

Extracts from 19th century local newspapers relating to ploughing

PLOUGHING DAY AT BAMBURGH - On

Monday last, a ploughing day was given at Bamburgh, to Mr. Mackay of Norham, who enters in Bamburgh farm on the 12th May. At an early hour ploughs arrived from all the farms in the neighbourhood, and immediately went to work, turning over a great quantity of land in excellent style, although the day proved wet and unfavourable for the operations. The cordial reception which Mr. M. has received from his new neighbours must have been very gratifying to that gentleman. During the day, the workmen were plentifully supplied with bread and ale, and a dinner was provided for a number of gentlemen at the house of Mr. N. Ross, Victoria Inn, which was served up in the worthy landlord's wonted good style.

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6th March 1841

FARM IMPLEMENTS

To be sold by Auction in a field at the foot of Castlegate on Saturday 4th April

FIVE short and 2 long Carts, Metal Roller, 5 pair of Harrows, 4 large and 3 small Iron Ploughs, 2 Scufflers, Setting-up Plough, Turnip-sowing Machine, Bean Drill, Horse Rake, Turnip Cutter, Sheep Nets, Stakes and Troughs, 1 pair of drag wheels and axle, Smith's Bellows, Anvil and Vice, Scale, Beam and Weights, large and small Rakes, Scythes, &c., 6 sets of harness in good repair and various other articles.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock forenoon

JOHN EMBLETON, Auctioneer, Berwick

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NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual Ploughing Match of the above Society (for the Wooler District) will be held on the Farm of Mr. Thomas Maddison, at Wandon, near Wooler, on Friday the 27th day of February, when the following premiums will be awarded:

CLASS I

To the best ploughman	£3 0s 0d
second ditto	£2 0s 0d
third ditto	£1 10s 0d
fourth ditto	£1 0s 0d
fifth ditto	15s 0d
sixth ditto	10s 0d
seventh ditto	5s 0d

CLASS II (under 18 years of Age)

To the best ploughman	£1 10s 0d
second ditto	15s 0d
third ditto	10s 0d
fourth ditto	5s 0d

The ploughs to be on the ground by 9 o' Clock in the morning (no charge for entry).

A further sum of £10 will be given by the Society and awarded at the discretion of the Judges, to the manufacturer of Ploughs of the best construction and easiest draught to be tested by "Clyburn's Self-Recording Dynamometer".

The dynamometer has been purchased by the Society, for the use of the members, and may be had by them on application to the Secretary.

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PLOUGHING DAY - Mr. Dove, Baillieknow, having taken the extensive farm of Wark, the neighbouring farmers gave him a ploughing day on the 24th ult. The Tweed being in high flood that day, prevented many farmers, on the Scotch side, from sending their ploughs, the fords on the river being impassable; still about 180 ploughs were upon the ground, and turned over, in excellent style, fully an acre each, though the wind was so high as to render it difficult to work. The ploughmen received suitable refreshments and all conducted themselves with the greatest propriety. Mr. Dove entertained a party of upwards of twenty friends to dinner, in the Collingwood Arms Inn, Cornhill, in the afternoon, and the evening was spent in a very social and agreeable manner.

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