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Dear Entrant

I am delighted to enclose details for the 2026 ploughing match which will be held on Saturday 12th September 2026 at Hengehurst Farm, Shadoxhurst Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26 3PP by kind permission of John & Gillian Weller, the Lovejoy Farm Partnership and the Heathcote Family.

Upon your arrival, please follow the road signs for the 'PLOUGHS IN' entrance and do not use the main car park entrance.

Please be on the ground at 8.00am, on your plot at 8.30am, for a start time of 9am. (Lateness will result in a 5-point penalty). You have 3 hours to complete the plot (excluding ½ hour to judge your opening) which will then be judged, and the scores displayed once available outside the secretary's tent.

- CLASS 1 Conventional Run-round Ploughs including match ploughs.
- CLASS 2 Classic Ploughs and Tractors (Both tractor and plough must have been in production before 31st December 1976)
- VINTAGE A Open Trailed Vintage Ploughs (Both tractor and plough must have been in production before 31st December 1959)
- VINTAGE B Local Trailed Vintage Ploughs (as above)
- VINTAGE C Mounted Vintage Ploughs for Ferguson Tractors and Ploughs only.
- VINTAGE D Open Mounted Vintage Ploughs (Both tractor and plough must have been in production before 31st December 1959)
- CLASS 3 Open Reversible Ploughs
- CLASS 4 Local Reversible Ploughs of 2-4 Furrows
- CLASS 5 Local Reversible Ploughs 5 or more Furrows
- CLASS 7 SOUTH EASTERN Single Furrow Horticultural ploughs CHAMPIONSHIP 10am – 2pm

Novice This class is open to people who have never ploughed before or very little, and for young ploughman that want to enter under the age of 17. All entrants must have a certificate of competence to be able to enter this class. For the novice class, you will be allowed 4 hours to complete the plot (excluding ½ hour to judge your opening). **This class will be free to enter.** If you won this class last year, please enter the local alternative.

NB: If you won Class Vintage B, Vintage C, Class 4 or Class 5 with us in the last 4 years, you would need to select the open class alternative. Please make sure you enter the CORRECT Class; any doubts please speak to me or the Chief Ploughing Steward in advance of sending in your entry – Chief Steward James Forknall – 07860 619587

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 31st AUGUST 2026

NOTE: No entry will be accepted without entry fee enclosed

The plough-off for all classes' winners (excluding Class 7) will commence at 1.30pm.

Should you be amongst the class winners please do not go and load up directly afterwards as there will be a parade of class winners in the ring followed by the presentation of the championship trophies

Prize money per class will be 1st £20, 2nd £15 and 3rd £10

For 2026 the ploughmen's lunch has kindly been sponsored by Batcheller Monkhouse

Finally on behalf of the Chairman and the Committee of the Association, I should like to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards
Mrs *Liz Miles*
Hon Secretary

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1. PLOUGHS

- a. Tractor ploughs to be fitted with skimmers.
- b. Tailpieces are allowed – the maximum size to be 26cm long and 22cm wide.
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. All competitors to be ready to start at 8.30am. Lateness will result in a 5-point penalty.
- b. Ploughing to start at 9.00am and all ground must be finished in 3 hours.**
- c. Failure to complete in allotted time will not receive any points for closing up and finishing.
- d. 15 minutes extra time for any cast-off done after the ploughing has commenced.
- e. At the finishing signal a competitor can complete the run without stopping.

PENALTY FOR FAILING TO FINISH - DISQUALIFICATION.

3. OPENING

- a. Conventional ploughing – double opening – no land shall be left unturned.
- b. Reversible ploughing – single furrow opening with right-hand bodies.

4. START

- a. Conventional ploughing – start to consist of 11 or 12 furrows.
- b. Reversible ploughing – start consists of 12 or 15 furrows, for Class 6 – 8 or 9 furrows.
- c. Horse Ploughing – start consists of 8 furrows
- c. Competitors to cast towards the next highest number plot.

5. 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 furrow ploughs – 16 furrows).
- d. Last furrow to be ploughed towards competitor's own start.

6. DEPTH

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

- a. Tractor ploughing – minimum depth 8 inches.

b. Vintage tractor ploughing – minimum depth 6 inches.

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 (Class 6 only).
After the opening split has been judged, the competitor proceeds to:
- b. Plough 8 or 9 furrows towards the lower numbered plot (Class 6 only).
- c. Start at the next highest number and complete his 'butts' (Class 6 only).
- d. Complete the last 15 or 16 furrows (15 furrows – 3 furrow ploughs; 16 furrows – 2 or 4 furrow plough.).
- 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. GENERAL

- a. Rolling not allowed – **penalty 20 points deduction.**
- b. Twin tractor wheels not allowed. c. Three sighting poles only – assistance to set and remove is allowed. No other assistance allowed.
- d. Handling, treading or shaping of scratches or furrows is not allowed (for exception see rule 8b).
- e. Only one wheel mark allowed at the finish in tractor ploughing.
- f. Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official of the WKPMA is not acceptable and will be penalized.
- g. The Association is fully aware of the legal requirements concerning the correct use of rebated fuel (red diesel) and the licensing of tractors. However, it is the responsibility of the individual concerned to ensure that they are operating within the law. For further guidance please refer to www.hmrc.gov.uk**

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.

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Rules for Ploughing

HORTICULTURAL PLOUGHING GUIDELINE FOR COMPETITORS

1. Discs/Skimmers/Tailpieces can be of a different make
2. Weights can be used on tractors and 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. Chains and lats are NOT allowed
9. Two-piece adjustable tailpieces are NOT allowed
10. Only approved manufacturer's diesel engines are allowed
11. Hydraulic top links and other hydraulic rams are NOT allowed
12. Drawbars with hydraulic movement are NOT allowed
13. Four-wheel drive conversions are NOT allowed

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Saturday 12th September 2026

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PLOUGHING CLASSES ENTRY FORM

(Please return to Little Charity, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3PS
– NOT the site address as your entry will NOT be accepted)

Name _____

Address _____

Contact Name _____ Contact Number _____

Email address _____

PLEASE PRE-BOOK LUNCH! If you don't book, then we will **NOT** supply lunch. Yes please/ No thanks

Do you have any dietary requirements for the pre-booked lunch? _____

Class	Tractor (make)	Plough (make)	Number of Furrows	Name of Entrant

Are you under 25 as of 12th September 2026? Yes / No

Have you won a class at this or any other match since 1 Nov 2022? Yes / No

Are an ex-Hadlow College Student? Yes / No

Are you a member of WKPMA? Yes / No

Are you, or are you employed by an agricultural contractor? Yes / No

Are you a member of a machinery ring? Yes / No

Are you a new competitor? Yes / No

I understand that acceptance of this entry is conditional upon my understanding of the WKPMA requirements for Health & Safety and agree to abide by them.

Signed _____

Entry Fee to include a 2-course lunch: WKPMA members £15 or non-members £20

Please make cheques payable to WKPMA, or BACS payment using Sort Code 60-06-18 and Account number 59011629

Should you win your class, Prize Giving will take place at Marden Sports Club on Wednesday 11th November 2026