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# Weald of Kent Ploughing Match

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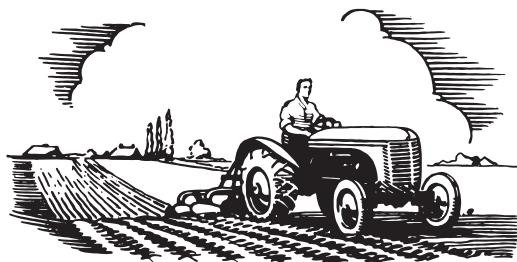


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Gundog Training Demonstration	10:00am
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Gundog Training Demonstration	12:00pm
<b>Spitfire Display – in honour of the 80th VE Day celebrations in 2025</b>	1:00pm
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Parade of Heavy Horses followed by Terrier Racing	2:30pm
Young Farmers Club – Tug-of-War Competition – <i>kindly sponsored by Scaldershurst Ltd, Alfred Day &amp; Son and Acres</i>	3:00pm
Parade of Ploughs and Presentations of Cups including Raffle Draw	4:00pm
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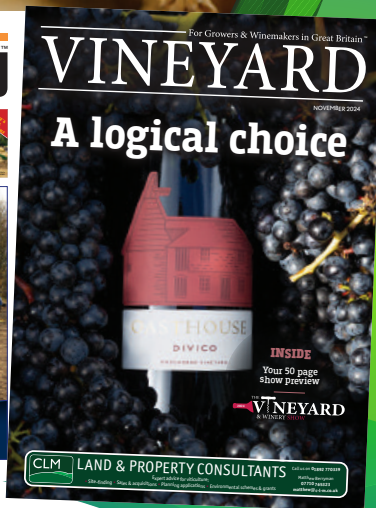
### RING 2

Joe's Bows Country Sports, Bird of Prey Flying Display	10:30am
Sam Gray – Log Processor Demonstration	11:15am
Tossing the Sheaf Competition	12:15pm
Joe's Bows Country Sports, Bird of Prey Flying Display	2:00pm
Sam Gray – Log Processor Demonstration	2:45pm
Further attractions to be confirmed. Content subject to addition. Times may vary.	

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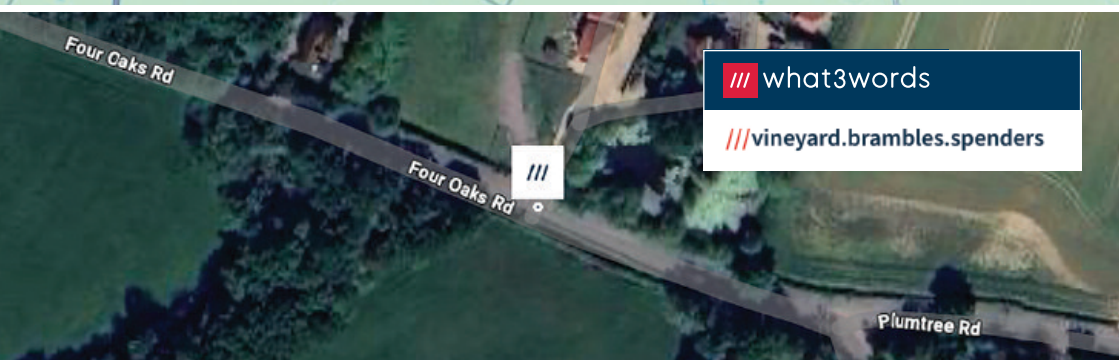
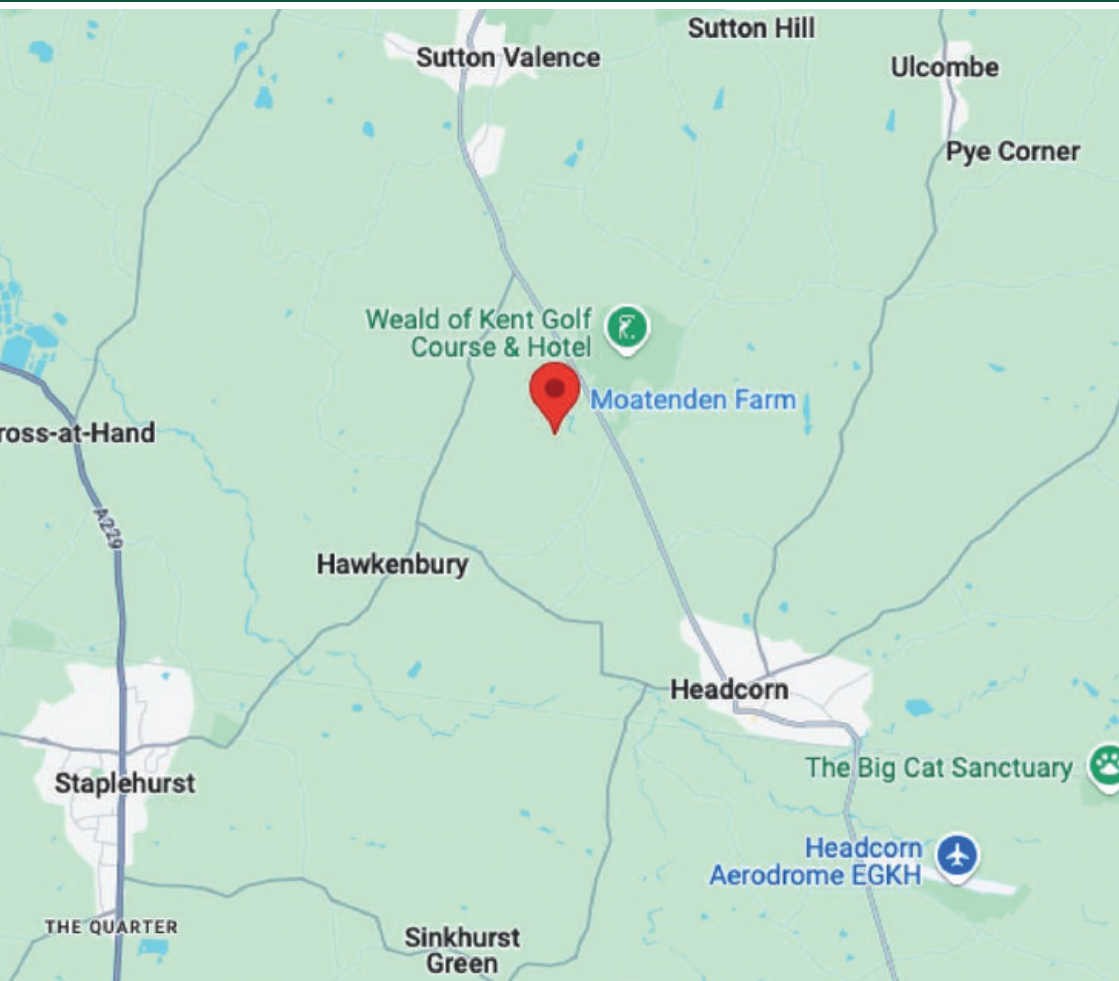
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2. The main purpose to be to hold an annual Ploughing Match in the district and to organise competitions to be held on the day of the Ploughing Match or at any other time of the year if more convenient.
3. These Competitions to be of such a nature 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, Pluckley, Collier Street, Horsmonden, Linton, Smarden, High Halden, Tenterden, Sandhurst, Rolvenden, Benenden, Hawkhurst, Matfield, Hunton, Paddock Wood, Lamberhurst, Chart Sutton, Sutton Valence, Brencley, 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.
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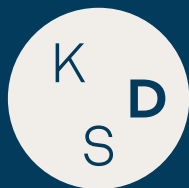
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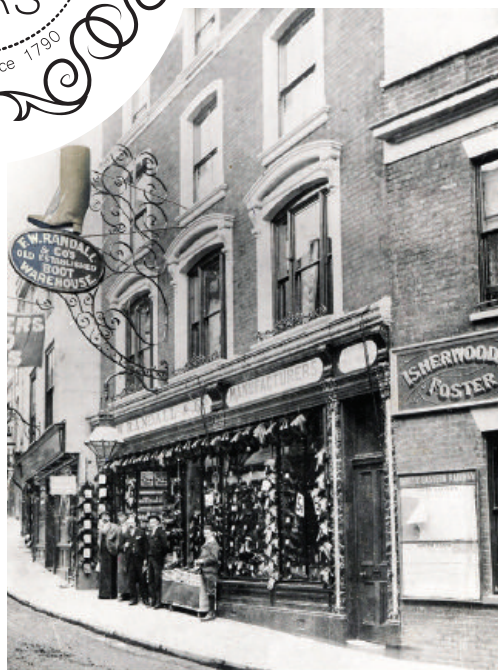
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So far as is reasonably practicable, the Weald of Kent Ploughing Match Association will do everything possible to ensure the safety of the general public, competitors, exhibitors and members during the Ploughing Match and during its preparation and 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.

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2. **Riders of ATVs should wear a motor 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 before, during or after the Ploughing Match may 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 children.
  - **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 operating and briefed on their use in areas of public access. The driver should be aware of when to stop the machine if a visitor 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.
  - **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**, 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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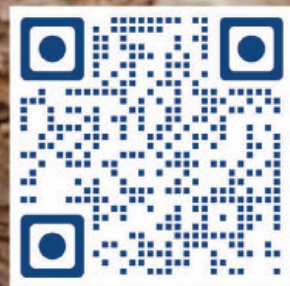
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*Thanks must also go to Clockhouse Farm for lending us a tractor!*

*The hop-on hop-off tractor & trailer will help you explore, move around the site, and see attractions a bit further away.*

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**CLASS VINTAGE B** Local Trailed Ploughs. For Competitors who have not won a first prize at any ploughing match since 1st November 2022  
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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).

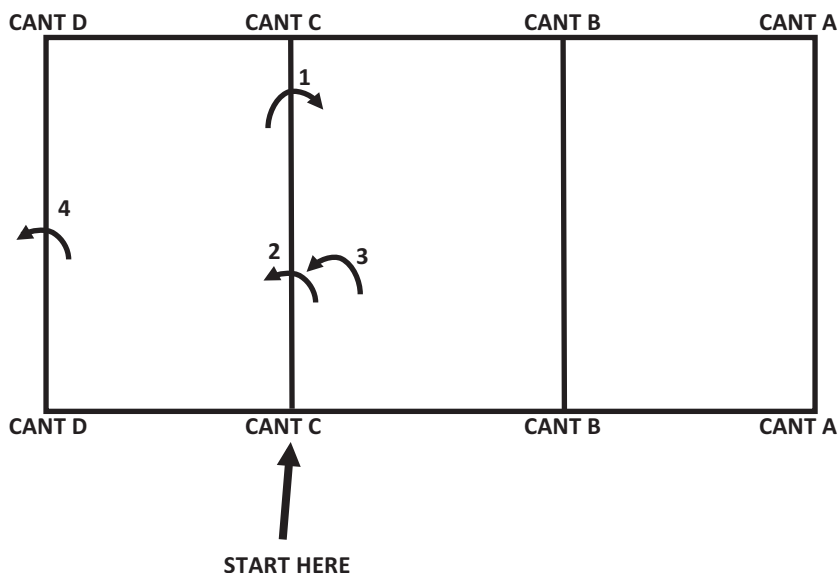
Proceed this way until you have got 12 to 15 furrows.

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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# WEALD OF KENT PLOUGHING MATCH RULES

## 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 on the ground at 8am, on your plot at 8.30am.
- b. Ploughing to start at 9am 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

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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1. Discs/skimmers/tailpieces can be of different make
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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
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## POINTS FOR PLOUGHING

### Conventional Ploughs

Opening .....	20
<i>Well cut, uniform and straight</i>	
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
Depth infringement .....	20 points per cm below specified depth
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to the Winner of Class Vintage B.

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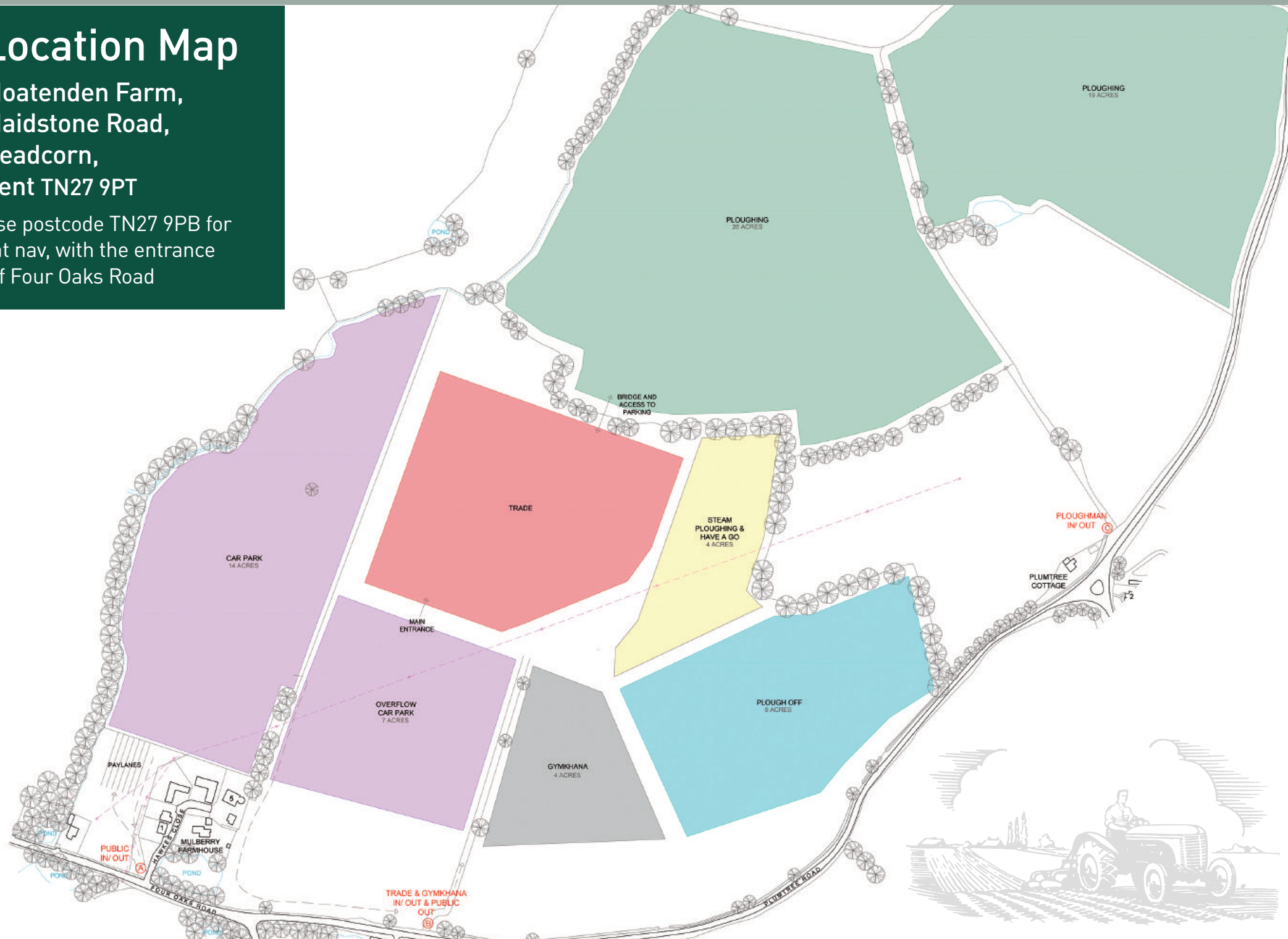




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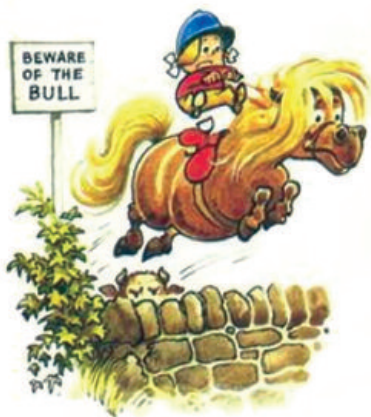


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*Ralph you will be missed, but never forgotten.*





# Weald of Kent Ploughing Match

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Judges: Messrs K. Truett, J. Smith, W. Thompson and R. Leech

## THE MARTIN DEAR CHALLENGE TROPHY

presented by The Agronomy Partnership to the overall winner

1st	John Emery	117 points
2nd	Fridays Ltd	107 points
3rd	Brattle Farm Partnership	101 points
4th	Morghew Park Estate	75 points

Best Cereal Crop (not won by the overall winner)

## THE MATTHEW STEEL CHALLENGE TROPHY

FGS with a crop of Group 2 Extase

Best Break Crop (not won by the overall winner)

## THE FOREMAN (HEADCORN) TROPHY

Alred Day and Son with a crop of Winter Beans

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## CLASS RESULTS

### GROUP 1 - WINTER WHEAT

1st	Fridays Ltd
2nd	John Emery
3rd	Brattle Farm Partnership

### GROUP 2 - WINTER WHEAT

1st	FGS
2nd	Morghew Park Estate
3rd	Fridays Ltd

### GROUP 3 - WINTER WHEAT

1st	Brattle Farm Partnership
2nd	Fridays Ltd
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### OILSEED RAPE

1st	Dr Wratten
Joint 2nd	John Emery and Whetsted Contracting
3rd	Morghew Park Estate

### WINTER BEANS

1st	Alfred Day & Sons Ltd
2nd	John Emery
3rd	Morghew Park Estate

### WINTER BARLEY

1st	FGS
2nd	Fridays Ltd
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### SPRING BEANS

1st	Morghew Park Estate
2nd	Fridays Ltd
3rd	Brattle Farm Partnership

### SPRING OATS

1st	John Emery
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3rd	Alfred Day & Sons Ltd

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"This year saw a change in the stewardship of the Growing Crop Competition as I became the Chief Steward, taking over from the brilliant Will Thompson, who we all must thank for his continued support of the competition which totalled an impressive 15 years in the role. Will, you did a fantastic job stewarding this great competition.

In 2025 we had 10 different classes with entries from 13 local farms and 40 crops to judge. Thank you to all those who entered the competition and those companies who kindly provided sponsorship. A special thanks must go to the judges Keith Truett, Justin Smith, Will Thompson and Ross Leech, as well as fellow stewards from the Weald of Ploughing Match Committee, Jay Wrighton and Alan Day."

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BNG and other Nature Based Solutions can meet this demand and provide a framework. It is attractive to businesses seeking to offset carbon footprints and develop sustainability credentials. The availability of Natural Capital will be critical to the market and farmers are well placed to explore these opportunities. Farmer Clusters such as Upper Beult and Marden are taking the lead with ‘new world’ opportunities.

Early indicators are that the most exciting prospects are in the clusters on catchment and landscape scale. The Upper Beult and Marden Clusters are administered or assisted by Kent Wildlife Trust. Funding for the Upper Beult Cluster is provided by Southern Water and much of current project management for both clusters is led by the South East Rivers Trust. Farmer representation in these clusters now amounts to several thousand acres and growing. Signature species along the Beult include Nightingale, Turtle Dove and Wild Service (Chequer) Trees, amongst others. All farmers in the cluster areas are encouraged to join. Visit the Environmental Hub at the Ploughing Match to learn more.

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## Red diesel use at agricultural shows

The NFU and NFU Scotland have worked with HMRC to clarify the use of red diesel at agricultural shows.

Agricultural tractors, agricultural engines, agricultural material handlers and light agricultural vehicles (as defined in **HMRC Notice 75**) can now also use rebated fuel in the following circumstances:

- 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.

Regular commercial markets, car boot sales, music festivals are examples of activities that do not qualify under these rules.

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



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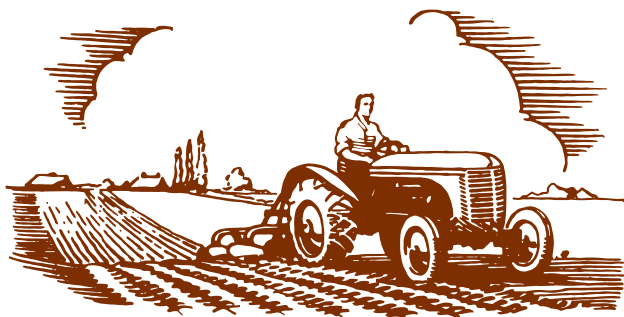
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"In 2024 the Weald of Kent Ploughing Match Association ran its first ever Stewardship Competition with 5 classes made up of AB9 (winter bird food), AB15 (two-year sown legume fallow), AB1 (nectar flower mix), AB8 (wildflower meadow) and cover crops.

It was interesting and fun to run the competition in 2024, which was run in the same format as the Growing Crop Competition, which included judging four areas: species diversity, with a maximum of 35 points, quality habitat with a maximum of 35 points, uniformity with a maximum of 10 points and weeds with a maximum of 20 points, to total a maximum score of 100 points.

However, and unfortunately, the competition will not be judged in time for the 2025 show guide before it goes to print, but results will be available on the day at the match, and I look forward to seeing you in September!"

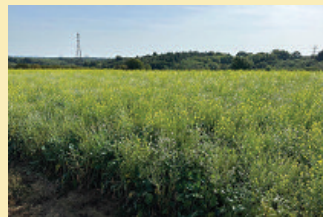
*Will Thompson* CHIEF STEWARD

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## STEWARDSHIP CROPS:

### AB9 (WINTER BIRD FOOD)

is a mixture of seeds including cereal such as wheat, barley or oats, plus white millet and oilseed rape which is ideal for farmland birds.



### AB15 (TWO-YEAR SOWN LEGUME FALLOW)

are left to grow and flower from late spring and during the summer months with the green cover left over the winter months.



### AB1 (NECTAR FLOWER MIX)

is a seed mixture which must contain at least 2 of the following flower species; common knapweed, musk mallow, oxeye daisy, wild carrot or yarrow.



### AB8 (WILDFLOWER MEADOW)

include a blend of grasses and wildflowers, which contain higher proportions of flowering species compared to standard mixtures.



### COVER CROPS

are planted to cover the soil mainly to improve the soil health and protect it from erosion, rather than planted straight for harvest again. There are a variety of cover crop types including legumes such as clover and vetch, or grasses such as rye and wheat, or brassicas like mustard or radish.



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# KENT HOP COMPETITION



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## The Best Hopped Ale in Kent Competition

Wednesday 12th November 2025 - Marden Sports Club, Albion Road, Marden TN12 9ED

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### HOP COMPETITION

- Class 1** Fuggle, Progress, Sovereign
- Class 2** Golding
- Class 3** Cat. A (High Aroma) Bramling Cross, Cascade, Target, Pioneer, Admiral
- Class 4** Cat. B (Strong Aroma) Challenger, Endeavour, Northdown, WGV
- Class 5** Cat. C (Delicate Aroma) Boadicea, Epic, First Gold, Pilgrim, Sussex, Phoenix, Pilot
- Class 6** Alpha Acid Content - Admiral
- Class 7** Alpha Acid Content - Target

### CHALLENGE CUPS

- Best Sample in Competition  
– Sandhurst Trophy
- 2nd Best Sample in Competition  
– Watson, Christie & House Trophy
- 3rd Best Sample in Competition  
– The Russell Trophy
- Class 1** The Capt James Day Trophy
- Class 2** The Universal Crop Protection Trophy
- Class 3** The CE & WS Millson Ltd Trophy
- Class 4** The Whitbread & Co Ltd Trophy

- Class 5** The Sheppey Ltd Trophy
- Class 6** The Watson Christie & House Trophy
- Class 7** The JW Chafer Ltd Salver

- Best Aroma (Class 1 5)  
The KEF Ltd Trophy
- Best Golding (Class 2)  
The Drake & Fletcher Trophy
- Best Aroma (Classes 3, 4, 5)  
The Bruff Manufacturing Trophy

### BEST HOPPED ALE IN KENT COMPETITION

Challenge Cup awarded to the  
Brewer & Grower

Brewers from Kent are invited to enter  
beers into the Competition that have  
used hops from Kent Growers  
Three Judges choose the beer brewed  
with the Best Hop Character

For further details please contact the  
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# WOODLAND SKILLS AND FORESTRY AREA

*Back by popular demand, we focus again on this aspect of land management which is so important in the South East*

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## ATTRactions AND DEMONSTRATIONS TO WATCH OUT FOR!

**ALUN AND BEN SCOTT** father and son duo, will be showcasing their Woodmizer planking saw throughout the day in the Forestry Area so do take time to visit this area to have a look!

**LES LANGLEY** based near Harrietsham, Les will be displaying his chainsaw carving skills where he creates a variety of products including traditional chainsaw carvings, hand engraved signs, bowls and platters, as well as benches and garden tables. Don't forget - he is able to commission carvings at the event while you watch so visit the Forestry Area to see him in action!



**SAM GRAY** From S.J. Gray Tree Fencing & Landscaping will demonstrate their Hakki Pilke 42 logging machine in Ring 2 at 11:15am and 2:45pm

**Jon Davies** and **Dave Holmes** from **South East Forestry**, based in East Sussex, together with **Richard Curteis** from **Aspen Tree Services** will both showcase their impressive range of equipment, with examples of machinery used in tree harvesting and processing on their stands.

**PHILLIP TASSELL** with McVeigh Parker will provide a fence erecting demonstration with chestnut post and rail at 11:30am in the Main Ring.

**ANDREW CHESSEON** will have hand crafted garden furniture and green woodwork for sale as he demonstrates his handcrafting skills in the Forestry Area throughout the day.







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