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FINE DAY AT LAST BRINGS RECORD CROWD TO THE SHOW

10 **Receipts are more than doubled**

IN BRIGHT SUNSHINE NEARLY 4,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED KNARESBOROUGH SHOW IN SCRIVEN PART ON SATURDAY. THIS WAS THE BIGGEST ATTENDANCE SINCE THE FIRESIDE SHOW FOUR YEARS AGO, AND GATE RECEIPTS JUMPED FROM LAST YEAR'S FIGURE OF £110 TO £270 – A NEW RECORD.

A novel feature for local show organisation was that the winners in all the sections were paid their prize-money on the show field. This was made possible by utilising the £170 fund raised by the Society's Entertainments Committee during the winter.

20 **The president (Mr Jenkin Coles) paid tribute to the chairman of this committee (Mr E. E. Willmore) at the official luncheon. The response to the social events held in the villages surrounding Knaresborough had been truly magnificent, he said, and had made it possible for the show to carry on.**

Mr Coles said he thought the public would approve the new layout. The dog section, with more than 300 entries, was proving a big attraction. Although the cattle section was small in numbers, he felt the quality was high.

Thanking all who had worked for the show, Mr Coles referred particularly to the "indefatigable" efforts of the society's Chairman (Coun. E. Jackson).

Among guests at the President's luncheon were the Chairman of Knaresborough Urban Council (Coun. W. Emmett), Mr Christopher York, M.P. for the Harrogate Division, and Major T. W. Slingsby, patron of the show.

30 A lively interlude in the afternoon's programme was provided by members of Knaresborough Young Farmers' Club, who captured the President's daughter (Miss Susan Coles) and held her to ransom while she was driven at high speed round the main show ring.

The crowd responded generously, giving £8. 8s, which was £3. 3s more the hoped for “ransom figure.”

In the Young Farmer’s mobile block test, the two sheep weighed 137½lb, and 127½lb respectively. The correct total of 265lb was guessed by Mr J. Mattison of Harrogate.

Mr A. Bell of Whixley, prominent horse exhibitor at many local shows, won the Staveley cup for best mare and gelding.

In the cattle section the B.O.C.M. plaque went to Mr H. Varley, of Farnham, and Mr W. Barker, of Scotton, won the Kitching cup and special prize of £2. 2s for the best attested cow or heifer.

10 The Holliday cup for the best bull for beef purposes was won by Mrs Jean Burniston of Walshford, and the Coles cup for the best non-attested cow or heifer by Mr F. Paxton, of Goldsborough.

The challenge cup presented by Lord Mowbray and Stourton for the best bull holding a dairy licence was won by Mr M. Fisher, of Farnham.

Horticultural Winners

Exhibits in the horticultural section were outstanding. In the open classes the perpetual cup for most points went to Mr W. Steele, of Lingerfield, and Mr F. Lambert, of Tadcaster, gained the trophy for the best group.

Miss W. Jacob Smith, of Knaresborough, secured the Watmough cup for the member of Knaresborough Horticultural Society gaining most points in the amateur section. The society’s cup for the non-member gaining most points went to Mrs E. Wharnop of Birstwith.

20 Mrs H. Wharton won the Jackson and Coles trophy awarded for the best stand of cut flowers.

The silver cup given by Mrs Jacob Smith in the Women’s Institutes’ “party” competition was won by Staveley and Copgrove.

Judging in the dog section lasted nearly six hours. There were more than 300 entries from exhibitors over a wide area.

The Luty cup for the best in the show was won by Mr and Mrs J. Scott, of Bramhope, with “Beagle of Bramhope”. The same exhibitors also gained the award for best puppy with “Bramhope Barleycorn.”

“Princess,” owned by Miss M. Soards, of York, secured the award for best opposite sex.

Mrs B. J. Coles, wife of the President, gained a second prize with her entry in the open bowl of sweet peas class in the horticultural section.

30 A colourful item in the main ring was the children’s fancy dress competition on horse-back.

Cancellations

A disappointment was the last-minute cancellation of the motorcycle gymkhana due to necessary equipment not being available. The parade of the York and Ainsty (North) Foxhounds also had to be cancelled owing to the illness of a huntsman.

The dairy cattle judging classes in the Young Farmers' section were cancelled owing to lack of entries.

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Knarborough' Show needs more members

*ASSETS £393 BUT EVENT COSTS
NEARLY £1,000*

10 **TOLD that Knaresborough Show's 1953 profit of £34 and the society's present assets of £393. were mainly due to the "valiant efforts" of the Entertainments' Committee, members of the Show Society at Friday's annual meeting listened with interest to a proposal by the vice-chairman (Brigadier G. S. Brunskill) aimed at boosting membership.**

Brigadier Brunskill emphasised that he was grateful for the success of the Entertainments' Committee, but he felt funds from that source should be devoted to raising a reserve fund of £1,000. On a good day the show should at least break even financially. At the moment it did not do so without the income from a competition.

The best solution was to attract more members at £1. 1s each. At present members received three entry tickets and a car park ticket. To provide a further incentive he suggested the provision of a "members' only" refreshment tent where each member could take one other person.

20 H thought that could be done without expense to the show, but he hoped it would be only part of a "flat-out campaign" to increase the active membership. A members' tent would not be "a snob affair." It would be intended to make membership mean something, and it would provide a valuable insurance for the show.

Young Farmers and others interested young people might become members at 19s. 6d each.

The meeting agreed that Brigadier Brunskill's suggestion should be carefully considered by the new committee.

Sport, not profit

Commenting on the prize money (£364) Mr K. Lishman said he thought some exhibitors placed more emphasis on the amount of prize money rather than on the honour and glory of the winning rosette.

30 The president (Mr Jenkin Coles) remarked: "We all desire to attract sporting, rather than profit making entries."

The financial statement of the 1953 show showed that total expenses were £921, leaving a profit of £34 and assets of £393. It was agreed to carry out a complete scrutiny of the printing accounts to see where economies could be made and to increase the charge for programming next year from 1s to 2s.

Rabbits again?

Representatives from Harrogate and Starbeck rabbit clubs put forward proposals for a rabbit section for next year's show which it was agreed should be considered by the committee.

On the proposal of Mr R. S. Good, financial officer, it was decided to make a grant of £10 to Knaresborough Entertainments Committee, which paid the Show Society a total of £178 during the last of three wet years.

- 10 It was agreed that Knaresborough Show Society should continue its membership of the Yorkshire Show Society's wet weather fund.

The chairman of committees were thanked for their work by Coun. E. Jackson, who presided.

Knaresborough man in Mau-Mau raid

A KNARESBOROUGH man was among a party of 26 military and civil police who recently carried out an all-night raid into Kikuyu territory in Kenya in search of Mau-Mau suspects.

Nearly 50 arrests were made during the operation. L/Cpl Gilbert Sewell, aged 20, youngest son of Mr and Mrs H. Sewell, of Greenbank, Scriven, has been in Kenya with the special mobile provost section, since February.

- 20 Educated at King James' Grammar School, he joined the police cadets in 1949, and was stationed at Wakefield for 12 months. Later he served at Knaresborough and Harrogate police stations.

Papers from home

He joined the Royal Army Corps in August 1951, afterwards transferring to the Military Police. Last year he was sent to the Suez Canal zone, and in February he was flown to Nairobi.

Pte. Victor Sewell, aged 22, Mr and Mrs Sewell's eldest son, is serving with the East Yorkshire Regiment in Kluang, Malaya. He has taken part in several jungle patrols.

Both brothers are regular readers of the Knaresborough Post, which their parents sent out to them regularly by airmail.