

Henley & District Agricultural Association

PLOUGHING MATCH SCHEDULE



Sunday 4th October 2026
Red Lion Farm, Britwell Salome, OX49 5LG
(by kind permission of the Mearns Family & Mary Roadnight)



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Judges: D. Kerry S. Treadgold
 M. Stevens D. Howe
Stewards: tbc

CUPS & TROPHIES

Winners of cups and trophies will be required to sign for their receipt.

Engraving will be at the winner's own cost

PLEASE NOTE

- **COMPETITORS IN ALL CLASSES ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF ALL CURRENT HEALTH & SAFETY REGULATIONS THAT APPLY, AND ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THIRD PARTY INSURANCE**
- **THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR HORSES AND VEHICLES AND ANY IMPLEMENTS THAT THEY MAY BRING TO THE PLOUGHING MATCH**
- **ALL TRACTORS ENTERED IN THE PLOUGHING MATCH MUST BE COVERED BY PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE ON THE DAY OF THE PLOUGHING MATCH**
- **NO COMPETITORS UNDER THE AGE OF 17 YEARS ON THE DAY OF THE PLOUGHING MATCH**

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 1 All tractors shall be covered by Public Liability Insurance and, if used on the Public Highway to reach or leave the event, be fully taxed and insured
- 2 All tractors must be driven at walking pace only when driven on site.
- 3 The tractor will carry only **ONE** person, regardless of type of seat fitted.
- 4 Care should be taken when reversing or attaching implements, especially when the general public are around.
- 5 When tractors are not in motion and their engines are not running, they should be supervised by the owner to ensure that the public do not tamper with the machines in such a way as to endanger themselves or other spectators.
- 6 When tractors are not in motion and their engines are running, the owner or his representative shall be in attendance at all times.

Entrance Fee: Class 301 – 307 £15.00

Prizes 1st £20.00 2nd £15.00 3rd £10.00

Classes:

- 301** Open Class for Match Ploughs (*any number of furrows*).
This class is exempt from the Championship
The Greenmore Trophy & The Paddy Horler Perpetual Salver for Best Work
- 302** Open Class for Conventional Ploughs (any number of furrows)
The Charlie Belcher Memorial Perpetual Cup
- 303** Reversible Ploughs (not more than 5 furrows)
The Michael Colston Perpetual Cup
- 304** Vintage Tractors (25 years or older) Hydraulic
The George Druce Perpetual Challenge Cup
- 305** Vintage Tractors – Trailed 25 years or older
The David Sarney Perpetual Trophy
- 306** Vintage Tractor – Amateur status (*not placed first in any Ploughing Competition*)
The Arthur Aldridge Cup
- 307** Grey Fergie Class (open to grey Fergusons, conventional ploughs any number of furrows)
The McCloskey Cup

Cups and Shields:

Gilbert Barret	Best work by a Young Farmer Club member (The winner of this cup will also be offered a contribution towards their expenses to enter the National Ploughing Comps)
Drewitt Memorial	Best opening
Lister Wilder Cup	Best work by a Grey Ferguson tractor
Ewelme Park	Best work by a Ploughman (excluding Class 301)
Christopher George Memorial Cup	Best work by a Massey Ferguson tractor
Ron Vines Cup	Best work done by a young ploughman aged 17 years (<i>on the day of the Ploughing match</i>) to 20 years
Michael Hunt Cup	Best finish
Best maintained Tractor over 25 years	Donated by the late Mr Martin Vines

JUDGES METHOD OF SCORING

CONVENTIONAL PLOUGHS

OPENING	20
Well cut, uniform & straight	
START (11 or 12 furrows)	20
Uniform level and straightness	
SEED BED	20
Weed control & soil made available	
FIRMNESS	20
Firm, well packed furrows, no holes	
UNIFORMITY	20
Clearly defined furrows	
Straightness & no pairing of furrows	
FINISH	20
Uniform, shallow & straightness	
INS & OUT	20
Neat, accurate & regular	
STRAIGHTNESS	20
Straightness of the whole plot	
GENERAL APPEARANCE	20
Workmanship & general appearance of the whole plot	

REVERSIBLE PLOUGHS

OPENING	20
Well cut, uniform & straight	
START (8 or 9 furrows)	20
Uniform, level & straightness	
SEED BED	20
Weed control & soil made available	
FIRMNESS	20
Firm, well packed furrows, no holes	
UNIFORMITY	20
Clearly defined furrows	
Straightness & no pairing of furrows	
JOINING FURROW & BUTTS	20
Neat, accurate with no dips or mounds	
FINISH (Last 15 or 16 furrows) Uniform, shallow & straightness	20
ACCURACY OF FINAL FURROW	20
Close to the first furrow with no	
INS & OUTS	20
Neat, accurate & regular	
STRAIGHTNESS	20
Straightness of the whole plot	
GENERAL APPEARANCE	20
Workmanship & general appearance of the plot	

Note: Seedbed, firmness & uniformity cover the whole plot, i.e. start furrows, 15 or 16 furrows

FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS

Two-wheel marks	20 points penalty
Finish wrong way	20 points penalty
Depth infringement	20 points per cm less than specified
depth	
Rolling	20 points penalty
Incorrect number of furrows at finish	20 points penalty
Failure to finish opening on time	2 points per minute or part of minute
Failure to finish plot by finishing signal over time	10 points per minute or part minute
Failure to adhere to safety policy	Disqualification

Any other penalties will be decided by the Executive Committee

SOCIETY OF PLOUGHMEN RULES FOR PLOUGHING

1 Ploughs

- a Tractor ploughs to be fitted with skimmers (except oat seed furrow ploughs)
- b Tailpieces are allowed. In reversible and conventional ploughing – the maximum size to be 26cm long and 22cm wide; the end tail piece to be no more than 32cm from the end of the mouldboard.
- c Plough bodies can be raised or lowered but cannot be tipped up out of the 'ploughing' position except in reversible ploughing
- d All plough bodies must be used when ploughing to finish
- e Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are not allowed

2 Vintage Ploughs:

The bodies fitted must have been designed for the plough at the time of manufacture. Modified shares, adjustable stays, extended axles and quick entry top links are allowed. Two-piece mouldboard extensions, hydraulic top links and draw bars are not allowed. Classic Ploughs: As per Vintage Ploughs except that two-piece mouldboard extensions are permitted.
mounted ploughs and plough bodies in production before 31 December 1976
Skimmers and tailpieces optional
Tailpieces should not be adapted to manipulate the furrows or scratches

3 Time allowed

- a Tractor ploughing – 20 mins from opening. Horse ploughing 30 mins from opening
Penalty for failure to finish opening on time – 2 points per minute, or part of minute
- b Tractor ploughing – 40 minutes to judge opening. Horse ploughing – 30 minutes to judge opening c
Tractor ploughing – 3 hours to complete the plot
- d Vintage ploughing – 4 hours to complete the plot
- e Horse ploughing – 4 hours to complete the plot
- f 15 minutes extra time for any cast-off done after the ploughing has commenced
- g **Penalty for failure to finish plot at finishing signal – 10 points per minute, or part minute**
30 minutes allowed for a delay due to a breakdown on route or in field.

4 Opening

- a Conventional ploughing – double opening – no land shall be left unturned
- b Reversible ploughing – single furrow opening with right-hand bodies
- c In vintage ploughing on grassland – there is no opening

5 Start

- a Conventional ploughing – start to consist of 11 or 12 furrows
- b Reversible ploughing – start to consist of 8 or 9 furrows
- c Horse ploughing – start to consist of 8 furrows
- d Competitors to cast towards the next highest number plot

6 Finish

- a Conventional ploughing – finish to consist of last 8 furrows
- b Reversible ploughing – finish to consist of last 15 or 16 furrows (i.e. 3 furrow ploughs – 15 furrows, 2 or 4 furrow ploughs – 16 furrows). Incorrect number of furrows – **penalty 20 points deduction.**
- c Horse ploughing – finish to consist of last 8 furrows
- d In conventional, tractor and horse ploughing – the last furrow to be ploughed towards the competitor's own start except in reversible ploughing

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7 Depth

Depth to be reached on completion of start and adhered to until commencing the finish

- a Reversible and conventional tractor ploughing – minimum depth 20 cm
- b Classic vintage tractor ploughing – minimum depth 17cm
- c Trailing and hydraulic vintage tractor ploughing – minimum depth 15 cm
- d Oat seed furrow and horse ploughing – minimum depth 13 cm

8 Reversible ploughing

- a The competitor should make a scratch for his last 15 or 16 furrows whilst openings are being judged
- b Plough 8 or 9 furrows towards the lower numbered plot
- c Start at the next highest number and complete his 'butts'
- d Complete the last 15 or 16 furrows (15 furrows – 3 furrow plough; 16 furrows – 2 or 4 furrow ploughs)
- e Alternate bodies to be used at all times. Each run to be completed before the plough is turned over.
- f The use of a sighting poles at the start of the butts is not allowed
- g When ploughing the butts, competitors cannot travel to the end of the plot to turn

9 Vintage ploughing

- a Plough bodies must be made for the plough at the time of manufacture
- b

10 Horse ploughing

- a Competitors can use one or two horses at the finish
- b Leading of horses by one assistant is permitted
- c Horses must not be left unattended on the headland
- d In general purpose ploughing, all competitors must make a double openingsplit

11 General

- a The first and second runs next to the neighbours plot will be allowed as straightening furrows and will not be judged if the neighbours ploughing is crooked or below the normal standard
- b** Rolling with the tractor wheels is not allowed – **penalty 20 points**
- c Twin tractor wheels is not allowed
- d Three sighting poles only (one can be placed on the headland) – assistance to set and remove is allowed. **No other assistance allowed** – including no assistance by signal, radio contact, mobile phone or any other method
- e Handling, treading or shaping of scratches or furrows is not allowed, except in oat seed furrow ploughing and horse ploughing where scratches may be handled but not removed
- f Only one tractor and plough wheelmark allowed at the finish in tractor ploughing
- g The Global Positioning Technology, laser beams, or any other electronic or computerised measuring devices are not allowed
- h Only the competitor is allowed to clean the plot of straw, stones etc
- i** Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official or fellow competitor is not acceptable and will be penalised. **Penalty 20 points deduction**

12 Final decision

Any questions arising and not provided for in these rules shall be decided by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding