

# Public Notices.

## LYMM ATHLETIC SPORTS.

**T**HESE SPORTS will be held in a field near the Gas Works, Lymm, on  
**MONDAY NEXT, AUGUST 9, 1875.**

### PROGRAMME.

100 yards flat race, handicap :—1st prize, gold medal  
2nd prize, silver cup. Entrance 1s.

Running Wide Jump :—1st prize, cruet stand ; 2nd  
prize, silver medal. Entrance 1s.

Half-mile Flat Race, Handicap (open) :—1st prize,  
gold watch chain ; 2nd prize, coffee pot ; 3rd prize,  
silver medal. Entrance 1s.

Running High Jump :—1st prize, silver medal ; 2nd  
prize, gold locket. Entrance 1s.

440 Yards Hurdle Race, Handicap (open) :—1st  
prize, gold signet ring ; 2nd prize, silver cup ; 3rd  
prize, gold locket. Entrance 1s.

Swarming the Pole :—Leg of Mutton. Entrance 3d.

Pole Leaping :—Copper Kettle. Entrance 3d.

Sack Race :—1st prize, silk hat ; 2nd prize, felt hat.  
Entrance 3d.

No Entries will be received after Monday Morning's  
Post.

Admission to the field, 3d.

The Lymm Volunteer Band will be in attendance.

James Robinson, Esq., Judge.

GEO. E. MORGAN, Hon. Sec.

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## LYMM RUSHBEARING AND ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The above festive season commenced at Lymm on Saturday morning last, under favourable auspices. Some time ago the introductory step was led by Mr. John Fairclough, who organised a committee, consisting of Messrs. Voysey, Tuck, Sumner, and G. E. Morgan. For some years it had been considered there was a void in the arrangements for the rushbearing week, and the committee set themselves to work to improve that state of things. Considering that the athletic sports were the first of the kind ever attempted in Lymm, and bearing in mind the great amount of work attending the getting up of such affairs, together with obstacles thrown in the way, the committee may congratulate themselves on the success which greeted their efforts.

The rush cart presented a most primitive appearance, being curiously interlaced with rushes, tightly pressed and worked together, and forming at the side imitation pillars. The whole work took three days to execute by Mr. Geo. Chestham, assisted by J. Whitaker, Ed. Lewis, Peter Ratcliffe, and Joseph Chestham. It was then mounted on a newly-painted cart, drawn by four fine grey horses, belonging to and kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs. J. Simpson and T. Brazendale. Messrs. Fairclough, Tuck, and Morgan headed the procession from the Bull's Head in a trap, followed by the Volunteer Brass Band, and succeeded by the rush cart. The following residences were called upon, and a welcome reception accorded at each:—Mrs. Sumner, Mr. Blinston, Mr. P. Stabs (Statham), the Misses Woodall, Church Hotel, Mrs. Voysey, Mr. J. Simpson, Mr. T. Brazendale, Mr. Perrins, Mr. Gilliland, Mrs. Trafford, Mr. D. Foster, and Mr. Stone, and from thence to the Bull's Head, where both on Saturday and Sunday it was visited by large numbers of people from Manchester, Warrington, and adjacent places. The morris dancers also paraded the district, attired in many-coloured streamers, and presented a most grotesque appearance as they footed it to the strains of the music. Each evening dancing was provided at the Eagle, whilst to those inclined otherwise the amusements of the fair offered varied attractions, consisting of the usual shows, shooting galleries, &c.

### THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The athletic sports were held on Monday afternoon in a field near the Gas Works, kindly lent by Mr. Joe Fairclough. With the exception of a passing shower or two the weather was fine, and an enjoyable programme was gone through. About 2,000 people were on the field. The events commenced with

100 Yards Flat Race, handicap (local), in four heats, with 12 entries. In the final, a sharp heat was maintained between John Roach, of Lymm, and William Rowbotham, of Agden, but the latter won by about half a yard, taking the first prize, viz., a gold medal, and Roach obtaining a handsome silver cup. Time 11 seconds.

In the Running Wide Jump (local), James Johnson, jumped 22 feet, taking for his prize a crust stand; and J. Brookes, Lymm, stood second with 21 feet 6 inches, prize, silver medal.

For the Half Mile Flat Race, handicap (open), there were nine entries, including Lomas, Grappenhall, and Dobell, Northwich, both scratch, 40 yards being given in two cases to competitors. Dobell, however, did not run. At the first lap Lomas evidently was feeling his way, but ultimately, amid great excitement, he redoubled his speed, and came in second, being about a yard and a half from the winner. Time, 2 minutes 18 seconds. Clarke, Latchford, won the first prize, a gold watch chain; 2nd, W. Lomas, Grappenhall, coffee pot; 3rd, J. Bowyer, Lymm, silver medal.

In the Running High Jump, James Johnson, Lymm, won the first prize, silver medal, leaping 5 feet; and J. Brookes, Lymm, gaining a gold locket for 4 feet 6 inches.

The next event, the Quarter Mile Hurdle Race, handicap (open), contained 7 entries, Geo. Dobell, Northwich, scratch, gaining the 1st prize, a gold signet ring; 2, J. Bowyer, Lymm, a silver cup; 3, J. Clarke, Latchford, a gold locket. Time, 1 minute 7 seconds.

There were seven entries for the Pole Leaping, which, by competition, were ultimately reduced to two, J. Cross, Warrington, and J. Renshaw, High Legh, between whom, at 1 foot 6 inches, a dead heat prevailed. It was proposed that the committee should recognise both with the same prize, viz., a copper kettle.

Swarming the Pole was successfully performed by J. Eccleston, of Oughtrington, who thereupon claimed the prize, viz., a leg of mutton.

The 200 Yards Sack Race was run in three heats, the winners to run off in the final. Ten entered, and their efforts to win caused unbounded amusement. J. Clarke, of Latchford, came in first, with a silk hat for prize; J. Brookes, Lymm, coming in second, and claiming a felt hat as his reward.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (school boys only). J. Stephens, Lymm, gained the prize (a cricket ball) for this out event of five competitors.

A Race between two well-known gentlemen amateurs, of Lymm, was looked forward to with great interest. Great disappointment was experienced, however, when it became known that (probably through too great odds being offered on one of the gentlemen) the match was withdrawn.

J. Robinson, Esq., distributed the prizes, and in the course of his remarks congratulated the winners on their success. He desired also to record his thanks to the committee for the manner in which all the arrangements had been prepared, affording a very enjoyable day's sport. If the same success attended their more enlarged efforts next year they would have no reason to grumble. He for one would be most happy to give a helping hand. (Applause.)

Mr. John Fairclough begged to express his satisfaction at the result of the day's sport. He had felt all along that something more was required at the Rushbearing week, and he was happy to state that that had been supplied. In Grappenhall good sports could be raised and he (Mr. Fairclough) could not see why they should not do similarly in Lymm. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that next year the sports would be still more successful. (Applause.)

This concluded the programme.

James Robinson, Esq., presided as judge of the course, and gave unqualified satisfaction by his decisions. W. Platt, Esq. (*Bell's Life*), as time keeper; Mr. John Fairclough, starter; stewards of the course, Messrs. Dutton (Northwich), James Holt, Tuck, G. E. Morgan, Leigh Warburton, Voysey, Pigott, and T. Moston (Lymm).

The arrangements were exceedingly well carried out, not a single hitch occurring any way to mar a good day's sport. The Volunteer Band was present, and played a selection of popular airs, under the lead of Mr. Southern. As the first years sports have thus resulted so satisfactorily, it is to be hoped the Working Committee will see their way to continuing on a larger scale the sports so promisingly begun.

### OUT-DOOR RELIEF FOR LYMM, &c., &c.

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