



The 1st Dorchester Agricultural Society

Ploughing Match

Sunday 1st October 2017

Maiden Castle Farm, Dorchester
by kind permission of the Hoskin Family

Entries close Friday 22nd September

Classes

1. **Open 2**—open to anyone using a two-furrow plough
2. **Open 3 & 4**—open to anyone using a three or four-furrow plough
3. **Reversible**—open to anyone using a reversible plough, three, four or five furrows
4. **Vintage Trailed**—open to anyone using a tractor in production before 31st Dec 1959, using any trailed plough. Plough bodies to be designed for plough at the time of manufacture. Skimmers and tailpieces optional, no other attachments allowed (e.g. chains etc). No hydraulic rams to be used.
5. **Vintage Mounted**—open to anyone using a hydraulic plough and tractor in production before 31st Dec 1959. Plough bodies to be designed for plough at time of manufacture. Skimmers and tailpieces optional, no other attachments allowed (e.g. chains etc). No hydraulic rams to be used.

Special Prizes

- Best Open by a non-prize winner
- Best Finish by a non-prize winner
- Best Ins and Outs by a non-prize winner
- Highest placed Novice (not to have won a first prize in a ploughing match previously)
- Highest placed Young Farmer Member
- Overall Match Champion

For any technical questions please phone Pete Legg on 07899 943237.

Location:

The match will be held just off the A35 on the western side of Poundbury and will be sign posted from the A35. Access will be off Tilly Whim Lane.



Entry fee £8.00 for Members of Dorchester Agricultural Society, £10 for non-Members. Entry fee includes burger/hot dog and hot drink.

Entries can either be made online at www.dorsetcountyshow.co.uk or by returning the entry form to Dorchester Agricultural Society, Agriculture House, Acland Road, Dorchester, DT1 1EF.

There will be a raffle with proceeds to charity.

Hot food will be available.

The Ploughing Match is kindly supported by G Crook & Sons, M J Fry, Bernard Cox, Smart Agricultural Services, C J Cox, KAM Farming & Dave Cheffey Trophies

Rules

Competitors must hold insurance for their tractor including Public Liability for £2,000,000 to enter this ploughing match.

Competitors' plot numbers will be available from the office from 8.30am and splits are to be completed by 10.00am for judging.

Work will re-commence when the judge says and ploughing must be finished by 1.45pm. Points will be deducted for late finish.

No rolling of split or penalty points will be incurred. Only three sighting poles to be used.

The plough must not be in the ground on the site other than on the competitor's own plot.

Single split for reversible class only. All other classes double split method of opening to be used. After split has been judged plough three times around the opening and then throw abroad against the plot adjacent to the higher number.

Each competitor's finish furrow to be thrown towards his own ridge.

Minimum depth 5", maximum 8" unless stated on the day.

The committee reserve the right to amalgamate any class if insufficient entries received.

Skimmers may be used.

Plough bodies must be in the ploughing position at all times.

Vary width ploughs must be set at the commencement of the match and not altered.

Only one tractor wheel mark at finish to be seen, penalty points if not.

Handling, treading or shaping or any scratches or furrows is not allowed.

Points will be deducted if plot numbers are not in view for judges at all times or lost.

No competitors may enter more than one class.

Reversible class—rules/diagram to be given out on day

Entry fee of £10.00 (£8.00 for Dorchester Agricultural Society Members) must be sent with entry form, otherwise plots will not be marked out.

Closing date for entries **Friday 22nd September 2017**. No late entries will be accepted.

All trophies must be signed for at the office and returned the following year in a good, clean condition. Please make sure you have had it professionally engraved, no home engraving allowed. Any damages must be paid for.

All ploughs must be cleaned before bringing on to site to prevent spreading of weeds.

The Landowner, Committee and Dorchester Agricultural Society take no responsibility for personal injury or damage sustained as a result of entering the site or this event.

Score sheets are only available after results are given out.

The Judges decision is final.