



## Parish News

# ***Baverstock***

Although the supply of Beasts at our great Christmas cattle-market, on Tuesday last, presented some choice cattle, the number was not so large, nor was the quality, generally speaking, so good as we have seen in previous years. Some fine animals, however, were shown by graziers, including Mr Haines, of Huntspill; Mr Dyke, of Lights Cary, near Bruton; Mr C. Milton, of Langort; Mr Hobbs, of Cannington; Mr Brown, of Stawell, near Bridgwater, Mr Samuel Ferris, of Devizes, and Mr crewe, of Wincanton. Among the best articles was a beautiful ox, fed by Mr Dyke, purchased by Messrs Meatyard and Smith, which gained a silver cup at Yeovil. The Messrs Marlow and Mr Judd also purchased some fine beasts. Extensive purchases were also made by the butchers of Romsey, Southampton and Winchester. In the sheep-market, some fine animals were shown by Mr Allen, of Stoford, and Mr House, of Blandford; and a very fine sheep, shown by Mr Smith, of Baverstock, was purchased by Mr William Marlow.

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At our Christmas Cattle-market, on Tuesday last, there was a very fine show of Beasts, Sheep, &c., several of which had carried off prizes at the neighbouring agricultural shows. Among the Beasts, were some splendid animals exhibited by Messrs Stratton, C. Milton, Alex, &c. The show of Sheep was not so large as we have seen, perhaps from the circumstance that Christmas is more the season for "the Roast Beef of Old England" than for mutton; but there were some good ones exhibited, - amongst which a small pen shown by Mr Rawlence, of Heale Farm, were deservedly admired, as also some bred by Wm. Futcher, Esq., of Foavnt, and fatted by Mr H. Smith, of Baverstock Farm, near this city: the latter were purchased by Mr Meatyard and Mr Marlow, at 8d. per lb. Among the animals produced on this occasion was a very extraordinary fat Pig, bred by Sir W. Heathcote, Bart, and fed by Mr Hodding, at Martin, which had been only eating fattening food for seven weeks; its weight was estimated at twenty-one score, The market was well attended, and the best animals met a brisk sale, at good prices.

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