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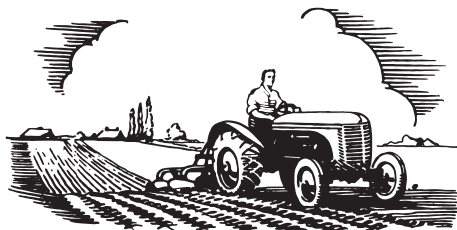


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Gun Dog Demonstrations	10:00am
Joe's Bows Country Sports, Bird of Prey Flying Display	10:30am
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Tossing the Sheaf Competition	11:45am
Joe's Bows Country Sports, Bird of Prey Flying Display	12:30pm
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Joe's Bows Country Sports, Bird of Prey Flying Display	3:00am
Terrier Racing	3:30pm
Presentations and Prize-Giving	4:30pm

Further attractions to be confirmed

RING 2

Forestry Demonstrations	All day
Dog Scurry	All day

Content subject to addition. Times may vary

Safety Officer: J. Simpson, Esq.

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ARTICLES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association to be known as the Weald of Kent Ploughing Match Association.
2. The main purpose to be to hold an annual Ploughing Match in the district and to organise Competitions to be held on the day of the Ploughing Match or at any other time of the year if more convenient.
3. These Competitions to be of such a nature as to stimulate interest in and test the ability of the Competitors in the highly skilled branches of agricultural and horticultural work more particularly associated with this district.
4. The Competitions will be mainly for Agricultural workers in the area covered by local classes of the Ploughing Match, i.e., competitors from the Parishes of Goudhurst, Kilndown, Cranbrook, Sissinghurst, Frittenden, Biddenden, Staplehurst, Headcorn, Marden, Collier Street, Horsmonden, Linton, Smarden, High Halden, Tenterden, Sandhurst, Rolvenden, Benenden, Hawkhurst, Matfield, Hunton, Paddock Wood, Lamberhurst, Chart Sutton, Sutton Valence, Brenchley, Newenden, East Peckham and Wittersham.
5. Members' annual subscription to be £15.00 which entitles them to reduced entry fees, free entry to shows, plus one complimentary ticket.
6. The Association to be run by an Executive Committee consisting of not less than 20 members.
7. The President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee to be elected yearly at the Annual General Meeting.
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So far as is reasonably practicable, the Weald of Kent Ploughing Match Association will do everything possible to ensure the safety of the general public, competitors, exhibitors and members during the Ploughing Match and during its preparation and dismantling.

The Committee of the Ploughing Match has appointed Mr. J S Simpson as Safety Officer.

The Safety Officer has the Committee's full authority to maintain safety. He will be in charge of all Health & Safety arrangements for the Ploughing Match and will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all safety standards and rules laid down, and with all safety legislation. All competitors, exhibitors and members will comply with the Safety Officer's directions and decisions on safety matters.

Notwithstanding any specific rule hereafter, **safety is the responsibility of all involved in the Ploughing Match in any way**, and anyone noticing anything which might be detrimental to Health & Safety must take immediate action to allay the situation and report it to the Safety Officer, or if unavailable directly to the Secretary's Tent.

RULES AND STANDARDS FOR HEALTH & SAFETY

1. **No one other than the Driver, and in particular, no child**, may ride in or on any tractor or similar vehicle designed to be occupied solely by the Driver. It is against the law for children under 13 to ride on or in a tractor or similar.
2. **Riders of ATVs should wear a helmet** complying with BS5361 or 1976, and should comply fully with the advice contained in HSE Safe use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in agriculture and forestry. Agricultural Information Sheet No 33 (Revision 1).
 - The use of ATVs on the site is only permitted in exceptional circumstances, or as part of an exhibit or trade stand, or where necessary for the management of the site.
 - No members of the public are permitted to access the site with any motorized vehicle other than for car-parking.
3. **Any plant, machinery or equipment, including ATVs** used on site before, during or after the Ploughing Match must only be operated by an adult fully trained in its use. Any use of equipment by anyone under 13 years of age is prohibited, except for ATVs etc. used for children's rides, which must be run subject to the requirements of the Code of Safe Practice at Fairs.
 - **Machines or vehicles left unattended must be immobilized** to prevent interference from unauthorised person(s).
 - **Plant or machinery** must only be operated or demonstrated after ensuring that adequate precautions are taken to protect the operator and bystanders. If any person encroaches into a danger area, operation should cease immediately. Unsafe operation will not be allowed and may lead to eviction from the site.
 - **Demonstration drivers** must be trained in the use of the machine they are operating and briefed on their use in areas of public access. The driver should be aware of when to stop the machine if a person(s) strays into an area of danger.
 - **Members of the public** must not be allowed to operate machinery in the demonstration areas; a working demonstration is not a training event. If manufacturers wish to allow access to visitors to drive their equipment then a separate demarcated area should be provided in which pedestrians are prohibited. Visitors must then be adequately briefed & supervised.
 - **Specific risk assessments must be in place by the exhibitor for any operation or demonstration of the machinery.**
4. **Any equipment supplied or lent, for use by the organizer, exhibitor or trade**, must comply fully with current legislation and standards relevant to its use, and must be properly maintained, particularly with regard to brakes, steering, tyres, horn, hydraulic pipes and connections, and electrical safety. No equipment should be used unless it is considered safe and is fully guarded, properly maintained and complies with relevant legislation.
5. **Static exhibits** must be erected in a way that ensures they present no risk to anyone during the event or during erection or dismantling. **In particular, any plant or machinery relying on oil pressure in a ram or similar device to support it must be physically propped to prevent collapse, irrespective of the type of safety device fitted to the hydraulic system.**

6. **Generators** – any generator used on site must be notified to the safety officer or secretary and may be subject to random checks throughout the period on site. Generators should be situated away from all flammable materials. Fuel for generators must be stored in suitable sealed containers out of direct sunlight. Quantities of fuel must be kept to a minimum. All installations must comply with current relevant legislation and guidance.
7. **Steam vessels and boilers must have undergone a recent inspection** and bear a label indicating the date of inspection and the name of the inspector. Boilers must hold a current boiler certificate and appropriate insurance.
8. **Temporary structures** – including marquees, gazebos, buildings, information boards, serving counters/tables, fences and gates must be soundly constructed, erected and safe for their intended purpose and comply with any relevant current guidance. (Standard guidance is available in the Institution of Structural Engineers document “Temporary Demountable Structures: Guidance on design, procurement and use”). **Exhibitors must give regard to the stability of their exhibits and ensure that they are secured against collapse. Where appropriate (e.g. in the case of marquees etc.) contractors will be asked to provide details of safe wind loading to enable suitable action to be taken in the case of adverse weather. All marquees under the control of the show committee are erected by an approved contractor/supplier. A representative of the supplying company will be available to deal with any problems during the match.**
9. **Fairground devices** must be operated subject to the requirements of the Code of Safe Practice at Fairs; operators may be required to give written assurance that the code is understood and is being observed. The operator must have appropriate insurance (public liability minimum £10,000,000 cover).
10. **Liquid petroleum gas appliances** used on site must have been recently examined and tested by a competent person and bear a label showing the date of examination and name of examiner. Their use will not be permitted unless this has been done, and they may at any time be inspected by the Safety Officer to check this. LPG must not be used in enclosed spaces. Cylinders must be secure and upright at all times.
11. **Fire extinguishers. All stand holders must carry or have available a fire extinguisher on their stand, recently tested and labelled as such. Stand-holders and their staff should know:**
 - (a) Where it is kept or stored.
 - (b) How to use it.
12. All exhibitors must take into account **“Work at Height Regulations”** at all times, especially when erecting and dismantling structures and exhibits.
13. **Horses**
 - (a) Handlers and rider must be experienced or have basic training in handling horses.
 - (b) The relevant steward must be informed of any novice horse, handler or rider participating (novice means not having attended more than three shows).
 - (c) The presence of any stallion must be notified to the relevant steward.
 - (d) No horse shall be left unattended at any time and, when not wearing a bridle, horses must wear a headstall or halter with which a lead-rein must be used when the horse is not tethered.
 - (e) No person shall do anything that may cause a horse to become frightened or to be a danger to persons or other horses.
 - (f) All harness, tack and equipment must be in safe, sound condition and may be inspected by the stewards or Safety Officer.
 - (g) Riders must wear hats complying with relevant BSS.
14. Other animals including livestock on display are the responsibility of their owners and must be kept under control at all times. Dogs (except when parading, working or performing) must be kept on leads.

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The opening split run (1) must be done with the right-hand bodies.

The opening split is now judged before any further ploughing. Turn around leave bodies in right-hand position and do run (2).

The top edge of the front furrow on the first run of the opening split should be exactly in line with the furrow wall made on the opening run (1).

Turn around and do run (3) which throws furrows against those from run (2).

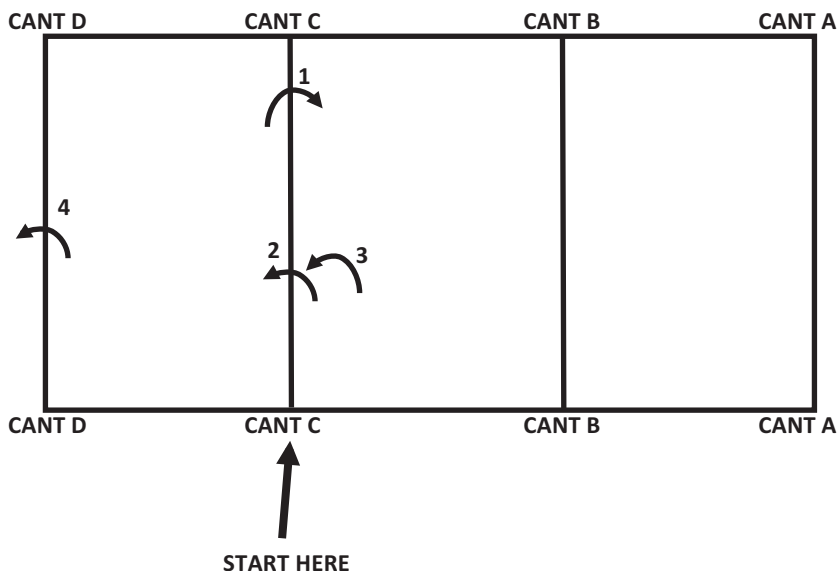
Proceed this way until you have got 12 to 15 furrows.

Depending on plough size, that then completes your start. Then complete your plot back to your opening.

The last run should leave all ground ploughed with a clean open furrow and no ground re-ploughed. The plough must be reversed at each end except after the opening split.

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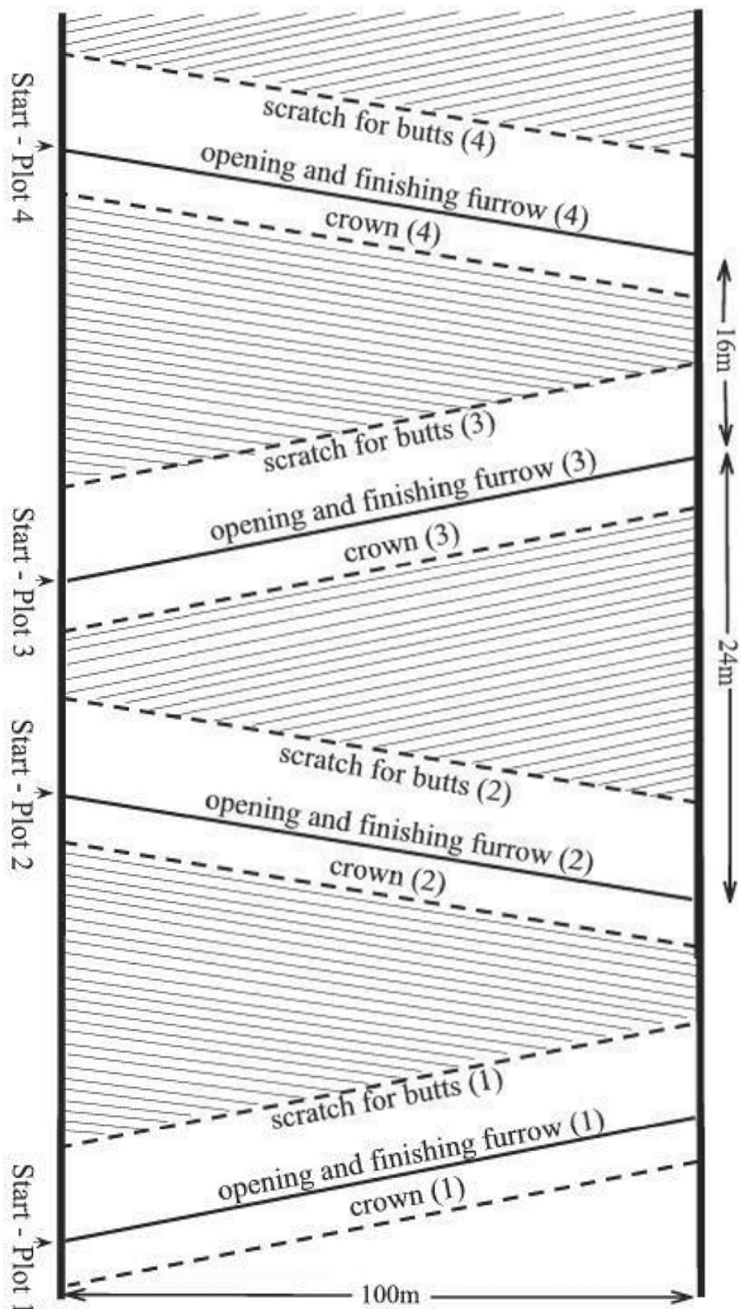
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PLAN OF REVERSIBLE PLOUGHING PLOTS – CLASS 6

Not to scale. Standard plot size - 100 metres x 16/24 metres



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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 8am.
- b. Ploughing to start at 8.30am 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.

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 – start to consist of 8 or 9 furrows.
- c. Horse ploughing – start consists of 8 furrows.
- d. 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 (ie 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.

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. REVERSIBLE PLOUGHS

a. The competitor should make a scratch for his last 19 or 20 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 19 or 20 furrows (20 or 21 for 3 furrows).
- 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.
- g. The use of "Vari-Width" 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 – 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 wheelmark allowed at the finish in tractor ploughing.
- f. Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official of the Society of Ploughmen is not acceptable and will be penalised.
- g. The WKPMA is fully aware of the rules and regulations concerning the use of rebated (red) diesel, and the licensing requirements thereof. However, it is the responsibility of the individual concerned to ensure they are acting within the law.

11. FINAL DECISION

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3. Adjustable stays on plough mouldboards are allowed
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Start (11 or 12 furrows).....	20
<i>Uniform, level and straightness</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, straightness and no pairing of furrows</i>	
Finish.....	20
<i>Uniform, shallow and straightness</i>	
Ins and Outs.....	20
<i>Neat, accurate and regular</i>	
General Appearance.....	20
<i>Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot</i>	

Note: Seedbed, firmness and uniformity cover the whole of the plot, ie start furrows, butts and final 15 or 16 furrows.

Reversible Ploughs

Opening.....	20
<i>Well cut, uniform and straight</i>	
Start (8 or 9 furrows).....	20
<i>Uniform, level and straightness</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, straightness and no pairing of furrows</i>	
Joining Furrow & Butts (Class 6 only)	20
<i>Neat, accurate with no dips or mounds</i>	
Finish (last 15 or 16 furrows).....	20
<i>Uniform, shallow and straightness</i>	
Accuracy or final Furrow.....	20
<i>Close to first furrow with no unploughed or re-ploughed land</i>	
Ins and Outs.....	20
<i>Neat, accurate and regular</i>	
General Appearance.....	20
<i>Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot</i>	

Penalty Deductions

Two wheel marks	20 points penalty
Finish wrong way	20 points penalty
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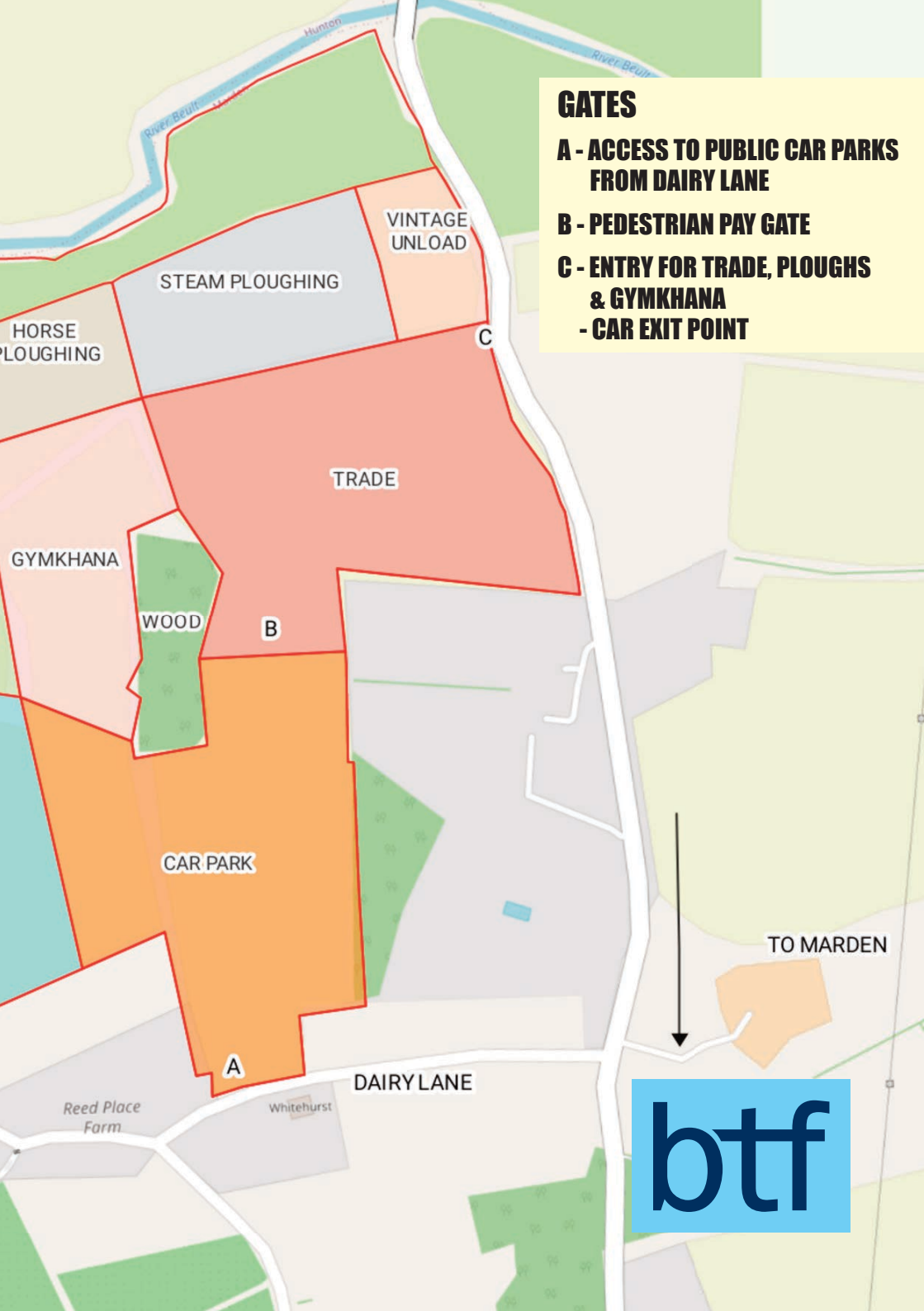


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3. Competitors continue to turn to the plot with the next highest number until their own is completed. The last furrow must be thrown towards the Competitor's own crown.
4. All ploughing must be a minimum of FIVE INCHES deep except for the first two furrows i.e., one of each side of the crown – and the last two furrows at the finish ... these shall be left to the discretion of the Competitor.
5. Each Competitor shall be allowed ONE ASSISTANT ONLY on the plot to lead the horses if desired for the opening split out and the first three turns around the crown and/or for the last three turns of the finish. Any other leading than this on the Competitor's plot will cost an IMMEDIATE DEDUCTION of a minimum of TWENTY-FIVE points from the Competitor's final marking.
6. The Competitor alone must set and/or adjust the plough.
7. HANDLING. There must be NO handling or shaping of the work after the veering has been completed.
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9. Competitors must use BOTH HORSES of their team throughout the entire competition but, for the LAST THREE TURNS ONLY, the horses may be driven in tandem. AT NO TIME may a single horse be used.
10. Competitors not finishing their plot or having been disqualified shall forfeit all right to any prize in the Horse or Harness Classes in the Ploughing Competition.
11. Boats, Presses and Seamers may be used ONLY IN HIGH CUT CLASSES.
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2023 WKPMA GROWING COMPETITION RESULTS

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Stewards: Messrs W Thompson, P Carey and J Wrighton

Judges: Messrs J Thompson, K Truitt and M Dear

THE MARTIN DEAR CHALLENGE TROPHY

presented by The Agronomy Partnership to the overall winner

1st	John Emery	127 points
2nd	Brattle Farm Partnership	117 points
3rd	Dr Wratten	108 points
4th	Fridays Ltd	73 points

Best Cereal Crop (not won by the overall winner)

THE MATTHEW STEEL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Brattle Farm Partnership with a crop of Group 4 Winter Wheat

Best Break Crop (not won by the overall winner)

THE FOREMAN (HEADCORN) TROPHY

Dr Wratten with a crop of Spring Beans

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CROPS

CLASS RESULTS

GROUP 1 - WINTER WHEAT

(9 entries)

- 1st J P F
- 2nd John Emery
- 3rd Stevens Farms

GROUP 2 - WINTER WHEAT

(10 entries)

- 1st Dr Wratten
- 2nd Brattle Farm Partnership
- 3rd Fridays Farms

GROUP 4 - WINTER WHEAT

(3 entries)

- 1st Brattle Farm Partnership
- 2nd Fridays Farms
- 3rd Morghew Park

WINTER OILSEED RAPE

(9 entries)

- 1st Dr Wratten
- 2nd Stevens Farms
- 2nd John Emery

WINTER BEANS

(12 entries)

- 1st John Emery
- 2nd Alfred Day & Son Ltd
- 3rd Brattle Farm Partnership
- 3rd Spelmonden Estate

SPRING BEANS

(5 entries)

- 1st Dr Wratten
- 2nd Brattle Farm Partnership
- 3rd Morghew Park

SPRING OATS

(6 entries)

- 1st John Emery
- 1st Brattle Farm Partnership
- 3rd Dr Wratten
- 3rd Eckley Farms

SPRING BARLEY

(5 entries)

- 1st Jim Goulton
- 2nd Fridays Farms
- 3rd Whetstead Contracting

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(4 entries)

- 1st Alfred Day & Son Ltd
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- 3rd J P F

WINTER OATS

(3 entries)

- 1st Brattle Farm Partnership
- 2nd DM & SM Woodhouse
- 3rd Covet Caroline Veall Will Trust

WINTER BARLEY

(6 entries)

- 1st Fridays Farms
- 2nd Stevens Farm
- 3rd Spelmonden Estate

“This year we saw a fantastically high standard of entries once again with 73 different types of crops, from 16 different farms over 11 classes! Thank you to all those who entered the competition, to those companies who kindly provided sponsorship and to the judges, J Thompson, K Truitt and M Dear. A special thanks must go to the stewards, P Carey, and J Wrighton. Although there have been some long days viewing all the crops, it has been a hugely enjoyable task!”

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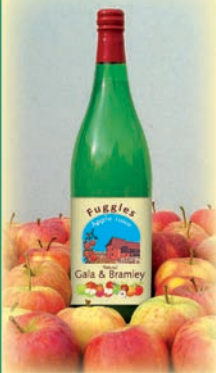


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- When travelling to, from or participating in events which:
 - o are inherently linked to an agricultural, horticultural or forestry operation, or
 - o educate and develop skills within the agricultural, horticultural and forestry industries, or
 - o promote agriculture, horticulture and forestry within the industry or to the general public.
- Neither the travel nor the participation must be for the commercial gain of the owner of the vehicle.

HMRC has stated that it does not expect travel (one way) to exceed 15 miles and the use of machinery must be in accordance with the appropriate DVLA vehicle and driver licensing guidelines.

Examples of the types of activities allowed under these rules include:

- Travel to/from a local agricultural show by a farmer using machinery such as a tractor or telehandler to help set up/dismantle the showground
- Travel to/from a local agricultural show by an agricultural processing vehicle being used in a demonstration at the show
- Travel to/from and participation in a local ploughing contest by an agricultural tractor.

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Full guidance on the use of rebated fuel can be found in NFU Business Guide 101, available to download from **www.nfuonline.com** or via CallFirst on 0870 845 8458.



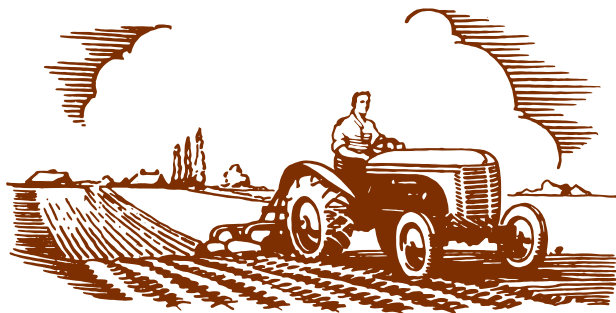
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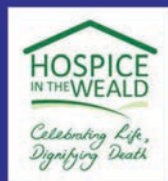
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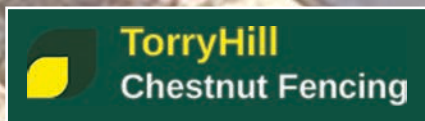
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