



1st WORLD VINTAGE PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Crockey Hill, York, England ~ 10 & 11 September 2016

May 2015

Dear Friends

The 1st World Vintage Ploughing Championships will be held on the same days as the World Ploughing Contest at Crockey Hill, near York, North Yorkshire on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September 2016.

Full details and entry forms will be sent out early in 2016, but we thought you would like to know what our provisional plans are for the event. We hope that the arrival day for competitors and officials will be Thursday 8th September when the teams for each country (two ploughmen and one coach) will be accommodated at York Racecourse in rooms for 3 persons. Unfortunately, there will not be any additional accommodation at the Racecourse for visitors, so any visitors would have to arrange their own accommodation – it is in the city of York, so there is plenty nearby – or alternatively they can book on the short visitors programme we will put together for the World Contest where accommodation is only approximately 3 miles away.

Official practice will be on Friday 9th September and all coaches will act as Head Stewards at the World Vintage Ploughing Championships. The Society of Ploughmen will provide all judges – there will be four judges who are experienced in vintage ploughing chosen from England, Scotland and Wales who will judge individually, with different judges each day.

The Society of Ploughmen would like to see as many as possible ploughing with their own equipment but will organise the loan of tractors and ploughs for ploughmen who are unable to bring their own. The rules for the event are enclosed - these rules have been used at our own National Championships for over 20 years. Please note the age of the equipment allowed.

Each country is invited to send one trailer/drag ploughman and one hydraulic/mounted ploughman. All ploughmen will plough in the same class but prize cards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be given to the competitors in each section with a trophy for the best ploughman in each section overall. A large trophy will be given to the ploughman with the most points over the two days and he will be declared the World Vintage Ploughing Champion.

At this time, we are unable to find a sponsor for the event, so we intend to charge £195 each person towards the costs for the event. However, should we find a sponsor before we send out final details, then this fee will be reviewed.

Please complete and return the attached form to help us to finalise details for the event and enable us to send entry details to the correct person.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries which aren't covered above and we look forward to welcoming your ploughmen in September next year.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely
THE SOCIETY OF PLOUGHMEN LIMITED

KEN CHAPPELL MBE
Executive Director

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

(subject to change)

Thursday 8 September	12.00 – 15.00	Check in
	17.00	Depart to Accommodation
	19.00	Welcome Reception
	20.30	Draw for Practice Plots
Friday 9 September	0700	Breakfast
	0800	Depart to site
	0900	Official Practice begins
	16.00	Official Practice ends
	17.00	Return to Accommodation
	19.00	Dinner
Saturday 10 September	20.30	Draw for plots
	07.00	Breakfast
	08.00	Depart to site
	09.00	Parade to plots
	10.00	Commence ploughing
	10.20	Stop ploughing to judge opening split
	11.00	Commence ploughing
	15.00	Ploughing ends
	17.00	Return to accommodation
	19.00	Dinner
Sunday 11 September	20.30	Draw for plots
	07.00	Breakfast
	08.00	Depart to site
	09.00	Parade to plots
	10.00	Commence ploughing
	10.20	Stop ploughing to judge opening split
	11.00	Commence ploughing
	15.00	Ploughing ends
	16.30	Presentation of trophies and announcement of
	results	
	17.30	Return to accommodation
	19.00	Dinner
Monday 12 September	07.00	Breakfast
		Return to homelands



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Please complete the form below to indicate if you would interested in sending competitors to plough in the 1st World Vintage Ploughing Championships in 2016.

Country _____

Person to contact _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Please tick if you are interested in entering:

Trailing/Drag class _____ Hydraulic/Mounted class _____

Do you think your ploughmen would: **bring their own tractor?** _____ **and plough?** _____

Or would they: **require the loan of a tractor?** _____ **and plough?** _____

(we know this could be liable to change – but this would give us an indication of how many we may need to loan)

Invitations and entry forms will be sent to you in January 2016.

Please complete and return to:

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RULES FOR VINTAGE PLOUGHING

1. **TRACTOR**
In both trailing/drag and mounted plough classes, all models of tractor must have been in production **before 31st December, 1959.**
2. **PLOUGHS**
 - a. Trailing/drag plough class – any trailing plough is eligible.
 - b. Mounted plough class – any mounted plough, except Fiskars, Kvemeland Super Hydrien and Ransomes Bonning, in production **before 31st December 1959**
 - c. Plough bodies to have been made for the plough at time of manufacture and to be in production **before 31st December 1959.**
 - d. Skimmers and one-piece tailpieces are optional – no other attachments allowed.
 - e. Tailpieces should not be more than 22cm long from the end of the mouldboard and 11cm wide and can only be adjusted by the mouldboard bolts.
 - f. Plough bodies can be raised or lowered but cannot be raised out of the 'ploughing' position.
 - g. All plough bodies to be used when ploughing the finish.
 - h. Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are not allowed.
3. **TIME ALLOWED**
 - a. 20 minutes for opening. **Penalty for failure to finish opening on time – 2 points per minute or part minute.**
 - b. 40 minutes for openings to be judged.
 - c. 4 hours to complete the plot. **Penalty for failure to finish the plot at finishing signal – 10 points per minute or part minute**
 - d. 15 minutes for any cast-off made after commencement of ploughing.
 - e. Maximum of one hour only allowed for a breakdown.
4. **OPENING**
 - a. Double opening – no land left unturned.
 - b. On grassland there is no opening. On grassland, scratches may be handled but not removed.
5. **START**
 - a. The start shall consist of 11 or 12 furrows.
 - b. Competitors must cast towards the next highest numbered plot.
6. **FINISH**
 - a. The finish shall consist of the last 8 furrows.
 - b. Last furrow to be cast towards competitors' own start.
7. **DEPTH**
Depth to be reached on completion of start and adhered to until commencing the finish. Minimum depth 15 cm.
8. **GENERAL**
 - a. The first and second runs next to the neighbours' plot will be allowed as straightening furrows and will not be judged.
 - b. Rolling of furrows or scratches is **not** allowed. **Penalty – 20 points deduction.**
 - c. Twin tractor wheels **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, shaping or treading of scratches or furrows is **not** allowed.
 - f. Only one tractor and one plough wheel mark allowed at the finish.
 - g. Only the competitor allowed to clean the plot of straw, stones, etc. Clearing stubble is not allowed and will be penalised.
 - h. Competitors must produce evidence of age of tractor if requested.
 - i. The use of Global Positioning Technology, laser beams or any other electronic or computerised measuring devices are not allowed.
 - j. Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official or fellow competitor is not acceptable. **Penalty – 20 points.**
9. **SAFETY**
 - a. Passengers not allowed on tractors or ploughs at any time.
 - b. Society of Ploughmen Safety Policy to be adhered to at all times.
10. **FINAL DECISION**
Any question arising and not provided for in these rules shall be decided by the Society of Ploughmen Executive Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.

JUDGES METHOD OF SCORING – VINTAGE PLOUGHS

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

FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS

Two tractor 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
Failure to finish opening on time	2 points per minute or part minute over time
Failure to finish plot by finishing signal	10 points per minute or part minute over time
Abuse of officials or fellow competitors	20 points penalty
Failure to adhere to the Safety Policy	Disqualification

Any other penalty deduction will be decided by the Society of Ploughmen Executive Committee

VINTAGE PLOUGHING GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITORS

1. Discs/skimmers/tailpieces can be of different make.
2. Weights can be used on tractors or ploughs.
3. Adjustable stays on plough mouldboards are allowed.
4. Quick entry or slotted top links are allowed.
5. Extended wheel axles are allowed.
6. Screw adjustments on cross shafts are allowed.
7. Modified plough shares are allowed.
8. Diesel engine conversions are allowed.
9. Hydraulic top links and other hydraulic rams are not allowed.
10. Stubble chains, or any other attachment used to bury stubble, are not allowed.
11. Two-piece adjustable tailpieces are not allowed.
12. Draw-bars with hydraulic movement not allowed.
13. Four wheel drive conversions not allowed.
14. A list of eligible tractors is available from the Society of Ploughmen on request.