

**OPEN PLOUGHING MATCH**  
**At**  
**Farnborough Downs Farm**  
**(By kind permission of The Hon Jessica White)**

**Saturday 8th March 2008**  
**Ploughing will begin at 9 a.m.**

**SCHEDULE**

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**SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**  
**HORSE CLASSES (9.00 a.m.)\***

- CLASS 1** General Purpose - Horse drawn  
**CLASS 2** Novice - Horse drawn (Must not have won a prize at a recognised competition)

**TRACTOR CLASSES (9.00 a.m.)\***

All classes under the Society of Ploughmen Rules  
(Except Class 6)

- CLASS 3** Vintage – trailed.  
**CLASS 4** Vintage – mounted.  
**CLASS 5** Conventional ploughs.  
Mounted or Semi mounted plough  
**CLASS 6** Reversible plough. (N. & D.A.S. rules)  
**CLASS 7** Reversible plough.  
**CLASS 8** Novice ploughman - 13 to 20 years of age  
**CLASS 9** Match ploughs.

\* **N.B.** Competitors must arrive not less than 30 minutes before the start of their class.

**ENTRY FEE:** £8 inc. VAT

Closing date for entries – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008

**PRIZE MONEY:** 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10 (Prize cards to fourth place)

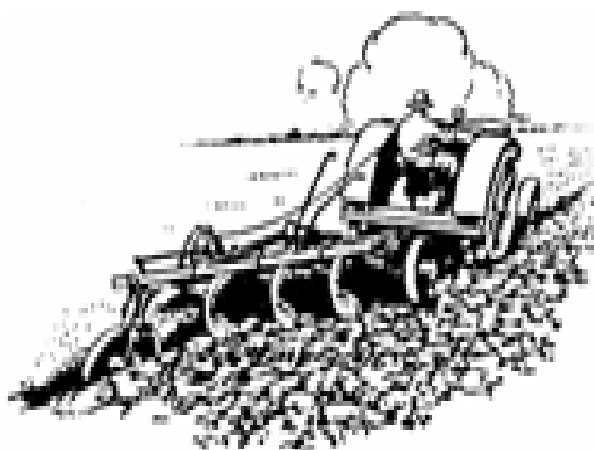
**PRIZEGIVING:** 3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

## TROPHIES:

<b>The B.S.Povey Cup</b>	(119) - Champion
<b>The James &amp; Cowper Cup</b>	(137) - Reserve Champion
<b>The Welford Park Cup</b>	(225) - Champion Novice
<b>Lloyds Bank Trophy</b>	(242) - Champion Horse Team
<b>The Gerald Fisher Agricultural Machinery Cup</b>	Best Ploughing by a Lady
<b>The John Day Cup</b>	(121) - winner of Class 5
<b>The M.Lawrence Cup</b>	(140) - winner of Class 6
<b>The Oakes Brothers Cup</b>	(138) - winner of Class 7
<b>The Walter Wilder Cup</b>	(139) - winner of Class 8
<b>The P.J.S. Cup</b>	(120) - Champion Vintage Ploughing

## Field Layout

- 1) Tramlines– Plots will be ploughed at 90 degrees across tramlines where possible.
- 2) Plot sizes applicable to Vintage  
Length - Max 100 metres; Min 60 metres.  
Width - Max 16 metres; Min 12 metres.
- 3) Headland width will be a minimum of 15 metres.



## **RULES CLASSES 1 -6**

### **1. PLOUGHS**

- a) Tractor ploughs to be fitted with skimmers (except oat seed furrow ploughs).
- b) Tailpieces are allowed - the maximum size to be 26cm long and 22cm wide.
- c) The end of tailpiece to be no more than 32cm from the end of the mouldboard.
- c) Plough bodies must be in a 'ploughing' position at all times.
- d) All plough bodies must be used when finishing.
- e) Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are not allowed.

### **2. TIME ALLOWED**

- a) 20 minutes for opening.
- b) 30 minutes for opening to be judged.
- c) All ploughing must be complete by 2pm.
- d) At the finishing signal a competitor can complete the run without stopping.

### **PENALTY FOR FAILING TO FINISH - DISQUALIFICATION.**

### **3. OPENING**

Conventional & Reversible (right hand bodies) ploughing - double opening - no land shall be left unturned.

Rules as above to apply with the addition of the following NDAS rules:-

- a) The ploughman will make a double split opening and then plough three times round his crown using right hand bodies only.
- b) After the opening split has been judged, the ploughman proceeds to his next highest number and will plough back to his own crown with alternate bodies.

### **4. START**

- a) Conventional & Reversible ploughing - start to consist 3 turns around the crown.
- c) Horse ploughing - start consists of 8 furrows.
- d) Competitors to cast towards the next highest numbered plot.

## 5. **FINISH**

- a) Conventional ploughing - finish to consist of last 3 Bouts.
- b) Reversible ploughing - finish to consist of last 3 Bouts (i.e. 3 furrow ploughs - 15 furrows, 2 or 4 furrow ploughs - 16 furrows).
- c) Horse ploughing - finish to consist of last 8 furrows
- d) Last furrow to be ploughed towards competitor's own start.
- e) Driving around plots is not allowed.
- f) All bodies to be used (right hand only).

## 6. **DEPTH**

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

- b) Tractor ploughing - minimum depth 20cm.
- c) Vintage tractor ploughing - minimum depth 15cm.
- d) Horse ploughing - minimum depth 13cm.

## 7. **ONE-WAY PLOUGHING - REVERSIBLE PLOUGHS**

- a) The competitor should make a scratch for his last 15 or 16 furrows whilst openings are being judged.

**After the opening split has been judged, the competitor proceeds to:**

- 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 ploughs; 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 sighting poles at the start of the butts is not allowed.

## 8. **VINTAGE PLOUGHING**

- a) Plough bodies must be made for the plough at the time of manufacture.
- b) Skimmers and tailpieces optional.
- c) Tailpieces should not be adapted to manipulate the furrows or scratches.

## 9. **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 opening split.

## 10. GENERAL

- a) Rolling not allowed
- b) Twin tractor wheels not allowed
- c) Three sighting poles only - assistance to set and remove is allowed. No other assistance allowed. Handling, treading or shaping of scratches or furrows is not allowed (for exception see rule 8b).
- d) Only one wheel mark allowed at the finish in tractor ploughing.
- e) Discs / skimmers / tailpieces are optional and can be of a different make.
- f) Weights can be used on tractors or ploughs.
- g) Quick entry or slotted top links are allowed.
- h) Extended wheel axles are allowed.
- i) Screw adjustments on cross shafts are allowed.
- j) Modified plough shares are allowed.
- k) Only approved manufacturers diesel engine conversions are allowed.
- l) Hydraulic top links and other hydraulic rams are not allowed.(I.e.Vari-width)
- m) Chains and lats are not allowed.
- n) Drawbars with hydraulic movement are not allowed.

## 11. FINAL DECISION

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

## JUDGES METHOD OF SCORING

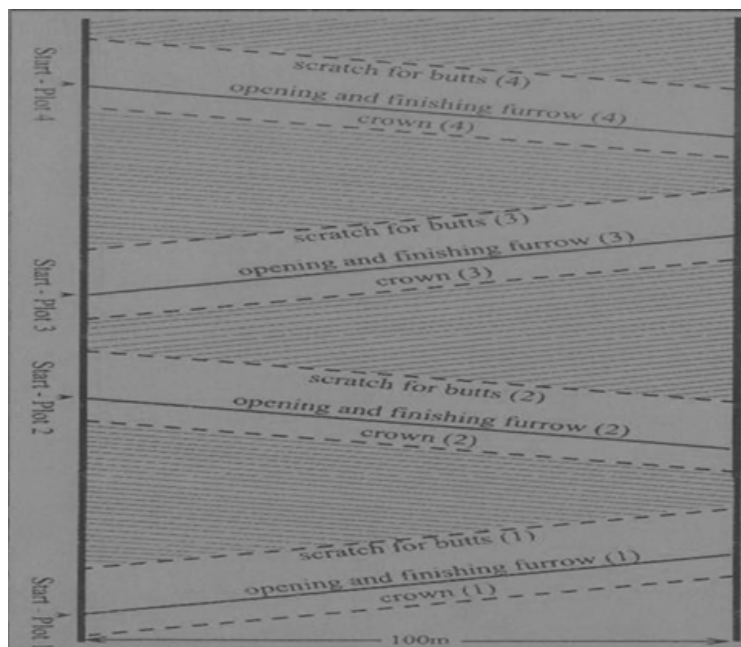
Reversible Ploughs	Max Points
<b>OPENING</b> - Well cut, uniform and straight	20
<b>START</b> (8 or 9 furrows) - Uniform, level and straightness	40
<b>SEED BED</b> - Weed control and use of skimmers	40
<b>FIRMNESS</b> - Firm and no holes	
<b>UNIFORMITY</b> - Uniform furrows and straightness	40
<b>BUTTS</b> - Neat and accurate	20
<b>FINISH</b> (last 15 or 16 furrows) - Uniform, shallow and straightness	
<b>ACCURACY OF FINAL FURROW</b> –	
Neat and accurate	10
<b>INS AND OUTS</b> - Neat and accurate	20

<b>Conventional Ploughs</b>	<b>Max. Points</b>
<b>OPENING</b> - Well cut, uniform and straight	20
<b>START</b> (11 or 12 furrows)	
Uniform, level and straightness	40
<b>SEED BED</b> - Weed control and use of skimmers	40
<b>FIRMNESS</b> - Firm and no holes	40
<b>UNIFORMITY</b> - Uniform furrows and straightness	40
<b>FINISH</b> (last 8 furrows) - Uniform, shallow and straightness	40
<b>ACCURACY OF FINAL FURROW</b> - Neat and accurate	10
<b>INS AND OUTS</b> - Neat and accurate	20

**PENALTY DEDUCTIONS**

- Two wheel marks - 20 points penalty
- Finish wrong way - 20 points penalty
- Depth infringement - 25 points per 1/2inch below specified depth. Failure to report for Plough-Off Parade - 25 point penalty

**SYSTEM FOR REVERSIBLE PLOUGHING**  
Class 7



## **2008 COMMITTEE**

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### **March 2008 Judges**

Kindly judged by Surrey Farmers Club.

The Society and Landowner accept no responsibility for loss of, or damage to, property on the day.

Cars parked at owner's risk.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

All entrants are reminded that current health and safety rules require that a suitable assessment of the risks to the health and safety of all persons is made by the operator of any undertaking. This means that entrants should have considered this, especially in relation to spectators and officials who may not be as familiar with ploughing techniques and tractor usage.