

Agricultural Societies

Many agricultural societies were formed during the 18th century at a local level, enabling like-minded farmers to meet on both a professional and social level. The general aim was to share information on the latest farming methods and to improve livestock breeding. References to these societies can be found amongst the family and estate papers held in Manuscripts and Special Collections. Several prominent Nottinghamshire landowners, such as the Duke of Newcastle at Clumber House and Viscount Galway at Serlby Hall, became patrons or governors and it must have been with some pride that a society could count a peer as one of its members and add his name to their letterheads.

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Robert Bakewell, 1725-1795, founder of the Dishley Sheep Society
From *Robert Bakewell Pioneer Livestock Breeder* by H. Cecil Pawson, 1957,
East Midlands Collection

George Inn Leicester

1790

We whose names are under written agree to pay into the hands of Mr. Honeybain (Treasurer) the sum of ten Guineas each; in such sums, at such times, and for such purposes, as shall hereafter be agreed upon by the majority of the subscribers.

W^m Walker. J^r Stone. J^r Bennett. J^r Manning. J^r Robinson. Nath^l Stubbs. Nich^l Buckley. W^m Bakewell. J^r White. J^r Wadson. Sam^l Knowles.

~~Resolved~~ ^{Proposed} that Mr. Bakewell be president of the society,
~~that J^r Bennett be vice president.~~

No 3 That at every meeting the members pay their share of the expenses of the day, first deducting the fines on those absent

Three Crown's Leicester

5 Jan^y 1790

No 4 That secrecy be kept by all the members respecting the business of these meetings except to the members present, and that any member quitting the society keep secret upon his honor the transactions before he left it.

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Page from a notebook listing the resolutions of the Dishley Sheep Society, 1790-1795

Papers of the Dishley Sheep Society, Leicestershire, MS 9/1

The Society was established to preserve purity of breed and acquired its profits from the sale of stock and the 'letting' of rams. It followed a strict code of conduct, with its rules and resolutions being drawn up in meetings held at inns in Leicester and Loughborough. Resolution No.4 obliges members to keep the content of their meetings confidential and demands "that secrecy [sic] be kept by all the members respecting the business of these meetings except to the members absent, and that any member quitting the society keep secret upon his honour the transactions before he left it".

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Clumber Tenants' Agricultural Society.



PRESIDENT - HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.



❧ LUNCHEON ❧

30th July, 1901.



Saumon, sauce Tartare.

Lobster Salads.

Ballotines de Volaille.

Chaufroid of Neck of Mutton.

Pressed Beef, Cumberland Sauce.

Roast Lamb, Mint Sauce.

Rabbit Pies. Beef and Kidney Pies.

Roast Beef, Horse-radish Sauce.

Legs and Saddles of Mutton.

Boiled Round of Beef.

Chicken and Tongue en aspic.

York Hams. Roast Ducks.

Salade.



Fruit Tarts.

Gelées au Liqueurs. Bavarois Panaches.

Savarin à la Chantilly. Gelées Moscovite.

Trifle. French Pastry.

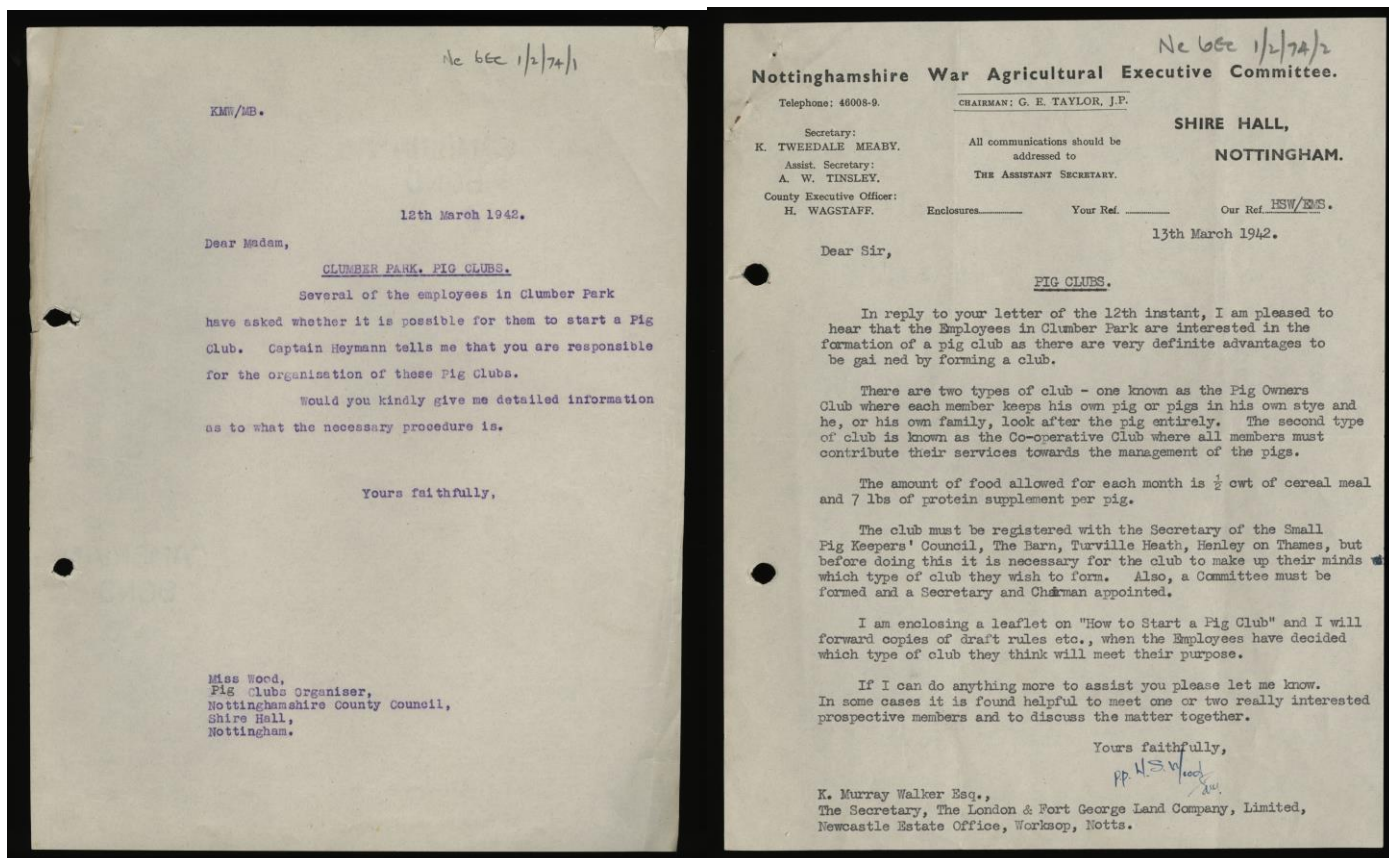


Cheese and Salad.

Champagne. Sherry. Claret.

Printed menu from the luncheon of the 'Clumber Tenants' Agricultural Society', 30 August 1901

Estate and Official Papers of the Newcastle family of Clumber Park,
Nottinghamshire, in the Newcastle (Clumber) Collection, Ne X 205



Letter from K. Murray Walker to Nottinghamshire County Council, 12 March 1942, and reply from the Nottinghamshire War Agricultural Executive Committee, 13 March 1942

Further Estate and Official Papers of the Newcastle family of Clumber Park, Nottinghamshire, in the Newcastle (Clumber) Collection,
Ne 6 EC 1/2/74/1-2

One way of supplementing meat rations during the Second World War was to form a 'Pig Club'. At the Duke of Newcastle's Clumber estate, employees formed a co-operative club which obliged them to sell some of the meat they produced to the Ministry of Food. Regulations stated that the maximum number of pigs which could be kept by a club at any one time should not exceed a ratio of 4 pigs per member.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "PRACTICE" LONDON. TELEPHONE N° 3675, GERRARD.

Royal Agricultural Society of England.



13, Hanover Square,

London, W. 27th April 1906

Dear Sir,

I learn with pleasure from Mr Pilkington that you have been good as to obtain the promise of the Duke of Newcastle to be a Governor of the Society, and I will formally bring his Grace's application for election at the meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday next. Yours faithfully

Arthur E. Elliott Esq. J. P. McRow.
Newcastle Estate Office.

Secretary.

Letter from Mr McRow, secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, to the Newcastle Estate Office[Clumber Park], 27 April 1906

Further Estate and Official Papers of the Newcastle family of Clumber Park, Nottinghamshire, in the Newcastle (Clumber) Collection, Ne 6 EC 5/2/1/9

Mr McRow is clearly delighted that the Duke of Newcastle has agreed to put forward his application to become governor of the society. He was subsequently unanimously elected to the post.

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Nottingham & Nottinghamshire
Agricultural Society
Office 16 Market Street
Nottingham
Feb 19th 1878

L. Viscount Vicarage Galway N.P.
Dorset
Dorset

My Lord Viscount

I am directed by the Committee
of the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Agricultural
Society to inform your Lordship that a public
meeting of the above Society will be held in the
Corn Exchange Nottingham at 3 O'clock on
Saturday next at which your Lordship is most
respectfully invited to be present.

The Society has been formed

with the twofold object of holding an annual
County Show in one or other of the principal towns
in the County and of furthering the interests of
Agriculture generally.

I am also directed to request
your Lordship to become a patron of the Society
and the Committee will esteem it a favour if you
will inform them whether they may rely upon
your Lordship's patronage & support.

I take the liberty to enclose
a list of members enrolled up to Feb 9th since which
time many more have joined and from the way in
which the proposal to form a county society has
been met by the tenant farmers the Committee feel
that if the landlords will only give them their
countenance and support the society will prove
a great success.

I have the honour to remain

My Lord Viscount

Your Lordship's Obedient Servant

John Barron
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MEMBERS OF THE Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society.

Addington Mr. W. Skegby	Marriott Mr. J. Cropwell
Alcock Mr. S. Sutton	Marriott Mr. John, Boston
Alcock Mr. T. Radcliffe	Marriott Mr. W. Dinsley
Andrew Mr. Plunger	Marsh Mr. T. J. Scarrington
Andrews Mr. John, Brant Broughton	Marshall Mr. A. Longherough
Andrews Mr. J. Wollaton	Mayer Mr. John, Derby
Armstrong Mr. R. Searchly Lane	Maskin Mr. John, Eastwood
Attborough Mr. H. A. Nottingham	Maskin Mr. T. Eastwood
Audiwood Mr. Weston on Trent	Metcalfe Mr. Nottingham
Althebrook Mr. Wollaton	Millington Messrs. T. and R. Nottingham
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Beaumont Mr. George (per Mr. Althebrook)	Nixon Mr. John, Barton
Beckett Mr. Dale, Notts.	Nixon Mr. J. B. Eastwood
Benson Mr. J. Bobbers' Mill	Nuttall Mr. Bestwood
Bentwell Mr. Southwell	Odlam Mr. S. Bestwood Park
Bewster Mr. Bingham, Notts.	Offert Mr. J. Lankfield
Bottlebank Mr. John, Basingham	Pacey Mr. Barnstone, Notts.
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Brown Mr. J. J. P. Nottingham	Parr Mr. Barton
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Causey Mr. E. Stanley Grange	Parr Mr. John, Cropwell Butler, Bingham
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Chester Mr. C. Colton, near Bingham	Patterson Mr. C. F. Stablesford
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Cooper Mr. Newark	Pinder Mr. Bestwood, Notts.
Coven Mr. Oxted	Pitter Mr. H. Ilkeston
Croft Mr. J. Nitting Mill, Ekeington	Pitter Mr. T. Jan, Trowall
Crossland Mr. Colham Street, Nottingham	Pitter Mr. W. Lockington
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Davey Mr. L. Allington	Radford Mr. Thulston
Dawson Mr. W. T. Houghton	Ranby Mr. Plumtree
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Domleo Mr. Normanton on Soar	Redgate Mr. Scarrington Moor
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Edwards Mr. Nottall	Robinson Mr. S. Nottingham
Edwards Mr. Timber Merchant, Nottingham	Robson Mr. Melbourn
Flattier Mr. James, Nottingham	Rossell Mr. E. Thurgarton, Notts.
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Frettingham Mr. Boston	Slaw Mr. H. Brant Broughton
Gamble Mr. Yonge Mills, Bawell	Shepperson Mr. G. Lockington
Garton Mr. Widmerpool	Shepperson Mr. J. Nottingham
Gelsborough Mr. Annesley	Shepperson Mr. T. Lenton, Notts.
Gilson Mr. A. Bolewell Hall	Shepperson Mr. W. Nottingham
Goodwin Mr. G. Chilwell	Sketchley Mr. W. Ambaston
Grammer Mr. Colverton, Notts.	Smith Mr. E. Colgrave
Grammer Mr. J. Sawley	Smith Mr. H. Cropwell Grove
Green Mr. Colverton	Smith Mr. James, Alveston
Gregory Mr. J. Newark	Smith Mr. J. B. Weston on Trent
Groves Mr. Charles, Nottingham	Smith Mr. John, Gadsditch Street, Nottingham
Groves Mr. J. J. Strelley	Smith Mr. Jos. Aspley
Groves Mr. W. Strelley	Smith Mr. T. Carlton
Groves Mr. W. Nottingham	Sooden Mr. J. Stoneyly
Hall Mr. L. Jan, Granby	Squires Mr. Cropwell Butler
Hall Mr. R. Thulston	Stokes Mr. W. Barnstone
Hanington Mr. James, Nottingham	Stone Mr. T. Radcliffe
Harrison Mr. Radford	Storer Mr. G. M.P.
Houghton Mr. L. Carter Gale	Sory Mr. H. Huddington
Houghton Mr. John, Bagthorpe, Basford	Strong Mr. Toller
Holbrook Mr. R. Barton	Thompson Mr. Chilwell
Hollingsworth Mr. W. Stanton	Tinley Mr. Southwell
Hollingsworth Mr. Weston on Trent	Vincent Mr. Battersford
Holmes Mr. Radcliffe on Trent	Wade Mr. S. Mickover
Hopkin Mr. Elia, Eastwood	Wakfield Mr. Moor Green
Hopkinson Mr. Stoke Fields	Walker Mr. Plumtree
Houghton Mr. W. Nuttall	Walker Mr. M. Chaddesden
Howard Mr. Nottol Rise	Walton Mr. Lockington
James Mr. John, Barnstone	Watson Mr. R. Scarrington
James Mr. W. Langer Hall	Weston Mr. J. Eastwood
Johnson Mr. Jos. Brant Broughton	Whiston Mr. Castle Donington
Johnson Mr. R. Wetherby	White Mr. Trowell
Kearsk Mr. Thurgarton, Notts.	White Mr. J. Ollerton
Land Mr. W. J. Welbourn	Wilkinson Mr. Nottingham
Lawson Mr. A. Nottingham	Wilkinson Mr. Thomas, Granby
Lee Mr. Papplewick	Williamson Mr.
Lee Mr. Radcliffe, Barton Fields	Wilson Mr. S. Trent
Lever Mr. Jan, East Bridgeford	Wombell Mr. J. Tibby
Lewis Mr. H. Nottingham	Wright Mr. Jan, Sawley
Lewis Mr. Mark, Nottingham	Wright Mr. Charles, Corn Merchant, Nottingham
Lewis Mr. J. H. Keston	Wright Mr. L. Keston
Lowe Mr. John, Holme Grange	Wright Mr. W. Sandiway
Luskow Mr. T. Scarrington	Yates and Co. Messrs. Grantham
Makin Mr. W. Papplewick	Yates Mr. T. Watton
Mann Mr. S. Stragglethorpe	Young Mr. Nottingham

Letter from John Barron,
Secretary of Nottingham and
Nottinghamshire Agricultural
Society to George Edmund
Milnes Monckton-Arundell, 7th
Viscount Galway, 19 February
1878, together with a list of
members
Correspondence and Personal
Papers of George Edmund Milnes
Monckton-Arundell, 7th Viscount
Galway (1844-1931) and Vere
Monckton-Arundell, 7th
Viscountess Galway (d 1931), Ga 2
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In this letter Mr Barron explains to
Viscount Galway that "the Society
has been formed with the twofold
object of holding an annual County
Show in one or other of the
principal towns in the county and of
furthering the interests of
agriculture generally".