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Memorial Ploughing Match

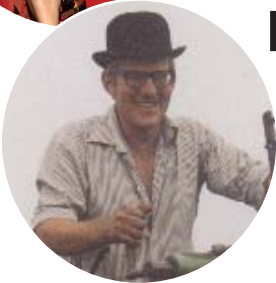
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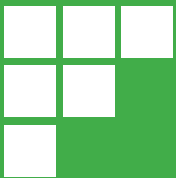
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Timetable of Events

09.30	Allocation of plots
10.00-10.20	Opening of plots
10.20-11.00	Openings to be judged
11.00	Ploughing to commence
14.00	Ploughing to finish
15.30	Raffle and presentation of trophies by Geoffrey Hughes



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Class 1	Den Phillips Memorial Trophy
Class 2	John Attrill Memorial Trophy
Class 3	Derek Young Memorial Trophy
Class 1, 2 & 3	1st Prize £52 Hospice Lottery Gift Voucher 2nd Prize £26 Hospice Lottery Gift Voucher 3rd Prize £13 Hospice Lottery Gift Voucher
Novice Ploughman	Stephen Hayles Memorial Trophy and £26 Hospice Lottery Gift Voucher <i>(for best overall work - winner never to have won a class at any previous ploughing match organised by the IWTEC, IWPA or any other similar organisation.)</i>
Champions	Memorial Ploughing Match Trophy and £100.00 cash prize (kindly donated by a supporter of the event)



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I am pleased to announce that at the time of going to print (25th March) over £1000 has been raised for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice. A big thank you, goes to all those listed below and also to the ploughmen who were asked to donate a minimum of £5 to enter the match. The 45 ploughmen in fact donated a total of £425.00

Thank you to the judges: Ray Morgan, Stuart Slocombe, Clive House and William Humby from Lymington. Their crossing to the Island was kindly sponsored by Wightlink

I wish to express my gratitude for the generosity of the following:

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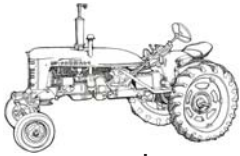
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By Trevor Sweeney - Hamilton, Vic.

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He was an inspiration and a constant source of mirth
Like the time he spent one August out there in the shed
He went to start the tractor but the bloody thing was dead.

He turned the key like normal, the engine groaned and popped
A cloud of thick white smoke came out and the bloody thing just stopped
When he turned the key again there was not a sign of life
Grandad got his tool box and that always lead to strife

First off came the bonnet, which wasn't really hard
He took out the radiator and put it in the yard
"Then the words I dreaded most, "Son you watch and learn"
And like everything that Grandad did, things took a nasty turn"

I know what I am doing, I've been doing this for years"
What Grandad did to farm machines reduced grown men to tears
He went and got a shifter, and he undid all the bolts
He got his biggest hammer and gave the head a jolt

He should have been more gentle, used a bit more care
That would have stopped the chunk of head flying through the air
"Bloody alloy castings! They make these things from crap"
Well anyway the tractors head was now a lump of scrap



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They looked to be in real good nick, "Why won't this thing go?"

Grandads on the blower, "I need to order parts"
"I've pulled down all the motor, I hope the damn thing starts."
"I will need all new gaskets", and he asked about the head
When told the price, I can't repeat, the things that Grandad said

Grandad asked the parts man, if he had one second hand
Of course the tractor Grandad bought, was some obscure brand
"I don't think you will get one" the parts man had a gloat
The parts man said "I'll order one, - it'll take a month by boat"

The day arrived the parts turned up, all the bits were right
Grandad said, "I'll make it run, if it takes all bloody night"
He came out in the morning with this enormous grin
He turned the key and as you've guessed not a bloody thing

Grandad wasn't happy you should have heard the din
We had to bite the bullet and call a mechanic in
Grandad didn't like it, he didn't like to lose
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Ploughing is an ancient craft and the ability to plough a straight furrow is highly prized. There has always been strong competition among those who plough to be considered the best in their field and some of the ploughing match societies in Britain are a century old.

Exactness is of the essence and every blade of grass and stubble on the plot must be buried within a specified time limit, furrows must be identical, smooth and free from holes and straightness is paramount. Each aspect of the competition attracts points, and after a set area of ground has been completed, the plot is judged and the Champion is settled.

Ploughing is never as easy as it looks, a good eye and plenty of hands on experience produces dividends when it comes to competition work. Many prospective ploughmen have stood in abject wonder whilst watching a true master at work, then gone home convinced that they now know "how it's done", only to find that somehow, concentrated observation of their mentors skills simply isn't enough and the flawless work studied earlier cannot be duplicated quite so easily!

Agriculture is at its mechanised peak as we advance into the 21st century, but skill is something that cannot be mechanically replicated. Never is this more obvious than when one watches a true master ploughman at work.



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Class 1 Any model of tractor and trailing plough

Plot no.	Competitor	Tractor	Year	Plough
1	Geoff Phillips	Fordson Standard	1942	Ransome
2	Bern Parker	Allis Chalmers	1942	Ransome
3	Neil Morey	Fordson Standard N	1945	Ransome
4	Ralph Cook	Fordson	1938	Ransome
5	Ross Davidson	International Farmall M	1954	Ransome
6	George Case	International Farmall M	1951	Ransome
7	Glen Draper	International B250	1957	Ransome
8	Trevor Whitewood	Fordson Standard	1945	Ransome
9	Allan King	Massey Harris	1950	Massey Harris
10	Rueben Abbott	Fordson	1941	Ransome
11	Arnold Watts	David Brown	1953	Ransome
12	Todd Carder	Nuffield	1958	Ransome
13	Steven Nolan	Nuffield M4	1949	Ford Elite

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14	Derek Wilson	Massey Ferguson	1960	Ferguson
15	Colin Russell	Massey Ferguson	1957	International
16	Harriet Kent	Massey Ferguson 35	1957	Massey Ferguson
17	Shaun Russell	John Deere	1979	Ransome
18	Stewart West	Massey Ferguson 35X	1961	Ransome
19	Michael Butcher	Massey Ferguson	1959	Ransome
20	Denis Pocock	Ford 5000	1971	Bamford
21	James Cook	Ford 3000		Ransome
22	Don Hayles	Ferguson	1955	Ferguson
23	Dave Warne	Fordson Major	1963	Ransome
24	Owen Brayford	International 885XL	1982	International
25	Matthew Smith	Massey Ferguson 35	1959	Ferguson
26	Frank Willis	Fordson Dexta	1960	Ransome
27	Paul Trickett	Nuffield		Ferguson
28	Justin Gulliver	Massey Ferguson		Ransome
29	Rob Richards	Massey Ferguson 35	1962	Fisher Humphries
30	David Watts	International	1965	International
31	Tony Barton	Massey Ferguson	1955	Massey Ferguson
32	Leigh Bradley	Massey Ferguson	1967	Ransome
33	Eddie James	Fordson Super Major	1964	Ransome
34	Peter Mogg	Massey Ferguson 35	1963	Massey Ferguson

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36	John Butcher	Ford 4000	1974	Ransome
37	John Stallard	Ford 5000	1975	Ransome TS86
38	Ben Parsons	Ford 2000		Ransome
39	Trevor Mew	Ford	1988	Fiskars
40	Alan Taylor	Ford 3000	1966	Ransome
41	Bob Toms	International	1969	Ransome
42	Stephen Peachey	International	1989	Kverneland
43	George Watts	International		Bonning
44	Joss Brett	Ford 4000	1969	Kverneland
45	Malcolm Johnson	Fordson	1957	Ransome
46	Stuart Rose	David Brown 990		Kverneland

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1. INSURANCE

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2. PLOUGHS

- a. Skimmers & one-piece tailpieces are optional - no other attachments allowed
- b. Plough bodies can be raised or lowered but cannot be raised out of the 'ploughing' position
- c. All plough bodies to be used when ploughing the finish
- d. Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are not allowed

3. TIME ALLOWED

- a. 20 minutes for opening. Penalty for failure to finish opening on time - 2 points per minute or part minute
- b. 40 minutes for openings to be judged
- c. 3 hours to complete the plot. Penalty for failure to finish the plot at finishing signal - 10 points per minute or part minute
- d. 15 minutes for any cast-off made after commencement of ploughing
- e. Maximum of one hour only allowed for a breakdown

4. OPENING

- a. Double opening - no land left unturned

5. START

- a. The start shall consist of 11 or 12 furrows
- b. Competitors must cast towards the next highest numbered plot



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6. FINISH

- a. The finish shall consist of the last 8 furrows
- b. Last furrow to be cast towards competitors' own start

7. DEPTH

Depth to be reached on completion of start & adhered to until commencing the finish.
Minimum depth 15cm / 6"

8. GENERAL

- a. The first run next to the neighbouring competitor will not be judged, but ploughmen must not mark their neighbours' ploughing with their tractor wheel.
- b. Rolling of furrows or scratches is not allowed. Penalty - 20 points deduction
- c. Twin tractor wheels not allowed
- d. Three sighting poles only (one can be placed on the headland) - assistance to set & remove is allowed. No other assistance allowed including no assistance by signal, radio contact, mobile phone or any other method.
- e. Handling, shaping or treading of scratches or furrows is not allowed
- f. Only one tractor & plough wheel mark allowed at the finish
- g. Only the competitor allowed to clean the plot of straw, stones, etc.
- h. The use of Global positioning Technology, laser beams or any other electronic or computerised measuring devices are not allowed
- i. Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official or fellow competitor is not acceptable. Penalty - 20 points deduction

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Rolling	20 points penalty
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