

North Somerset Agricultural Society

Registered charity number: 1007694
Affiliated to the Society of Ploughmen



180th Annual Ploughing Match Sunday 3rd September 2023

Commencing 10.00 am

**Land at Lampley Rd, Kingston Seymour,
By kind permission of the Simmons family**

**Schedule for Ploughing, Hedging, Roots, Hay,
Silage, Straw, Grain and Field Crops**

Programme for the day

9.30 am	Ploughing and hedging competitors to be on the field
10.00 am	Classes 1-4 and 5-14 (ploughing) and 15-17 (hedging) commence
11:00 am	Ploughing class 5 starts
By 11.00 am	Classes 18-45 (roots, etc) to have been staged
3.00 pm	Ploughing and hedge-laying classes finish
3.30 pm	Blessing of the Plough
4.00 pm	Produce Show prize-giving
Followed by	Ploughing Match prize-giving
4.30 pm onwards	Roots, etc, entries may be removed

(Timings may be subject to change at the discretion of the organisers)

Bacon butties will be available from 8.00 am.
Refreshments, licensed bar and BBQ will be available throughout the day. Please bring cash as no cash facilities available

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TROPHIES

Champion of Champions Trophy

kindly presented by Mr Marshall Ford, will be awarded to the overall Champion from all classes on Match Day, to be held for the period between Matches

Judge: Mr R Cooksley

2022 winner: Mr A J Bown

Champion Ploughman Trophy

kindly presented by Mr Mervyn Vowles, will be awarded to the overall Champion Ploughman

to be held for the period between Matches.

2022 winner: Mr J Cole

The R E Hill Trophy

kindly presented by Mr Roy Hill, will be awarded to the competitor who ploughs the Best Ben of Ground in the "High Cut" section to be held for the period between matches and to be won three times before becoming the absolute property of the winner

2022 winner: Mr M S Holloway

The Percy Jackson Perpetual Memorial Trophy

kindly presented by Mrs Eileen Jackson, will be awarded to the competitor who ploughs the Best Ben of Ground in the Semi-Digger section

2022 winner: Mr D Williams

The Edsons Perpetual Challenge Trophy

kindly presented by the Ball family, will be awarded to the competitor who ploughs the Best Ben of Ground in the 4-Furrow Tractor Ploughing section

2022 winner: Mr E C Champney

The Bill Perry Perpetual Trophy

kindly presented by Mr Dave Perry, will be awarded to the competitor who ploughs the Best Ben of Ground in the Open Vintage Tractor Ploughing (max 43" mouldboards) section

2022 winner: Mr I Craddock

The M Haberfield Vintage Hydraulic Perpetual Trophy

kindly presented by Mr Mike Haberfield will be awarded to the competitor who ploughs the Best Ben of Ground in the Open Vintage Hydraulic Tractor Ploughing section

2022 winner: Mr M Franklin

The North Somerset Hedging Cup

kindly presented by Mr C Young, will be awarded to the competitor making the best hedge in classes 13 and 14 to be held for the period between Matches
2022 winner: Mr A J Bown

The Mike Ball Perpetual Challenge Cup

kindly presented by the Ball family, will be awarded to the best exhibit in the Specimen Roots section, to be held for the period between Matches
2022 winner: Mr H W C Butler

The Champion Grain Cup

kindly presented by the late Mr A C V Telling, will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Grain classes, to be held for the period between Matches
2022 winner: Mr J Alvis

The George Vauden Cup

kindly presented by the late Mr George Vauden, will be awarded for the most points gained in the Specimen Roots, Hay, Silage, Straw and Grain sections to be held for the period between Matches
2022 winner: F E Smith & Son

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PLOUGHING MATCH RULES

Entries will be capped at 65 ploughs

- 1 Competitors requiring a tractor must make their own arrangements.
- 2 All entry fees to be paid at time of entry.
- 3 **All competitors must have Public Liability Insurance Cover, a copy of which MUST BE ENCLOSED with the entry form. All competitors must have a current driving licence.**
- 4 Entries for classes 1-45 close on Wednesday 23rd August 2023. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** This rule will be adhered to. Entries for classes 46-53 close on Sunday 3rd September 2023.
- 5 All ages as at date of Match.
- 6 All classes are open to all comers (**except class 5**), ie, Society members and non-Society members.
- 7 Plot numbers will be drawn prior to the Match.
- 8 All competitors to be on the field by 9.30 am, to commence at 10.00 am and to finish at 3.00 pm.
- 9 Anyone driving on the site must hold a current driving licence.
- 10 **If pegs are not put at each end of the crown, then the plot will not be judged.**
- 11 Prizes in all sections will only be awarded if work is completed.
- 12 All trophies must be signed for and returned clean, in good condition and in time for presentation at the following year's Match.
- 13 Objections must be made in writing within one hour of the incident accompanied by a deposit of £10.00 which is returnable if the objection is sustained.
- 14 All competitors take part at their own risk. The organisers do not hold themselves responsible for any injury, loss or damage which may occur to any competitor, spectator, horse, machinery or equipment.
- 15 Where two competitors achieve the same overall results, the relevant cup will be shared between them both, with each winner having the Cup for six months.

RULES FOR PLOUGHING

1 Ploughs

- (a) Tractor ploughs to be fitted with skimmers (except class 2).
- (b) Tailpieces are allowed.
- (c) Plough bodies must be in a "ploughing" position at all times.
- (d) In multi-furrow classes all bodies must be used when finishing.

2 Time Allowed

- (a) 20 minutes for opening.
- (b) 40 minutes for opening to be judged.
- (c) 15 minutes' extra time for any cast-off done after the ploughing has commenced.
- (d) At the finishing signal, a ploughman can complete the run without stopping.
- (e) **Penalty for failing to finish in time: disqualification.**

3 Opening

- (a) There will be no split done or judged, a grassland crown only.

4 Crown

- (a) Tractor ploughing: crown to consist of 11 or 12 furrows.
- (b) Horse ploughing: crown to consist of 8 furrows.
- (c) Competitors to cast towards the next highest numbered plot.

5 Finish

- (a) Tractor ploughing: finish to consist of last 8 furrows.
- (b) Horse ploughing: finish to consist of last 8 furrows.
- (c) Last furrow to be ploughed towards the competitor's own crown.

6 Depth

Depth to be reached on completion of crown and adhered to until commencing the finish.

- (a) For all ploughing: **To be 5" on match day**

7 Vintage Ploughing

- (a) Plough bodies must be the correct ones for the plough.
- (b) Skimmers and tailpieces optional.
- (c) All crowns to be opened.

8 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.

9 **General**

- (a) Rolling without a plough in work is not allowed.
- (b) Twin tractor wheels are not allowed.
- (c) Three sowing poles only. Assistance to set and remove is allowed.
- (d) **No other assistance is allowed.**
- (e) Handling, treading or shaping of scratches or furrows is not allowed. (Class I and horse ploughing: scratches only may be handled).
- (f) Only one wheelmark allowed at the finish in tractor ploughing.
- (g) **Any infringement of the rules giving rise to a warning will result in 10 points being deducted.**

10 **Final Decision**

Any questions arising and not provided in these rules shall be decided by the Ploughing Standing Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.

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PLOUGHING

Entries close: 23rd August 2023. No late entries will be accepted

Entry fee: £8.00 per entry

Prizes: £30, £20, £10 (If more than 8 entries in a class, a 4th prize of £10 will be awarded)

Special Prizes: No additional entry fee.

Competitors must indicate on the entry form the Special Prizes for which they are eligible.

All Special Prizes are restricted to competitors who reside in the North Somerset Agricultural Society's area.

- i. Special Prize for the Best Competitor under 21 years of age in any ploughing class.
Presented by **R Tincknell & Son Ltd**
- ii. Special Prize for the Best Work done by a Ford or Fordson tractor.
Presented by **T H White (Frome) Ltd**
- iii. Special Prize for the Best Work done by a Case International tractor.
Presented by **T H White (Frome) Ltd**
- iv. Special Prize for the Best Commercial Ploughing done by a Kvernenland Plough.
Presented by **Read Agri**
- v. Special Prize for the Best Work done by a Young Farmer in any class
Presented by **Alvis Contracting**

Ploughing Judges: Mr M Alvis, Mr F Anthony, Mr J Kerslake, Mr A Gale, Mr R Curtis, Mr S Raymont

HORSE PLOUGHING

I OPEN, HORSE PLOUGHING

- (i) For the best work done
- (ii) For the best turnout
- (iii) For best decorated pair

To be eligible the team must have completed ploughing in a workman like manner.

Turnout and Decorated Pair Judge (ii and iii): Mrs S Luck

Prizes (i): £30, £20, £10 *sponsored by: Mr R Cook*
(ii) £15, £10, £5 *sponsored by: Jon Richards Contracting*
(iii): £15, £10, £5 *sponsored by: Mrs M Watts*

A rosette will be presented to everyone exhibiting on the day.

£25 will be given to all competitors who finish their work in a workmanlike manner.

Travelling expenses will be paid:

up to 20 mile radius of site: £15; 20-50 miles of site: £30; over 50 miles: £40.

"HIGH CUT"

2 OPEN, TRACTOR PLOUGHING

*Sponsored by: **R E Hill & Son***

SEMI-DIGGER PLOUGHING

Minimum width of furrow: 12"

3 OPEN, TRACTOR PLOUGHING – semi-digger, World style

*Sponsored by: **David James, Wrigton***

4 LOCAL, TRACTOR PLOUGHING, 4 OR MORE FURROW PLOUGH

*Sponsored by: **Greenslade Taylor Hunt***

5 OPEN, BEST PLOUGHING BY ANY MAKE OF 3 OR MORE FURROW REVERSIBLE PLOUGH

*Sponsored by: **Herbert and Brand, agents for NFU Mutual, Bishop Sutton***

National Rules will apply and in particular no marking sticks to be used after ploughing has commenced.

Failure to adhere to this will mean the plot may not be judged.

Number of furrows to be stated on the entry form.

Start: 11.00 am - Finish: 2.00 pm.

VINTAGE PLOUGHING

Vintage Turnout Judge (classes 6-10): Mr K Patch

Turnout Prizes: £15, £10, £5

6 OPEN, VINTAGE TRACTOR PLOUGHING

For the best work done (mouldboards not to exceed 39")

*Sponsored by: **Roger and Andrew Triggol, Vintage Car Hire***

7 OPEN, VINTAGE TRACTOR PLOUGHING

For the best work done (mouldboards not to exceed 43")

*Sponsored by: **Joyner Group***

8 OPEN, VINTAGE HYDRAULIC PLOUGHS

Tractor and plough to be pre-December 1959

*Sponsored by: **Tom James***

9 OPEN, VINTAGE TRACTOR PLOUGHING

Grey Ferguson Tractor and matching plough.

*Sponsored by: **Richard Withers***

10 OPEN, HORTICULTURAL TRACTOR

For the best work done with a single plough

*Sponsored by: **J W & T J Pearce & Son***

CLASSIC PLOUGHING

11a OPEN

*Sponsored by: **S J H Butler, Agricultural Contractor***

For the best work done using a tractor and mounted plough in production before 31st December 1976, but excluding Fiskars, Kvernland Hydren and Super Hydren or Ramsomes/Bonnings. YCN, UCN and SCN bodies not allowed.

11b OPEN

*Sponsored by: **Mr & Mrs N Green***

For competitors who have not won a prize in class 11a at a previous Match.

If there are not enough competitors for classes 11a and 11b then the two classes will be amalgamated.

CLASSIC REVERSIBLE

12 OPEN

*Sponsored by: **Twisted Oak Brewery***

For the best work done using a tractor in production before 31st December 1976. Hydraulic top links not allowed. The plough can be any mounted reversible plough in production before 31st December 1976. Must be 2 or 3 furrow mounted reversible plough fitted with a manual turn over mechanism. Skimmers must be used, one piece tailpieces are optional. Plough bodies can be raised or lowered but cannot be tipped out the plough position. Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are not allowed.

NOVICE PLOUGHING

13 OPEN

*Sponsored by: **North Somerset Vintage Tractor and Engine Club***

For competitors who have never won a ploughing prize before. Competitors to use conventional ploughs with not more than 3 furrows. Assistance will be allowed.



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HEDGING

Entries close: 23rd August. No late entries will be accepted

Entry fee: No entry fee

Prizes: £30, £20, £15

Special Prize: £10 for the Best Competitor under 21 years of age in classes 14 and 15. No additional entry fee.

Competitors must indicate on the entry form that they are eligible for the Special Prize. Special Prize is restricted to competitors who reside in the North Somerset Agricultural Society's area.

- (i) Competitors in classes 14 and 15 to commence work at 10.00 am and finish at 3.00 pm.
- (ii) Chainsaws may be used at competitor's own risk.
- (iii) Protective clothing **MUST** be worn.
- (iv) Other rules to be given out on the Field.
- (v) Plot numbers will be drawn prior to the Match.
- (vi) All hedgers failing to obtain a prize will receive the sum of £10.00 when they have completed their work to the satisfaction of the judges. (Money to be collected from the Secretary).
- (vii) The Committee reserves the right to cancel classes if insufficient entries are received.

Judges (classes 14-15): Mr I Ford & A N Other Ford

*Sponsored By: **J Alvis***

14 OPEN

To the person who shall best cut and lay the given quantity of hedge

15 OPEN

To the person not having won this class on one previous occasion, who shall best cut and lay the given quantity of hedge

MECHANICAL HEDGE TRIMMING

Entries close: 24th August. No late entries will be accepted

Entry fee: £6.00 per entry

Judge (class 16): Mr T Harris

*Sponsored By: **Mr A Hillman***

16 OPEN

SPECIMEN ROOTS

(To be grown by exhibitor)

Entries close: 23rd August. No late entries will be accepted

Entry fee: £2.00 per entry

Prizes: £5, £3, £2

- (i) All Roots and Kale to be shown fresh pulled, washed and trimmed.
- (ii) Exhibits be staged by 11.00 am and not to be removed before 4.00 pm.
- (iii) Separate specimens must be shown in each class.
- (iv) No exhibitor may make more than 2 entries per class in classes 16-30.
- (v) Classes 17, 18, 25 and 26 will be split if more than 3 entries are forwarded on the day.
- (vi) Classes 17-31 are open to all comers.

Judges (classes 17-33): Mr G Pulsford, Mr C Ogborne

*Sponsored by **H W C & J M Butler** and **F E Smith & Son***

- 17 6 specimens of MANGOLDS **or** FODDER BEET
 - 18 6 specimens of SWEDE **or** TURNIPS
 - 19 6 specimens of KALE
 - 20 6 specimens of MAIZE
 - 21 3 CABBAGE of any variety suitable for cattle feed
 - 22 28lb POTATOES - WHITE (unwashed)
 - 23 28lb POTATOES - COLOURED (unwashed)
 - 24 A COLLECTION OF SPECIMENS consisting of 4 specimens of any 3 kinds, ie, roots, kale, cabbage, maize
 - 25 HEAVIEST MANGOLD **or** FODDER BEET
 - 26 HEAVIEST SWEDE **or** TURNIP
 - 27 HEAVIEST CUT CABBAGE
 - 28 HEAVIEST COLLECTION OF 6 MAIZE COBS
 - 29 HEAVIEST COB OF FIELD MAIZE
 - 30 A sample of LEY TURF, minimum 18" x 12"
 - 31 A COLLECTION OF 5 DIFFERENT ANIMAL FEEDS for the winter feeding of stock harvested in 2022
- weights in classes 22 and 23 may be checked

Champion exhibit from the Specimen Roots section is eligible for the Champion of Champions Trophy.

HAY, SILAGE AND STRAW SAMPLES

(To be grown by exhibitor)

Entries close: 23rd August. No late entries will be accepted.

Entry fee: £2.00 per entry

Prizes: £5, £3, £2

- (i) All entries in classes 32-41 must have been made in 2023
- (ii) All exhibits to be staged by 11.00 am and not to be removed before 4.00pm.
- (iii) The judges are empowered to use their own discretion as to the definition of Seeds Hay.

Judges (classes 32-41): Mr G Pulsford, Mr C Ogborne

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- 32 A bale or sample of MEADOW HAY
- 33 A bale or sample of SEEDS HAY
- 34 A bale or sample of OAT STRAW
- 35 A bale or sample of BARLEY STRAW
- 36 A bale or sample of WHEAT STRAW
- 37 Sample of WHOLE CROP SILAGE (14lb or over)
- 38 Sample of CLAMP SILAGE (14lb or over)
- 39 Sample of BIG BALE SILAGE (14lb or over)
- 40 Sample of BIG BALE HAY (14lb or over)
- 41 Sheaf of CORN (tied with straw bond)

**Separate schedule available for Crafts and Produce Show:
Available to download from www.nsas.org.uk**

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GRAIN SAMPLES

(To be grown by exhibitor)

Entries close: 23rd August. No late entries will be accepted
Entry fee: £2.00 per entry (one entry per exhibitor per class)
Prizes: £5, £3, £2

- (i) All exhibits to be staged by 11.00 am and not to be removed before 4.00pm.
- (ii) Weights may be checked.
- (iii) Variety of grain to be stated on entry form and included with the sample on Match Day.

Judges (classes 42-45): Mr G Pulsford, Mr C Ogborne

*Sponsored By: **Alvis Contracting***

- 42 28lb WHEAT harvested in 2023
- 43 28lb BARLEY harvested in 2023
- 44 28lb OATS harvested in 2023
- 45 28lb ANY OTHER COMBINABLE CROP not listed (linseed rape, peas, beans, etc) harvested in 2023

Champion exhibit from the Grain Samples section is eligible for the Champion of Champions Trophy

FIELD CROP CLASSES

Entries close: 3rd September (match day)
Entry fee: £4 per entry (one entry per exhibitor per class)
Prizes: £15, £10, £5

- (i) Classes 46-49 are open to members of the North Somerset Agricultural Society who reside in the Society's area.
- (ii) Classes will be judged in the week commencing 11th September 2023
- (iii) If insufficient entries in any class it may be dropped.

Judges (classes 46-49): Mr B Smith & Mr H W C Butler

- 46 2 acres (not less) of STUBBLE TURNIPS
- 47 3 acres of LEY sown in 2020 or 2021
- 48 3 acres of LEY sown prior to 2020
- 49 3 acres of FORAGE MAIZE

WINTER FORAGE COMPETITION

- (i) Classes 50-53 are open to members of the North Somerset Agricultural Society who reside in the Society's area.
- (ii) The sponsors will arrange to collect and analyse the samples.
- (ii) The winners will be announced at the Society's AGM

Judges (Classes 50-53): For Farmers

*Sponsored by **For Farmers***

- 50 WHOLE CROP SILAGE (not Maize)
- 51 CLAMP SILAGE
- 52 MAIZE SILAGE
- 53 BIG BALE SILAGE

Somerset Ploughing Championship Association Matches 2023

Bridgwater & District

Cannington, Bridgwater. Saturday 16th September
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