, a good mover which will no doubt be heard of again. The two-year-olds were a good class, though the winner stood out easily. The class for three-year-olds was not a small one, and Mr Tom Key' (Sheffield) nominee was easily first. The pair of plough horses class developed some good horses, and a pair of handsome dark brown mares belonging to Mr Grimes, which won premier honours would well have held their own in the district. The pair belonging to Mr Wright, of Kiveton Hall were second and were awarded a special prize given by Mr. W. Sissons of Sheffield, for the best pair belonging to a tenant farmer. Mr A. Jowett scored a success in the class for any aged mare, with his well-known "Summer Queen," a Doncaster medalist, and a winner at the Maltby show last week. The class for tenants' mare and foal was not so productive of good material as might have been desired. Mr Stringfellow's black mare was the winner. A very good animal but not quite in show forms. Had she been so it is quite probable that she might have got a ticket in the open class. The special prizes given by the Duke of Leeds for the best animal in the foregoing classes, was awarded to Mr Grimes for one of the winners of the pair horses class.

Hackneys, as we have said, were not quite up to the mark, but there were one or two good animals amongst them. though the quality was so even that to particularise would be invidious. Mr J. H. C. Walden captured a first and second in the yearling class, and Mr T. Arthur, of Sloswicks, and Mr L. Palmer, of Shireoaks, also secured tens tickets. For a hunting country the exhibit of animals for this purpose was somewhat disappointing. The riding and driving classes filled well and the judges had some difficulty in adjudicating, one of the judges himself trying several of the horses before awarding the premier prize. Mr. Joseph Child, of Thorpe, won the cup given by Mr. Butcher for the best turnout within a radius of three miles of Harthill. Summed up very briefly it may be said that the exhibits of horses for agricultural purposes were highly satisfactory while the lighter material was not so good.

Cattle were the feature of the show, though the classes for one and two-year old's did not fill quite so well as was anticipated, and a suggestion was made that a premium should be offered next year to induce entries for three classes. Mr H. V. Machin showed his handsome bull, "Gateford Monarch," an exceedingly well bred beast. Though it was easily first, it was hardly in show condition. Mr Machin was also first and second in the class for bulls under two years of age, and he also obtained tickets in the classes for heifers, heifer calf, and bull calf. Mr Cass Smith was deservedly first with his handsome cow, " May Blossom," which, in addition to carrying off the best in its class, also secured the cup given by the Duchess of Leeds. Mr H. V. Machin was again successful in the open class, securing the cup given by Mr Hargrave Walters, and also taking the special prizes given by Messrs. Bibby and Sons.

Of sheep there was, by a coincidence, exactly the same number of exhibits as last year, but there was a decided improvement in the quality. The long wool class for lambs filled well, and it was decidedly the best class in this section.

The poultry classes were well filled, nearly 100 exhibits being on view. Two old English game cocks, in fine condition, won in a good clean of game, most of the birds of the modern variety were out of feather in this class. The Indians were fair, as were the next class, but the winners, a white Leghorn hen and a Minorca, were going into moult. The black Orpington hen, easily won. Rocks, apart from the winning were moderate. A good barren hen was first, and a pretty buff pullet second. A large well shown Langshan cock won first in an interesting variety class. The first in the bantam class, a modern Duckwing cock, well deserved his position, as did the winning pair of Aylesbury ducks. An Embden gander, a frequent winner, here justly maintained his position.

The success of the show is attributed to the interest in it taken by the Duke of Leeds, and the energy of the Secretary, Mr A. Harvey – Colonel Archer proposed the health of the judges for whom Mr Cocks (Kirton Lindsey) replied. - Mr Stringfellow submitted the health of the Duke of Leeds, and the Rev. W. P. Blakenby proposing the health of the Duchess and Lord Carmarthen. The health of her Grace was honoured by the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow" which, caused some amusement, and the Duke replied in a happy fashion.

The awards were as follows:

HORSES - Agricultural

Brood mares, with foal at foot: 1st and r for special, J Grimes, Palterton; 2 J.H.C. Wasden, Oldcotes ; 3 J.W. Wilson, Whitwell; bc, Sam Oldcotes; 3 W. Wilson, Whitwell; bc Sam Booth, Bondhay. Colt foal: 1, George Roberts, Damsbrook; 2 Sam Booth; 3, George Stevenson, Netherthorpe; r, George Helliwell, Shireoaks. Filly foal: 1, J. Grimes, Palterton; 2, Tom Palmer, Whitwell; 3, J.H. Stephenson, Slade Hooton; r, H.V. Machin Gateford Hill. Yearling gelding or filly: 1 W. Wilson, 2 J. Grimes; 3 G.M. Ashorpe, Dinnington Hall; r J.H.C. Wasden; ho, Sydney Smith, Holme House. Two year old gelding or filly: 1 J Grimes, 2nd r, P Revitt, Carr ; 3 W. Wilson; hc, C Archer, Wales. Three year old gelding or filly : 1 T Kay, Sheffield ; 2 G. Robert., 3 J N Morton, Wades Hall. Pair of plough horses. (the property of a tenant farmer) in ploughing tackle : 1 and special J. Crimes ; 2, Mrs Wright, Kiveton Hall ; 3, G Stevenson ; r, J M Morton ; hc, C. Jeffcock, Wales Manor.. A emerald prize for the best pair of plough horses, the property of a tenant farmer, on the Duke of Leeds Estate Mrs Wright, Kiveton Hall. Gelding or mare, any age (open to all England) : 1 S.A. Jowett, Oldcotes ; 2 Tom Kay, r Mrs Wright, Kiveton Hall ; hc, G H Thorpe, Brampton, and Sidney Smith. Special prize (cup, given by the Duke of Leeds, for best mare and foal owned by a tenant on the Kiveton Park estate : 1 G H Stringfellow, r G. Stevenson. Cup, given by the Countess of Yarborough, for best mare and foal owned by a tenant on the Kiveton. Park estate, including the -Conisbro' tenants 1 G. Stevenson.

HACKNEYS AND ROADSTERS

Brood mare, beet fitted for breeding hackneys, with foal at foot : 1, G Stevenson ; 2, T. E. Morrell, Helleby; 3, Sam Booth. Colt foal: 1, S. Clarkson, Maltby ; 2, T. E. Morrell ; 3, G. M. Morrison, Carlton. Filly foal: 1, L Palmer, Shireoaks; 2, Sam Booth ; 3, G Stevenson, Yearling gelding or filly: 1 and 2, J H C Wasden; 3, H. Beech, Slade Hooton; c, A Brocklehurst, Dinnington. Two-year-old gelding or filly: 1, T. Arthur, Sloswicks ; 2, Sam Booth ; 3, Hermon Beason, Worksop; c, Myles Gosling, Barlboro'.

HUNTERS

Brood mare (not thoroughbred) for breeding hunters, with foal at foot: 1. T Arthur ; 2, G. Stevenson. Hunting gelding or mare, 4 or 5 years old, the property of a tenant farmer within the radius of the show: 1, T E Morrell; 2, Joseph Child, Thorpe Salvin, The Bone, Carriage, and General Insurance Co., Ltd., special prize for best mare and foal 1, T Arthur, The County Live Stock Insurance Association, Ltd, special prize for best foal 1, O Stevenson.

DRIVING IN HARNESS

Gelding or more, any age, 14.2 hands and upwards 1, R Spencer, Micklebring; 2, W A Spencer, Braithwell ; 3, S.A. Jowett. Gelding or mare, any age, under 14 2 hands: 1, and J Thompson, Station Hotel, Worksop ; 2, O Stevenson ; 3, J Boaler, Cresswell. Tradesmen's turnout, suitable to his business 1 and 3, Tom Kay, Sheffield ; 2, W Revill, Conisboro'. Turnout, in harness, the property of a tenant farmer within a radius of six miles of Harthill : 1, G Stevenson ; 2, J Child ; 3, H Henson; h c, J Bealby, Thorpe Salvin. Silver cup, given by Mr C. L Butcher, Handsworth, for best torn-out, in harness, the property of a tenant farmer within a radius of not more than three mil. of Harthill Church: 1, J Child; r, G Stevenson.

RIDING CLASS

Hackney or roadster gelding or mare: 1, W A Spencer; 2, J Child ; 3, S Booth.

CATTLE

Bull (over 2 years of age): 1 H V Machin, 2 W Beard, r W Staniforth, Todwick. Bull (over 1 and under 2 year): 1 and 2 H V Machin. Bull Calf (under 12 months): 1, Smith Bros., Harthill; 2 and 3 H.V. Machin, r G.H. Stringfellow. Heifer calf (under 12 months) H V Machin, 2 P Glossop, Harthill ; 3 and r G.C. Slagg, Whitwell. Heifer (under 2 years) : 1 and 2 B V Machin, 3 W Mallinder, Wales. Cow in calf or in milk, property of a tenant farmer 1 Cass Smith, Harthill ; 2- Smith Bros., 3 S A Jowett. r Bealby, he A Blagg. Cottagers cow, owner to have under 20 acres ; 1. A. Blagg, 2 E. Downes, 3 Mrs Kirkby, r D Clarkson, h, c W Drabble. Cup for best beast on the Dukes estate: 1 Cass Smith, r W Staniforth. Cup for best beast: 1 H V Machin, r Cass Smith. Beet Calf partly reared on " Bibby " cakes or calf meal: 1 and r H V Machin, 2 Smith Bros. Best Beast fed on Bibby " rake 1 and r, H.V. Machin, 2 Cass Smith.

SHEEP

Pen of 5 long-wool lambs: 1, H. Helliwell, Woodsetts; 2, A Revill, Whitwell Common ; hc, G.C. Blagg. Pen of 5 short wool or cross-bred lambs: 1, B. Bealby ; 2, A Revill; r, G.C. Blagg. Pen of 5 short-wool or °rose bred ewes. 1, B. Bealby ; 2, W Staniforth; r, G C Blagg. Pen of 5 long-wool ewes; 1, A Revill ; 2, A Twibell ; r, H Helliwell.

BUTTER

Two ½lb unsalted butter 1, G. Helliwell ; 2, Miss Thorpe, Brampton ; 3, P. Glossop; hc, Nellie Child, Thorpe Salvin. Two ½lb salted butter: 1, Nellie Child 2,P Glossop; 3, Miss 'Thorpe.

EGGS

Twelve eggs, white: 1, J Sanderson, Hooton Levett; 2, Alma Child, Harthill ; hc, Mrs Bealby, Thorpe Salvin. Twelve eggs, brown: 1, J. Bilham, Harthill ; 2, J Sanderson ; hc, Nellie Child.

POULTRY (Any Age).

Game, any variety: 1, 3 Turner, Marsh Late; 2, J.W. Stevenson ; 3, E Flower, Firvale; hc, C Smith, Highmoor. Indian game : 1, W Spence, Worksop; 2, Jim Boaler. 3, J.G. Broomhead, Brancliffe Grange; bc, F Lodge, Wales. Orplngtons: L Smith, Harthill; 2, J. Hall, Wales Road; 3, G. Jenkinson; Woodall.