Agricultural shows and activities

Bury Times, 4 Sept 1858

Rossendale Agricultural Society

On Thursday the second annual meeting of the Rossendale Agricultural Society, for the exhibition of horned cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, poultry, and vegetables took place at Waterfoot, near Newchurch, and was very largely attended...There were 407 entries and 78 prizes, amounting to £80 4s.

Best two-year old Roadster, 6 entries, 1st, £1 1s; Charles Patrick Esq, Cloughfold, Newchurch.

Best litter of suckling pigs, 4 entries, £1 1s. Mr Charles Patrick, Cloughfold. Best gander and two pigs, 8 entries, Highly Commended Charles Patrick Esq, Cloughfold.

On conclusion of the show an excellent dinner was provided in the church school-room, which had been tastefully decorated for a social party some time since, and the decorations had been permitted to remain. The dinner was served by Mr Airton, of the Duke of Buccleuch Inn, and abounded with some of the choicest delicacies of the season. (Description of toasts).

Rochdale Observer 7 May 1864

Newchurch Cattle Fair and Agricultural Show

The annual cattle fair, which for the last two hundred years, it has been the custom to hold on the 29^{th} of April, was held at Newchurch on Friday (yesterday week). Several of the principal residents, feeling wishful to give the public more attractions to the fair, have this year decided to hold an agricultural and cattle show &c in addition to the usual fair, and award premiums to the amount of £100...

Turkey Cock and Two Hens, 10s, Charles W. Brierley, Middleton, 2^{nd} 5s Charles Patrick, Cloughfold.

After the stock had been examined, and exhibited till four o'clock, a large number of gentlemen, comprising the President, Vice-President and Committee-men adjourned to the Black Dog Inn, where an excellent dinner was provided, slightly marred by a scarcity of efficient waitresses...

Mr Haworth gave 'the Army, Navy and Volunteers," coupling with them the name of Charles Patrick Esq.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Mr Patrick in responding, said that he did not believe that the army and navy of old England could be beaten by any nation on the face to the earth - (hear hear) – and her soldiers and sailors, along with her brave volunteers, were ready at any time to defend their Queen and country (Applause)....

Mr Patrick then gave "the successful competitors," to which Mr Barcroft responded.

(Burnley Gazette 7May 1864, covering the same event, write "...slightly marred by a scarcity of waiters, and what few were present might be called 'stupid'...")

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Whitworth and Rochdale Agricultural Show

On Wednesday, the tenth annual meeting of the above association took place, and was more successful than any of its predecessors. The show took place on the beautiful grounds of A.H. Royds, Esq, Falinge, and the weather, if not splendidly fine, was at least agreeably pleasant. The number of spectators was from 16,000 to 20,000, and the receipts for admission at the gates amounted to about £620...

Mare or gelding for saddle or harness, £5, P.H. Whitehead, Rawtenstall; 2nd, £2 10s., Charles Patrick, Rawtenstall.

On the conclusion of the show, a most excellent dinner was served by Mr John Ashworth in the public Hall, Rochdale, to which a larger number of the gentry of the town and neighbourhood sat down than we have ever seen on a previous occasion. (Description of toasts).

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For sale: a BROUGHAM or CARRIAGE HORSE, 15½ hands high, perfectly sound and *illeg*, For further particulars apply to CHARLES PATRICK, Clough Fold, Rossendale.