

**MELPLASH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Ltd**  
*(Est. 1847)*



*Affiliated to the Society of Ploughmen & National Hedge Laying Society.*

**President 2010**  
**Marcus Beresford CBE**

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## **SCHEDULE**

for

## **2010 HEDGING & PLOUGHING MATCH**

**Higher Northfield Farm**

**Beaminster**

**Dorset, DT8 3SG**

*(By kind permission of Denhay Farms Limited)*

**Sunday 12th September 2010**

**10.00am onwards**

The drawing of lots will be done on the morning of marking out.

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**ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010**

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All completed entries to The Secretary:

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## **JUDGES**

**Vintage & Match Ploughing – Mr R French**  
**Commercial Ploughing –Mr R Curtis & Mr M Snook**  
**Hedging – Mr & Mrs P Grainger**

### **Committee and Stewards**

**Chairman** – Mr Tim Frampton

Messrs. JRB Bowditch, JW Chattin, JG Crumpler,  
N Dowding, FMJ Fooks, MJ Frampton,  
AJ Ridout, M Ridout, JE Samways, J Vickery, R Vickery

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## **TRAINING AFTERNOON** *for Novice and Young Farmers’ Club members*

To be held at Higher Northfield Farm,  
Beaminster, Dorset. DT8 3SG

on

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 3pm

To book your place please contact the  
Melplash Agricultural  
Society Office.

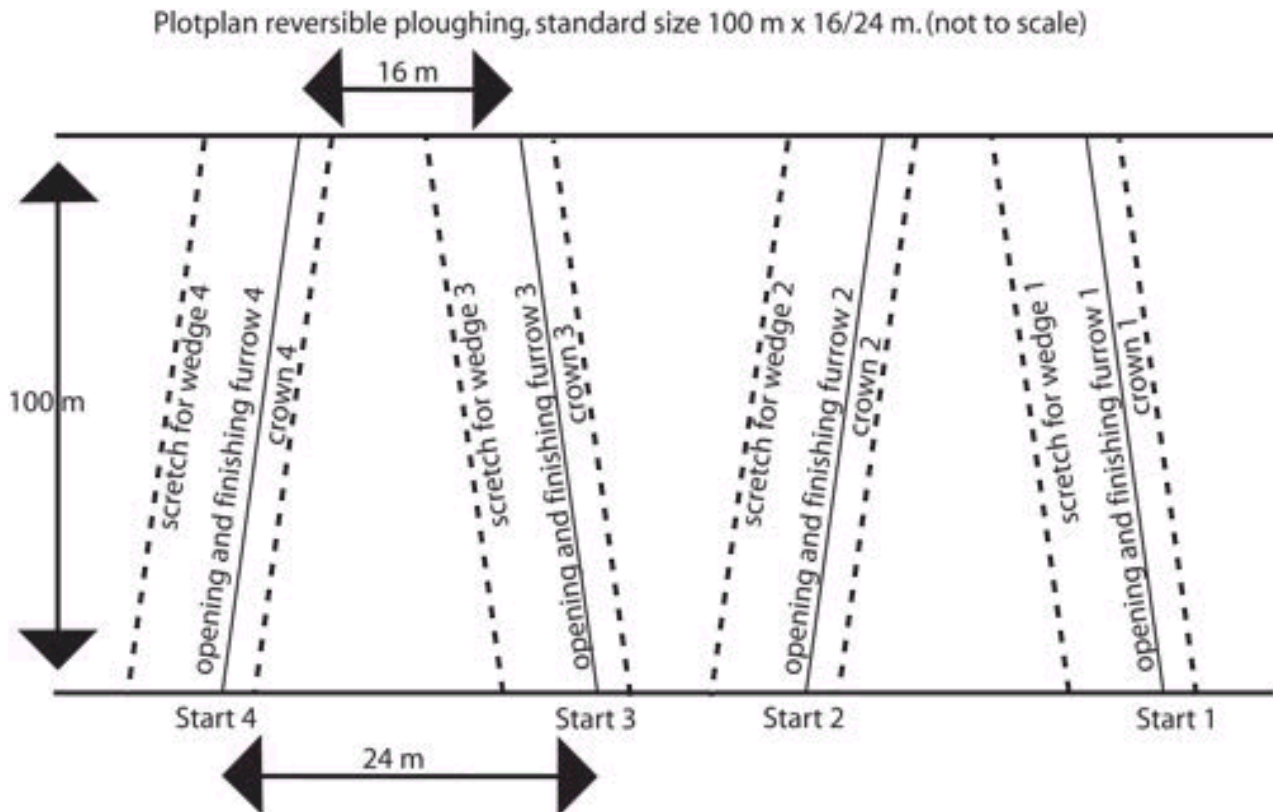
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## **RULES FOR HEDGING AND PLOUGHING COMPETITIONS**

1. Tractor Ploughing Classes. The tractors used in any class must be unmodified general purpose ploughs except class 7, 8 and 9.
2. Competitors in all Hedging and Tractor Ploughing Classes must be ready to draw for positions at 9.30am and finish their work at 4pm. (Late finishing will result in a forfeiture of some point as decided by the committee). Any Competitor who has not completed the strike-out by 10.30am may be penalised.
3. No help must be given to competitors in any way
4. Competitors must not enter in more than one class, except Young Farmers' Club Members in Class 10, who may also enter in Classes 11, 12 or 13 according to type of plough used.
5. In tractor Ploughing Classes, strike out on their peg and gather three runs to two furrow ploughs and two runs for three or more furrows, and throw abroad the rest.
6. Local entries are confined to persons resident within a radius of 12 miles of Melplash Church.
7. All hedging competitors who finish their work to the satisfaction of the judges will be paid £6 towards their expenses.
8. Disclaimer of liability, The Term Competitor shall include all persons taking part on any competition arranged by the Show Committee and their exhibits and equipment. Save for death or personal injury caused by negligence of the committee, its servants, or agents, the committee will not be responsible for death, injury, damage or loss caused to any competitor or to his or her servant or agent or to any animal or article of whatever nature brought to the site of the competition by the competitor from whatever cause death, injury damage or loss arises.
9. Novice is a Competitor who has not won a 1<sup>st</sup> prize in any previous Melplash Agricultural Society Hedging and Ploughing Match.
10. No passengers are allowed to **ride** on a competitor's **tractor** or **plough** at any time.

These are Conditions of Entry that must be accepted

**Plan of Reversible Plough plots**  
**Not to Scale. Standard plot size – 100 meters x 16/24 meters**



**One-Way Ploughing – Reversible Ploughs**

- a) The competitor to make scratch for last 18 or 20 furrows whilst openings are being judged.

**After judging of the opening the competitor proceeds to:**

- a) Plough 8, 9 or 10 furrows towards the lower numbered plot.  
b) Start at the next highest number and complete their butts.  
c) Complete the last 18 or 20 furrows (18 for 2/3 furrow ploughs and 20 for 4/5 furrow ploughs).  
d) Alternate bodies to be used at all times. Each run to be completed before plough is turned.  
e) The use of sighting poles at the start of the butts is not allowed.  
f) When ploughing the butts the competitor may not travel to the end of the plot to turn.

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE HEDGING CLASSES**

(Competitors may use a chain-saw in any class but safety gear **MUST** be worn)

### **PRIZE MONEY FOR ALL CLASSES**

1<sup>st</sup> £55; 2<sup>nd</sup> £45; 3<sup>rd</sup> £30; 4<sup>th</sup> £20

CLASS 1 **HEDGING LOCAL** who shall best dyke and plash one and a half perch of hedge (8.25yds). This is a local class, please see Rule 6.

**THE CECIL A. MARSH MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** kindly presented by his son, J.W.O. Marsh Esq., will be awarded to the Winner of class 1.

CLASS 2 **HEDGING NOVICE** who shall best dyke and plash 7 yards of hedge. This is a Novice class, please see Rule 9.

**THE MARCUS BERESFORD TROPHY** kindly presented by Marcus Beresford, CBE will be awarded to the winner of class 2.

CLASS 3 **HEDGING OPEN CLASS** who shall best dyke and plash 10 yards of hedge. This class is for competitors outside the local area (see rule 6).

**THE ELIZABETH LADY WILIAMS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded to the winner of class 3.

CLASS 4 **YOUNG FARMERS (Open)** who shall best dyke & plash 7 yards of hedge. Confined to members of a Young Farmers Club. The Competitor must be under 26 years of age on the day of the competition. If using a Chain Saw the competitor must bring their Chain Saw Certificate.

**THE PHILIP HARDWILL CUP** will be awarded to the winner of Class 4.

CLASS 5 **PAIRS OPEN** who shall best dyke and plash 10 yards in 5 hours.

**THE BARTLETTS (DORSET) Ltd Cup** will be awarded to the winner of Class 5.

CLASS 6A **DORSET YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB SENIOR**

CLASS 6B **DORSET YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB JUNIOR**

C10 **OVERALL HEDGING CHAMPION**

S10 **TIDIEST KEPT SITE:** The Society's Prize Card for TIDIEST KEPT PLOT

**SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR VINTAGE & MATCH  
PLOUGHING**

**PRIZE MONEY FOR ALL CLASSES**

1<sup>st</sup> £15; 2<sup>nd</sup> £12; 3<sup>rd</sup> £10; 4<sup>th</sup> £6

**CLASS 7 VINTAGE TRAILED**

To plough about 0.25 acres of land per furrow with a tractor registered before 1960 with no assisted steering. If hydraulics are fitted, they will not be used. Ploughs to be Trailer Ploughs.

**CLASS 8 VINTAGE HYDRAULIC**

To plough about 0.25 acres of land per furrow with a hydraulically operated vintage tractor and vintage plough registered before 1960 with no assisted steering.

**CLASS 9 MATCH PLOUGHING**

To plough about 0.75 acres of land with a 2 furrow match plough. National Rules Apply.

**S60 BEST STRIKE OUT**: The Society's Prize Card for the BEST STRIKE OUT in classes 7, 8 and 9.

**S61 BEST FINISH**: The Society's Prize Card for the BEST FINISH in classes 7, 8 and 9.

**C20 CHAMPION PLOUGHMAN, VINTAGE TRACTOR, VINTAGE HYDRAULIC OR MATCH PLOUGH PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** presented by Blandford and Webb Group Ltd to the competitor in Class 7, 8 and 9 who shall best plough the land required, and a plaque for the Winner to retain. Reserve shall receive a certificate.

CLASS 10A **GENERAL PURPOSE PLOUGHING - Senior**

Confined to members of the Young Farmers Club. To the Competitor, over 19 and under 26 years of age on the day of the competition, who shall best Plough with a General Purpose or a Reversible Plough 0.50 acre of land per furrow.

CLASS 10B **GENERAL PURPOSE PLOUGHING - Junior**

Confined to members of the Young Farmers Club. To the Competitor, under 19 years of age on the day of the competition, who shall best Plough with a General purpose or a Reversible Plough 0.50 acre of land per furrow.

**THE STREATFEILD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP**, kindly presented by the STREATFEILD HOOD AND CO LTD., will be awarded to the Winner in this class, together with a plaque for retention.

**INTER-CLUB SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** kindly presented by J R B BOWDITCH ESQ., to be awarded to the Young Farmers' Club with the three highest individual scores for Ploughing in Class 10, together with three plaques for retention by the Winners.

CLASS 11 **TO PLOUGH 1 OR 1.5 ACRES OF LAND** with a tractor and hydraulically operated two or three plough.

CLASS 12 **TO PLOUGH 2 OR MORE ACRES OF LAND** with a tractor and hydraulically operated four or more furrow plough (0.5 acres for each furrow).

CLASS 13 **REVERSIBLE PLOUGHS 2 or more furrows.**  
Skimmers to be used. Please follow diagram shown on Page 4.

Winner of class 13 will be awarded **SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** kindly presented by Creed Brothers, Seaborough with a Plaque for retention.

**Competitors in all Classes must state on entry form the number of furrows.**

- C21 **CHAMPION PLOUGHMAN (OPEN) SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** presented by Col. Sir Stuart Mallinson, CBE, DSO, MC, DL to the Competitor in any classes except Classes 7, 8 and 9.who shall best plough the land required, and a plaque for the Winner to retain. Reserve to receive a certificate.
- C22 **CHAMPION PLOUGHMAN (LOCAL) SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP** to the Local Competitor in any classes except Classes 7, 8 and 9, who shall best plough the land required, and a plaque for the winner to retain. Reserve to receive a certificate. **(LOCAL ENTRIES - See Rule 6).**

### **SPECIAL PRIZES**

- S62 **BEST STRIKE OUT:** The Society's Prize Card for the BEST STRIKE OUT in any Classes for Ploughing, except Classes 7, 8 and 9.
- S63 **BEST FINISH:** The Society's prize card for the BEST FINISH in any classes except classes 7, 8 and 9.
- S64 **BEST PLOUGHING WITH A CASE INTERNATIONAL, CASE OR DAVID BROWN TRACTOR USING A KVERNELAND PLOUGH.**  
  
Winner awarded **SILVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP, Plaque** and a Special Prize kindly presented by BREDY AGRICENTRE (DORSET) LTD.
- S65 **BEST PLOUGHING WITH FORD TRACTOR**  
FRANCIS BUGLER LTD of BEAMINSTER are kindly presenting vouchers to the winner of the BEST PLOUGHING by a Ford Tractor. No restrictions on make of Plough.
- S66 **NOVICE PLOUGHMAN** who have not one a first prize in previous Melplash Agricultural Society Ploughing Matches.  
1<sup>st</sup>= £10      2<sup>nd</sup> = £6
- S67 **BEST PLOUGHING WITH A JOHN DEERE TRACTOR**
- S78 **THE SAM DENNETT PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY**  
Presented by the Family for the Best Finish with a Four or Five Furrow Plough.

## Acknowledgements

The Society would like to thank the hosts, Denhay Farms for kindly allowing the Ploughing Match to be held at Higher Northfield Farm.

Sincere thanks to the sponsors for their support of the match:

The Late Mrs AG Bowditch	Plaque
Bredy Agriculture (Dorset) Ltd.	2 x £25 Vouchers
Francis Bugler Limited, Beaminster	Vouchers for Best Ploughing with Ford Tractor and vouchers.
Denhay Farms Limited	Prize Money
Mr Marcus Beresford, CBE	Hedging Novice Cup
Bartletts (Dorset) Limited	Hedging Pairs Open Cup
The Late Mr A Dorman	Prizes
Mr M Broom	Prizes
Smarts Agricultural Services	Prizes

**Any Firms requiring land for demonstrations should apply by**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to:**

**The Secretary  
Melplash Agricultural Society Ltd  
23 South Street  
Bridport  
Dorset  
DT6 3NT  
Tel/Fax: 01308 423337**

**ALL CHALLENGE CUPS AND TROPHIES TO BE RETURNED TO THE SOCIETY BY MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, CLEANED AND ENGRAVED.**

