

THE ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH

Affiliated to the Society of Ploughmen

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2024

To be held at Castle End Farm, Castle End Road,
Ruscombe RG10 9XQ by kind permission of Chris and Lucy Zeal

Entries close Sunday 15th September 2024

Entry fee for non-members for all tractor ploughing classes is £15

Members and employees of members plough free.

Enter online at www.rebaa.co.uk
or contact **Stuart Wilcox – 07831 281121**

**A LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL
PLOUGHMEN COMPETING IN THE MATCH**

**ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE AGED 13 OR OVER AND
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY PERSON UNDER
13 YEARS OF AGE BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE OR RIDE IN AN
AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE ON THE SHOW SITE**

*THE PLOUGHING MATCH WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE RULES OF
THE SOCIETY OF PLOUGHMEN EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE STATED
IN THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES:*

1. All classes, including all **reversible** classes, will be ploughed in **parallel** plots
2. All competitors must be able to provide documentation of appropriate insurance cover for their tractor and plough.
3. Competitors must state on their entry forms the make of tractor and plough and number of furrows. Please state if under 30 on the day of the match.
4. Competitors must be ready to plough at 9.15 a.m. prompt. **Ploughing must finish by 1:00 p.m.** except for Class 1
- 5a. **CONVENTIONAL PLOUGHS:** After the land has been opened by a double split, the ploughman must stop for judging. No land shall be left unturned. He is then to plough three times round the veering and then proceed to the ridge of the higher number and plough out his plot.
- 5b. **REVERSIBLE PLOUGHS:** After the land has been opened by a single furrow body, (one way only), the ploughman must stop for judging. He is then to plough up and down once towards the **lower number** and then proceed to the ridge of the **higher number** and plough out his plot using left and right hand bodies.
6. The depth of the ploughing must be no more than 8 inches in all classes.
7. No ploughman may compete in more than one class.
8. **Rolling of the opening slit is permitted.**
9. No furrows may be tidied after they have been turned. Ploughs that have adjustable furrow widths must not be altered during the match.
10. If there are less than two entries in any one class, the class may be amalgamated with another class at the Ploughing Chairman's discretion.
11. At the discretion of the judges, in the event of only three starters in any one class, only two prizes will be awarded. If there are only two starters in any one class, only one prize will be awarded.
12. The exhibitor accepts full responsibility for all accidents caused by his machine or employees.
13. No purely manufacturers' or implement agents' demonstrators or specialists are allowed to compete as ploughmen at the match. The bona fides of every competitor will be strictly examined.
14. Should a competing manufacturer or implement agent be a farmer, or farming contractor, then the competing ploughman must be a full-time employee employed as a regular and in no sense a specialist or demonstrator.
15. The judge's decision is accepted as final and binding.
16. Any competitor or their machinery deemed to be unsafe by the ploughing stewards will be asked to leave the site.
17. No passengers to ride on or in a machine on the show site unless the machine is being demonstrated by a trader.

SCORING IN ALL CLASSES (INCLUDING REVERSIBLE)

Max. Points

OPENING (*Well cut, uniform & straight*)

20

START (*Uniform, level & straightness*)

20

SEED BED (*Weed control & soil made available*)

20

FIRMNESS (*Firm, well packed furrows; no holes*)

20

UNIFORMITY (*Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness & no pairing*)

20

FINISH (*Uniform, shallow & straight*)

20

INS & OUTS (*Neat, accurate & regular*)

20

STRAIGHTNESS (*Straightness of the whole plot*)

20

GENERAL APPEARANCE (*Workmanship & general appearance of the whole plot*)

20

TOTAL 180

PRIZE LIST

Prize money for all ploughing classes: 1st - £30, 2nd - £20, 3rd - £10

THE SIR RICHARD HADDON SUPREME CHALLENGE CUP

For the champion ploughman who lives within, or is based within,
or who works regularly within the limits of the Association
(15 mile radius from Maidenhead Town Hall).

THE SIR BENJAMIN RYECROFT CHALLENGE CUP

For the overall champion ploughman

THE READING MERCURY CHALLENGE CUP

For the winner of Class 1 (Horse ploughing)

THE R. H. MUIR CHALLENGE CUP

For the winner of Class 2 (trailed ploughing)

THE HEADLAND CHALLENGE CUP

For the winner of Class 3 (Hydraulic ploughing)

THE A. N. DIXON CHALLENGE CUP

For the winner of Class 4 (Ferguson ploughing)

THE BARRIE WOOLFORD CHALLENGE ROSE BOWL

For the winner of Class 5 (Open conventional ploughing)

THE NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK SALVER

For the winner of Class 6 (Conventional match ploughing)

THE POTTER BROS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP

For the winner of Class 7 (Reversible ploughing 2, 3 and 4 furrows)

THE COVENT GARDEN CHALLENGE CUP

For the winner of Class 8 (Reversible ploughing 5 furrows)

THE HEELAS CHALLENGE CUP

For the winner of Class 9 (Reversible ploughing 6+ furrows)

THE THIMBLEBY AND SHORLAND CHALLENGE CUP

For the winner of Class 10 (Classic Reversible ploughing)

THE STRUTT & PARKER CHALLENGE CUP

For the best finish

THE MARSHALL ROBERTS CHALLENGE CUP

For the best work done by a Young Farmers Club member

THE BRITISH ANZANI CHALLENGE CUP

For the best work done by a ploughman under 30

THE VANISTART NEALE CHALLENGE CUP

For the best ploughing done by an employee of a sponsor or trade stand

THE STUART AND GARETH WILCOX CHALLENGE TROPHY

For the best maintained tractor in Classes 11, 12, and 13 competing in
the Ploughing Match

PLOUGHING CLASSES

- CLASS 1** **Horse ploughing**
For horse-drawn ploughs
- CLASS 2** **Trailed ploughing**
For vintage or classic tractors and trailed ploughs
- CLASS 3** **Hydraulic ploughing**
For all types of 2 or 3 furrow conventional mounted ploughs manufactured before 1976 (except match ploughs) and vintage or classic tractors.
- CLASS 4** **Ferguson ploughing**
For Ferguson tractors and Ferguson 2-furrow ploughs.
- CLASS 5** **Open conventional ploughing**
For all types of 3 or more furrow conventional ploughs except match ploughs
- CLASS 6** **Conventional match ploughing**
For 2 or 3 furrow conventional match ploughs .
- CLASS 7** **Reversible ploughing 2, 3 and 4 furrows**
For 2, 3 and 4 furrow reversible ploughs
- CLASS 8** **Reversible ploughing 5 furrows**
For 5 furrow reversible ploughs
- CLASS 9** **Reversible ploughing 6+ furrows**
For reversible ploughs with 6 or more furrows
- CLASS 10** **Classic reversible 2 furrows**
For reversible ploughs with manual turnover and tractor models first manufactured in or before 1976