

PUDDLETOWN YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB 15TH ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH SCHEDULE

Sunday 18th February

Maiden Castle Farm, DT2 9PR

By kind permission of the Hoskin Family.

Classes

Class 1a

YFC – Conventional

Open to any YFC member using a Conventional Plough. Each competitor must be a paid up member of a club affiliated to the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.

Class 1b

YFC - Reversible/Commercial

Open to any YFC member using a Reversible Plough. Each competitor must be a paid up member of a club affiliated to the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.

Class 2 – Conventional

Open to anyone using a two-furrow Conventional Plough.

Class 3 – Conventional

Open to anyone using a Conventional Plough with Three or more Furrows.

Class 4–Classic

Open to anyone using a tractor manufactured before December 1976 without a Q cab, using a plough manufactured at the time. No Hydraulic rams or match ploughs.

Class 5–Vintage Trailed

Open to anyone using a tractor manufactured before December 1959, using a trailed plough manufactured at the time.

Class 6–Vintage Mounted

Open to anyone using a tractor manufactured before December 1959, using a hydraulic plough manufactured at the time. No Hydraulic rams or match ploughs.

Class 7 – Reversible/Commercial

Open to anyone using a reversible plough.

Prizes

Prize cards will be awarded for each class up to 4th place. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of each class, and a match shield for the champion.

Additional cups or prizes will be awarded for the special prizes which include:

- Best looking overall outfit (Tractor, Plough)
- Best work done by a John Deere Tractor
- Best work done by a Ford or Fordson and Ransomes plough
- Best bye, finish, ins+outs for non-prize winners

Please return any trophies won at previous ploughing matches cleaned and engraved prior to, or on the day of the event.

Puddletown Young Farmers' Club will be selling hot refreshments on the day

Closing date: Saturday 10th February 2024 LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Rules and Regulations

1. Rules for Reversible/Commercial Classes will be available on the day of the match.
2. Only 3 sighting poles to be used. No rolling of the split
3. The plough must not be in the ground on the site other than on the competitor's plot.
4. Competitors must report to the office by 9:30
5. Complete split by 10:00 or penalty points may be incurred.
6. Work will re-start when the judge says, and ploughing must be finished by 1:30pm
Points will be deducted for late finish.
7. Double split method of opening to be used. After judging, plough 3 times around opening and then throw abroad against the plot adjacent to the higher number.
8. Each competitor's finish furrow to be thrown towards his own ridge.
9. Minimum depth 5", maximum 8" unless stated on the day.
10. Skimmers may be used.
11. Plough bodies must be in the ploughing position at all times.
12. Vary width ploughs must be set at the commencement of the match and not altered.
13. Pressing of the ridge by hand, foot, or the boot, slide dollies or any other machinery not at work is forbidden.
14. Points will be deducted if plot numbers are lost.
15. No competitor may enter more than 1 class.
16. A novice is described as a competitor that has not previously won first prize at a ploughing match.
17. The committee and landowner accept no liability whatsoever for damage or injury sustained at the event.
18. All trophies must be signed for at Site Office, and returned in good, clean condition.
Any damage must be paid for
19. The committee reserve the right to split classes 1a and 1b if sufficient entries are received.
20. The committee reserve the right to amalgamate any class if insufficient entries are received.
21. The size and shape of some plots may be altered, pending entries.
22. Score sheets are only available after results are given out.
23. Judges' decision is final.
- 24. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 10th February 2024**
25. NO Late entries