

EAST KENT PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION

81ST PLOUGHING MATCH

St Nicholas Court Farms, Monkton CT12 4AU

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SCHEDULE

Wednesday 30 September 2026

Entries close: 31 August 2026



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RULES

1. The Association is established for the encouragement of those employed in agriculture and for awarding prizes for skill in agricultural pursuits.
2. The Association shall consist of members from whom a President, Vice-Presidents and Committee of Management shall be elected.
3. Any Person wishing to join the Association must be proposed, seconded and elected at a General or Committee Meeting and complete the appropriate application form as issued by a committee member.
4. The Annual Subscription for Members shall not be less than £25.00, due on the closing date of entries in each year.
5. Any Member whose subscription is two years in arrears shall cease to be a Member until he has been re-elected.
6. All Members shall be entitled to make entries of themselves and their employees.
7. Non-Members may make entries on payment of not less than £25.00 at the Committee's discretion.
8. The Committee have power to add or withdraw prizes in each class according to the number of competitors and the merit displayed. The Judges will have power to withhold prizes where they consider the exhibits of insufficient merit or insufficient number.
9. **Protests.** Any Exhibitor lodging an objection must do so in writing before 15.00 hours on the day of the Match, and deposit 50p with the Secretary, which shall be forfeited to the Association if the Committee consider the objection frivolous. All objections to be decided by the Committee which shall be convened for that purpose and whose decision shall be final.
10. No liability of any kind is accepted by the Committee or by the Association.
11. In the event of the dissolution of the Association the surplus funds, after meeting any expenses connected with such dissolution at such date, shall be transferred to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.
12. **FINAL DECISION.** Any question arising and not provided for in these rules shall be decided by the Committee of Management whose decision shall be final and binding.
13. Only one entry in each Class will count for the Cups.
14. The Committee to appoint Stewards.

REGULATIONS

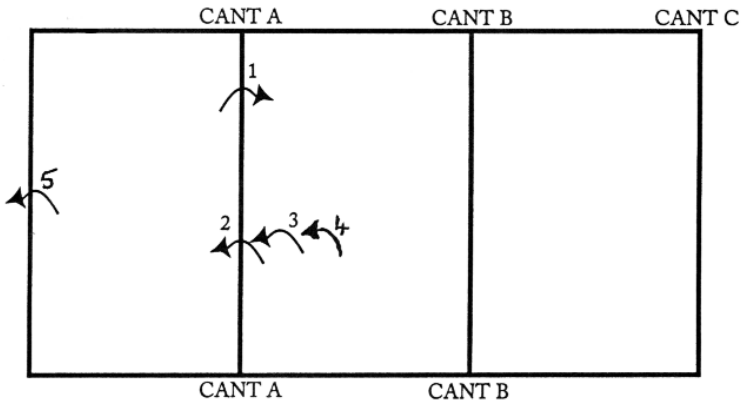
The Plough and Tractor to be set and used by the Competitor in general farm work, in the boundary of Kent, except for the Vintage Section and Horse Ploughs. Subject to sufficient space being available, members may also enter match ploughs in a match plough class. Competitors in this class will not be eligible for the East Kent Ploughing Match Championship and will therefore gain no eligibility for the Kent or National Competitions from taking part in this match.

Any former farm workers and competitors 21 and under can compete even if not in full time agriculture.

PLOUGHING

Communications with competitors after starting will render them liable to disqualification. Ploughmen to be in the field by 09.00 hours, to draw their Ploughing Tickets. Marker pegs can be positioned and the single opening furrow can be cut before 10.00 hours. No more ploughing until opening furrows been judged and the start rocket is fired. Ploughing to commence at 10.00.

LAYOUT FOR REVERSIBLE PLOUGHS DRAWING



The first prize winner in each Class will be required to ploughing the Champion Class during the afternoon. Ploughing to be 1½ hours in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon. Furrows to be not less than 10" wide and not less than 6" deep. All ground to be moved.

Points will be deducted if competitors are over time, one point per minute.

A single furrow is to be used for opening.

Rolling of the split is not accepted.

The use of GPS equipment is not permitted.

VINTAGE PLOUGHING RULES

1. TRACTOR

In both trailing and mounted plough classes, all models of tractor must have been in production before 31st December 1959.

2. PLOUGHS

- a) Trailing plough class – any trailing plough is eligible.
- b) Mounted plough class – any mounted plough in production before 31st December 1959.
- c) Plough bodies to be designed for plough at time of manufacture.
- d) Skimmers and one piece tailpieces are optional – no other attachments allowed.
- e) Plough bodies can be raised or lowered but cannot be dipped up out of the 'ploughing' position.
- f) All plough bodies to be used when ploughing the finish.
- g) 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) To complete the plot by 12.30 pm. 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) One hour allowed for Championship Ploughing.

4. OPENING

- a) Double opening split – no land left unturned – can be completed before 10 am start.
- b) On grassland there is no opening

5. START

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

6. FINISH

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

7. DEPTH

- a) Depth to be reached on competition of 'start' and adhered to until commencing the 'finish'.
Minimum depth 15cm.

8. GENERAL

- a) The first and second runs next to the neighbour's plot will be allowed as straightening furrows and will not be judged if the neighbour's ploughing is crooked, below the normal standard or not parallel.
- b) Rolling of furrows or scratches is *not* allowed.
- c) Twin tractor wheels *not* allowed.
- d) Three siting poles only (one can be placed on the headland) – assistance to set and remove is allowed (one can be placed on the headland). 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 and plough wheel mark at the finish.
- g) Only the competitor allowed to clean the plot of straw, stones etc.
- h) Competitors must produce evidence of age of tractor if requested.
- i) The use of Global Positioning Technology, laser beams or any other electronic or computerised measuring devices are *not* allowed.
- j) Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official or fellow competitor is not acceptable.
Penalty – *20 points*.

9. SAFETY

- a) Passengers not allowed on tractors or ploughs at any time.
- b) Society of Ploughmen Safety Policy to be adhered to at all times.

10. FINAL DECISION

- a) Any question arising and not provided in these rules shall be decided by the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.

11. Competitors must be member of Kent Ploughing Match Association to be eligible to go forward to the Kent Ploughing Championships.

JUDGES METHOD OF SCORING THE PLOUGHING

VINTAGE AND COMMERCIAL PLOUGHING

Opening (well cut, uniform and straight)	20
Start (11 or 12 furrows, uniform, level and straightness)	20
Seed Bed (weed control and soil made available)	20
Firmness (firm, well packed furrows, no holes)	20
Uniformity (clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no pairing of furrows)	20
Finish (uniform, shallow and straightness)	20
Ins and Outs (neat, accurate and regular)	20
General Appearance (workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot)	

FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS

Two tractor wheel marks	20 points penalty
Finish wrong way	20 points penalty
Depth infringement	20 points per cm less than specified depth
Rolling	20 points penalty
Failure to finish opening in time	2 points per min or par min over time
Failure to finish plot by finishing signal	10 points per min or part min over time
Abuse of officials or fellow competitors	20 points penalty
Failure to adhere to Safety Policy	Disqualification

Any other penalty deduction will be decided by the Executive Committee

VINTAGE PLOUGHING GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITORS

1. Discs/skimmers/tailpieces can be of different make.
2. Weights can be used on tractors or ploughs.
3. Adjustable stays on plough mouldboards are allowed.
4. Quick entry or slotted top links are allowed.
5. Extended wheel axles are allowed.
6. Screw adjustments on cross shafts are allowed.
7. Modified plough shares are allowed.
8. Only approved manufacturers diesel engine conversions allowed.
9. Hydraulic top links and other hydraulic rams are not allowed.
10. Stubble chains are not allowed.
11. Two-piece adjustable tailpieces are not allowed.
12. Draw-bars with hydraulic movement not allowed.
13. Four-wheel drive conversions not allowed.
14. A list of eligible tractors is available from the Society of Ploughmen on request.

EAST KENT PLOUGHING MATCH HORSE PLOUGHING RULES

1. Competitors must make a double opening split. All ground must be moved.
2. Each Competitor must show TEN furrows before ploughing up to their neighbour's work. Before starting to plough up to their neighbour's work, Competitors must check that the neighbour has completed TEN furrows also.
3. Competitors continue to turn to the plot with the next highest number until their own is completed. The last furrow must be thrown towards the Competitor's own crown.
4. All ploughing should be a minimum of FIVE INCHES deep except for the first two furrows i.e., one to each side of the crown – and the last two furrows at the finish....these shall be left to the discretion of the Competitor.
5. Each Competitor will be allowed an assistant for leading the horses if desired.
6. The Competitor alone must set and/or adjust the plough.
7. Normally the Competitor will use a pair of horses but a single horse shall be allowed if the Competitor only has one horse capable of pulling the plough.
8. MARKING shall be out of a total of Two Hundred Points with points allocated as follows: Split 10 ; Crown 35; Skimmers 30; Uniformity 25; Firmness or Packing 30; Straightness 20; 'Ins and Outs' 10; Finish 40.
9. Horses must not be left unattended on the headland.
10. Handling, treading or shaping of scratches or furrows is not allowed.

FIELDS

Only one entry in each Class allowed from each Farm.

VEGETABLES

Collections of Vegetables to carry the following maximum points:

Potatoes	20 Points	Leeks	20 Points
Turnips	15 Points	Celery	20 Points
Onions	20 Points	Brussel Sprouts	15 Points
Cauliflower	20 Points	Red Cabbage	15 Points
Carrots	20 Points	Tomatoes	20 Points
Cabbage	15 Points	Beetroot	15 Points
Parsnips	20 Points	Runner Beans	18 Points
Savoys	15 Points	Chillies	20 Points
Butternut Squash	20 Points		

Cauliflowers to be arranged on the ground. Sprout stalks to be trimmed.

POTATOES

Best 10 kilos of Potatoes to be grown by Exhibitor.

To be shown in boxes provided. All potatoes to be washed.

GRAIN & SEED

Sample 3 kilos of Grain from not less than 2 tonnes to be harvested by the exhibitor in the area in 2026. Bags will be provided on the ground.

Samples to be in the tent by 9 am.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

THE SIR WILLIAM WAYLAND TROPHY awarded to the Member gaining the most points in the Show.

TRACTOR PLOUGHS

*Stewards – G Preston, A Mew, M Plommer,
N Parsons, S Dunn, K Hunt, M Ovenden*

All mounted reversible ploughs. To be subdivided into classes as necessary.
Prizes: 1st £30. 2nd £20. 3rd £15.

RUN ROUND PLOUGH CLASS

This class is not eligible for Championship. To be subdivided into Mounted and Trailer Classes as necessary. This class will only operate if 3 or more entries are received. Entries to be restricted.

Prizes: 1st £30. 2nd £20. 3rd £15.

CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION PLOUGHMEN

To decide the Champion and Reserve Champion Ploughmen. The first prize winners will be required to Plough an extra Cant during the afternoon.

Prizes: Champion £100 (given jointly by Harry's Contracting and Caspell Parsons Farming).
Reserve Champion £40. 3rd £30

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Champion Ploughman is eligible to compete in the National Championships. He will also be eligible to compete in the Kent Ploughing Championships.

TROPHIES FOR COMMERCIAL CLASSES

CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by the Rt. Hon. The Lord Northbourne for the Champion Ploughman.

CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by J. E. Batchelor Esq., for the Reserve Champion Ploughman.

CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Messrs. Arter Bros. Ltd., Barham, for the Second Reserve Champion Ploughman.

CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Mrs. F. E. Elgar for the Best Ploughman 21 years of age and under.

CANTAGRIAN TROPHY

Awarded to Best Work Done in any Ploughing Class by a Competitor who is an Old Student of Hadlow College, K. F. I. or K. H. I.

CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Arter Bros. Ltd., Barham, and called the “J. Wood Memorial” Cup for the First Prize Winner of the Two and Three Furrow Reversible Ploughs.

CHALLENGE CUP

Presented by Invicta Motors Ltd., Canterbury, for the First Prize Winner of the Four Furrow Reversible Ploughs.

CHALLENGE BOWL

Presented by Lenfield Engineering for the First Prize Winner of the Five Furrow Reversible Ploughs.

TROPHY

Presented by Southern Harvesters Ltd., for the First Prize Winner of the Six Furrow and over Reversible Ploughs.

SPECIAL PRIZE of a Tankard for the Champion Ploughman, presented by Bell Agricultural Ltd.

SPECIAL PRIZE of £35 for Champion Ploughman 21 years and under, presented by Crawfords Group.

SPECIAL PRIZE given by Haynes Agricultural Ltd. (Kent), for the Best Work done by New Holland Tractor.

SPECIAL PRIZE given by Crawfords Group, for Best Work done by Massey Ferguson Tractor, £35.

SPECIAL PRIZE given by Crawfords Group, to the Ploughman who does the Best Work with a Lemken Plough. £35.

VINTAGE PLOUGHS

Stewards: C Laker, J Laker, T Page, A Dean

TRAILER PLOUGH CLASS

TRACTOR – model to be in production before 31st December 1959 and to be as manufactured.

PLOUGH – any make of trailer plough.

MOUNTED RUN-ROUND PLOUGH CLASS

TRACTOR – model to be in production before 31st December 1959 and to be as manufactured.

PLOUGH – any make of mounted plough in production before 31st December 1959.

CLASSIC CLASS

TRACTOR – must have been in production before introduction of “Q” cabs (approx. 1976).

PLOUGH – must have been in production before 31st December 1976, excluding match ploughs, i.e. Fiskars, Kverneland, Super Hydrion, and Ransomes Boning.

VINTAGE TROPHIES

CHALLENGE CUP - The Webster Cup for Champion Vintage Ploughman

CHALLENGE CUP - The George Newport Memorial Cup for the Winner of the Trailer Ploughs

CHALLENGE CUP - T&S Bradley Cup for the best lady Ploughman

CHALLENGE CUP - R G Ovenden Farms cup for the vintage novice

CHALLENGE CUP – W S Whitehead & Sons – Vintage Mounted Winner of Class 6

TROPHY - Peter Spain Memorial Trophy for best work with a grey Ferguson and Ferguson Plough (Ferguson System)

SHIELD - Presented by Drake & Fletcher Ltd for the best turnout

SHIELD - JC Hogben shield for the Reserve Vintage Champion

TROPHY - R J Ash and family for the Vintage Mounted Winner in Class Seven

CLASSIC TROPHIES

CHALLENGE CUP – The Motorline Cup for the Winner of the Two Furrow class.

SHIELD – Presented by G & E A Preston for the Winner of the Three Furrow class.

CHALLENGE CUP – F H Browne and Sons Ltd cup for the Classic Class Champion.

CHALLENGE CUP – The Walton Cup for the Winner of the three Furrow Run Round Classic Ploughs.

HORSE PLOUGHS

Stewards: A Bartlett, J Weir Judge: TBC

CHALLENGE CUP – Presented by E. Barwick, Esq., for Champion Horse Ploughman.

CHALLENGE CUP – In memory of Leonard E. Fox, for Best Turnout.

TROPHY – Presented by I. Chittenden, Esq. in memory of Heather Princess, for Best Working Pair.

Classes: 1. Best Turnout. 2. Best Working Pair. 3. Best Ploughing.

Prizes in Class 1: 1st, £30; Class 2, 1st, £30; Class 3, 1st £30; 2nd, £20; 3rd, £15.

EAST KENT STOCKMAN OF THE YEAR 2026

Steward: A Bartlett Judge: TBC

Open to beef, sheep and dairy farms, provided they have a breeding herd/flock of at least 10 cows or 40 ewes. The Judge will look for overall stockmanship of animals, including grassland management.

All ages of animals must be available for inspection, with emphasis on calves/lambs. Judging will be mid-late July 2026 and the stockman must be available to meet the judge for one hour.

Prizes

1st Beef Stockman	£40	1st Sheep Stockman	£40	1st Dairyman	£40
2nd Beef Stockman	£25	2nd Sheep Stockman	£25	2nd Dairyman	£25

CHARLES LEFEVRE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP

Kindly donated by the Canterbury Fatstock Show to overall Stockman of the Year.

SILAGE COMPETITION 2026

Steward: A Bartlett Judge: A Bartlett,

Prizes:	1st Big Bale Silage	£20	1st Clamped Silage	£20
	2nd Big Bale Silage	£10	2nd Clamped Silage	£10

CLASSES OPEN FOR ENTRY

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

Stewards: G Whitehead, J Whitehead Judges: J Vickers, D Bradley

CHALLENGE CUP – Presented by Messrs. F. Friday and Sons, Ltd., Canterbury, for the Best 12 Heads of Closed Trimmed Cauliflower.

THE JOHN CASPELL TROPHY FOR MOST POINTS GAINED IN THE FRUIT CLASSES

CLASS 9 – Cauliflowers, 12 Closed Trimmed Heads. Trimmed to 1½ above curd.
Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 10 – 6 kilos Brussels Sprouts.
Prizes: 1st £10; 2nd, £5.
Ready for harvesting.

CLASS 11 – Brussels Sprouts, 6 Stalks.
Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.
Ready for harvesting.

POTATOES

CHALLENGE CUP – Presented by Messrs. William J. Gardner Ltd., Birchington, for the Best 10 kilos of Potatoes.

CLASS 12 – 10 kilos White Potatoes (washed). Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 13 – 10 kilos Red Potatoes (washed). Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 14 – 10 kilos Partly Coloured Potatoes (washed). Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

FRUIT

CLASS 15 – Best Six Dessert Apples. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 16 – Best Six Cooking Apples. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 17 – Best Six Dessert Pears. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

OPEN SECTION

Entry fee 25p. This Section open to non-Members of the Association.

CHALLENGE CUP – Presented by the Joint Masters, West Street Hunt, for the Exhibitor gaining the Highest Number of Points in Classes 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Points awarded as follows:-

Classes 18 – 1st, 6pts; 2nd, 4pts; 3rd, 2pts. Reserve 1pt. Classes 19-25 – 1st, 3pts; 2nd, 2pts; 3rd, 1pt. Reserve 1/2 pt.

Please note: Only one entry in each class.

CLASS 18 – Entries welcomed from individuals who have grown a collection of Vegetables in their Own Garden or Allotment; 4 kinds selected from the undermentioned.

2 Turnips, 2 Parsnips, 3 Onions, 1 Cauliflower, 3 Carrots, 1 Cabbage, 1 Savoy, 2 Heads of Celery, 2 Leeks, 1 Red Cabbage, 3 Beetroot, 6 Sprouts, 6 Runner Beans, 3 Tomatoes, 3 Potatoes, 2 Sweetcorn, 9 Cherry Tomatoes, 1 Cucumber.

To be exhibited on a staging not exceeding 1m. x 1m., to be provided by the Exhibitor.

For maximum points see Regulations.

Prizes: 1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2.

CLASS 19 – 3 White Potatoes (washed).

Prizes: 1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2.

CLASS 20 – 3 Coloured Potatoes (washed).

Prizes: 1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2.

CLASS 21 – 3 Onions.

Prizes: 1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2.

CLASS 22 – 3 Carrots.

Prizes: 1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2.

CLASS 23 – 9 Runner Beans.

Prizes: 1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2.

CLASS 24 – Plate of 4 Shallots.

Prizes: 1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2.

CLASS 25 – 2 Leeks.

Prizes: 1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2.

GRAIN & SEED

Stewards: R Edridge, F Paterson, I Stickells

Judges: O Wilson, G Hewitt

Sample 3 kilos of Grain from not less than 2 tonnes to be harvested by the exhibitor in the area in 2026. Bags will be provided on the showground.

No sample will be accepted without a label clearly marking name of exhibitor and variety.

THE DENNE HILL CHALLENGE CUP – Kindly donated by The Late R F Loder-Symonds to the Exhibitor gaining most points in the Grain Tent.

BARLEY

CHALLENGE CUP – Presented by Messrs. Thompson and Son Ltd., Walmer Brewery, for the Best Sample of Malting Barley.

CLASS 26 – Winter Barley.

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 27 – Spring Barley.

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CHALLENGE CUP – Presented by the Rt. Hon.

The Viscount Hawarden, for the Best Sample of Feeding Barley.

CLASS 28 – Feeding Barley.

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

WHEAT

CHALLENGE CUP – Presented by Messrs. Kingsford and Co. Ltd., Canterbury, for the best sample of Milling Wheat.

CLASS 29 – Milling Wheat. Groups 1 & 2 Milling Wheat. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 30 – The William Harvey Cup. Groups 3 & 4 Feeding Wheat.
Presented by John Harvey (Nonington) Ltd., for best sample of Feeding Wheat.
Prize money presented by Frontier Agriculture. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 31 – Challenge Cup. Presented by Messrs. C. J. Hudson Ltd., Ramsgate, for 1 kilo Sample of Wheat with the Highest Protein Content. Only Competitors Exhibiting in Classes 29 or 30 allowed to enter this Class. Samples to be sent to A. Kerr, Bibury Cottage, Wingham Road, Littlebourne CT3 1LY before September 5th with name and address of sender and variety of wheat. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

OATS

CHALLENGE CUP – Presented by Messrs. J. F. Holter and Sons, Canterbury, for the Best Sample of Oats.

CLASS 32 – Winter Oats. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 33 – Spring Oats. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

BEANS – 3 kilos. Samples from not less than 2 Tonnes.

CLASS 34 – Winter Beans. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 35 – Spring Beans

OILSEED

CLASS 37 – Linseed 1 kilo. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 38 – Oil Seed Rape 1 kilo, Spring and Winter Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

TANKARD – Presented by Street End Farms for the best sample of Oil Seed Rape.

PEAS

CLASS 40 – Peas 3 kilos (Class to be sub-divided if necessary). Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

HAY OR FODDER *Judge: J Warnock*

CLASS 41 – Conventional Bale of Meadow Hay, 2026 Crop, not less than 15 kilos. Prizes given by Reeves & Co. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 42 – Conventional Bale of Fodder or Seed Hay, 2026 Crop, not less than 15 kilos. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 43 – Big Bale of Fodder or Seed Hay, 2026 Crop, not less than 20 kilos. Sample to be presented for judging. Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

FIELDS

Stewards: P Dunn, J Weir

Only one Entry allowed (in each class) from each Farm.

CHALLENGE CUP – Presented by the late F. S. Solley, Esq.

CLASS 44 – Field of Combining Peas, not less than 1 Hectare.

To be harvested 2026.

Prizes: 1st, Challenge Cup, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 44A – To be harvested 2027 (as above).

CLASS 45 – Field of Winter Beans, not less than 1 Hectare.

To be harvested 2026.

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 45A – To be harvested 2027 (as above).

CLASS 46 – Field of Spring Beans, not less than 1 Hectare.

To be harvested 2026.

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 46A – To be harvested 2027 (as above).

CHALLENGE BOWL – Presented by J C Plommer for Best Field of Winter Wheat

CLASS 47 – Field of Winter Wheat, not less than 1 Hectare.

To be harvested 2026.

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 47A – To be harvested 2027 (as above).

CLASS 48 – Field of Rape harvested 2026. Dalgety Spillers Salver – awarded to the Best Field of Rape, not less than 4 Hectares.

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 48A – Field of Rape 2027 not less than 4 Hectares.

This class to be judged at podding.

CLASS 49 – The Bramling Limeworks Trophy to be presented to the Best Field of Winter Barley harvested 2026, not less than 1 hectare

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 49A – The Bramling Limeworks Trophy to be presented to the Best Field of Winter Barley, harvested 2027, not less than 1 hectare

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 50 – The Lilywhite Trophy to be presented to the Best Field of Spring Barley harvested 2026, not less than 1 Hectare

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.

CLASS 50A – The Lilywhite Trophy to be presented to the Best Field of Spring Barley harvested 2027, not less than 1 Hectare

Prizes: 1st, £10; 2nd, £5.



LONG SERVICE AWARDS

CLASS 51 – Long Service Awards

Three Prizes of £30 each for any man or woman continuously employed with the same Family or on the same Farm for a minimum of 25 years. Previous recipients not eligible. Nominations will only be accepted from employers who are paid up members of the association.

CLASS 52 – Long Service Awards

Three Prizes of £50 each for any man or woman continuously employed with the same Family or on the same Farm for over 40 years. Previous recipients of Class 51 are eligible. Previous recipients of Class 52 are not eligible. Nominations will only be accepted from employers who are paid up members of the association.

NB: Semi-retired included (20 hours a week).

CHAMPION PLOUGHMEN SINCE 1945

1945	A. Hudson	Sussex	Mr. A. Hudson
1946	J. Wood	Barham	Messrs. Arter Bros., Ltd., Barham
1947	C. F. Jones	Martin	Messrs. R. Robertson & Son, Martin
1948	L. Fox	Wingham	Mr. S. J. Godfrey, Wingham
1949	R. Pysden	Nonington	Mr. W. A. Groombridge, Nonington
1950	L. Fox	Wingham	Mr. S. J. Godfrey, Wingham
1951	R. Hawkins	Chislet	Messrs. R. Robertson & Sons, Chislet
1952	R. Goldup	Adisham	Mr. E. Mummery, Adisham
1953	R. Pysden	Nonington	Mr. W. A. Groombridge, Nonington
1954	J. C. Hogben	Stourmouth	Mr. W. Hewett, Stourmouth
1955	C. J. Hogben	Richborough	Mr. H. Huntley, Richborough
1956	C. J. Hogben	Richborough	Mr. H. Huntley, Richborough
1957	C. J. Hogben	Richborough	Mr. H. Huntley, Richborough
1958	E. Smith	Mongeham	Messrs. Solleys Farms Ltd., Mongeham
1959	J. C. Hogben	Stourmouth	Mr. W. Hewett, Stourmouth
1960	J. C. Hogben	Stourmouth	Mr. W. Hewett, Stourmouth
1961	P. Curtis	Hoath	Mr. N. D. Fuller, Hoath
1962	H. J. Smith	Adisham	Mr. Mungo Barr, Adisham
1963	P. J. Webster	Bishopsbourne	Mr. G. S. Cobbett, Bishopsbourne
1964	H. J. Smith	Adisham	Mr. Mungo Barr, Adisham
1965	F. S. Terry	Bishopsbourne	Mr. G. S. Cobbett, Bishopsbourne
1966	B. Smith	Barfreestone	Mr. W. P. Spanton, Barfreestone
1967	A. G. Ovenden	Woodnesborough	Mr. A. G. Ovenden
1968	F. S. Terry	Bishopsbourne	Mr. G. S. Cobbett, Bishopsbourne
1969	H. J. Smith	Goodnestone	The Rt. Hon. The Lord FitzWalter
1970	L. Hopkins	East Langdon	Mr. C. S. H. MacWatt
1971	R. Hogben	Wingham	The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Hawarden
1972	R. Best	Wingham	The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Hawarden
1973	F. S. Terry	Bishopsbourne	Mr. G. S. Cobbett, Bishopsbourne
1974	R. Best	Wingham	The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Hawarden
1975	C. Wheeler	Elmsted	E. A. Francesconi & Son
1976	F. S. Terry	Bishopsbourne	Mr. G. S. Cobbett, Bishopsbourne
1977	R. Best*	Wingham	The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Hawarden
	J. Batchelor**	Hoath	J. Batchelor
1978	A. Hickman*	Upper Hardres	A. Hickman
	T. Bennett**	Elham	W. P. Clayson
1979	L. Hopkins*	East Langdon	Mr. C. S. H. MacWatt
	H. J. Smith**	Goodnestone	The Rt. Hon. The Lord FitzWalter
1980	R. Hogben*	Goodnestone	Goodnestone Park Farms
	K. S. Acres**	Selling	The Rt. Hon. The Earl Sondes
1981	D. Hopkins*	Guston	M. Goddard
	T. Tapley**	Hoath	J. E. Batchelor
1983	P. J. Webster	Bishopsbourne	G. S. Cobbett
1984	G. Preston	Ickham	G. Preston
1985	B. F. Peacock	Petham	E. Maylam & Sons
1986	C. Wheeler	Elmsted	E. A. Francesconi & Son
1987	J. Batchelor	Hoath	J. Batchelor

1988	G. E. Knight	Acol	G. E. Knight
1989	C. Wheeler	Elmstead	E. A. Francesconi & Son
1990	G. E. Knight	Acol	G. E. Knight
1991	J. Russell	Milstead	R. W. & D. Francis
1992	S. King	Elmstead	P. W. Francesconi
1994	R. Carvill	Elmstead	P. W. Francesconi
1995	R. Beer	Hoath	J. E. Batchelor
1996	R. Carvill	Elmstead	P. W. Francesconi
1997	R. Beer	Hoath	J. E. Batchelor
1998	R. Beer	Hoath	J. E. Batchelor
2000	R. Carvill	Elmstead	P. W. Francesconi
2001	C. Marsh	Woodnesborough	L. R. Smith & Sons
2002	A. Preisig	Charing	A. Preisig
2003	P. Gent	Whitstable	A. Bartlett
2004	R. Chambers	Elmstead	P. W. Francesconi
2005	J. Harrop	Sutton	Stiles & Bates
2006	R. Carvill	Challock	C. Wheeler
2008	P. Gent	Whitstable	A. Bartlett
2009	M. Jordan	Postling	C. Reynolds
2010	S. Bearup	Upchurch	C. R. & S. J. Bearup
2011	R Chambers	Elmstead	P W Francesconi
2012	K Goddard	Denton	K Goddard
2013	I Lawrence	Great Mongeham	Grange Farms Ltd
2014	I Lawrence	Great Mongeham	Solley's Farm Ltd
2015	L Gower	Acrise	O Gower
2016	W Collard	Sturry	E H Holdstock
2017	J Marsh	Birchington	D J Snell Ltd
2018	W Collard	Sturry	E Holdstock & Son
2019	R Chambers	Elmsted	P Francesconi
2021	W Collard	Sturry	E H Holdstock
2022	P Bolton	Minster	Edward Spanton Farms
2023	S Batchelor	Hoath	J R J & E Batchelor
2024	S Batchelor	Hoath	J R J & E Batchelor
2025	M Cullen	Birchington	D J Snell

* General Purpose ** Commercial No competition in 1982, 1992, 1999 and 2007

PLOWING MATCHES HELD BY THE ASSOCIATION

DATE	VENUE	BY KIND PERMISSION OF
1945	West Court Farm, Shepherdswell	Messrs. J. Weir and Sons
1946	Ratling Court, Aylesham	M. W. Brown
1947	Eastry Court, Eastry	E. D. Rice
1948	Highland Court, Bridge	W. H. Wigham
1949	Malmains Farm, Waldershare	E. Elgar
1950	Crockshard & Wingham Court Farms, Wingham	Messrs F E Elgar & S J Godfrey
1951	Adisham Court, Adisham	Messrs. J. and H. B. Weir
1952	Upper Digges and Aylesham Farms, Barham	Messrs. A. J. Ross and H. H. Roberts
1953	Ropersole and Shelvin Farms, Barham	Messrs. G F Collard and F S Mummery
1954	Eastry Court, Eastry	E. D. Rice, Esq.
1955	Dene and Wingham Court Farms Wingham	The Exors. of the late C. J. Elgar and The Hon. Robert Maude
1956	Waldershare Park, Dover	The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Guilford and C. Harman Hunt J.P., C.C.
1957	Coldharbour Farm, Kingston	Messrs. R. Dockeray and Son
1958	Upper Rowling Farm, Goodnestone	Messrs. T. Hume and Son
1959	Eastry Court, Eastry	E. D. Rice
1960	Betteshanger Farms Ltd	The Rt. Hon. the Lord Northbourne
1961	Adisham Court, Adisham	Messrs. J. and H. B. Weir
1962	Waldershare Park, Dover	The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Guildford
1963	Crockshard Farm, Wingham	F. E. Elgar
1964	Church Street Farm, Nonington	V. H. Barwick
1965	Eastry Court, Eastry	E. D. Rice
1966	Ileden Farm, Kingston	The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Hawarden
1967	Home Farm & White House Farm, Nonington	Messrs. E. J. and H. L. Barwick
1968	Swanton Farm, Lydden	H. J. B. Rice
1969	Goodnestone Park	The Rt. Hon. The Lord FitzWalter
1970	Adisham Court, Adisham	Messrs. J. and H. B. Weir
1971	Eastry Court, Eastry	E. D. Rice
1972	Church Street Farm, Nonington	V. H. Barwick
1973	Butts Farm, Lower Hardres	R. Baker-White
1974	Goodnestone Park	The Rt. Hon. The Lord FitzWalter
1975	Lenhall Farm, Bishopsbourne	R. D. Neame
1976	Denne Hill Farm, Womenswold	R. F. Lodger-Symonds
1977	Rowling Farm, Goodnestone	Messrs. T. Hume and Son

1978	Nethersole Farm, Womenswold	H. H. Roberts
1979	Eastry Court, Eastry	Messrs. R. J. and W. L. Laslett
1980	Great Pett Farm	B. Mummery
1981	Barfrestone Court Farm	P. D. Ledger
1982	Old Court Farm, Aylesham	J. Batchelor
1983	Kittington Farm, Knowlton	Mrs. O. Fox-Pitt
1984	Merton Farm, Canterbury	A. C. Hulme and Sons
1985	Waldershare Park, Dover	The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Guilford
1986	Lenhall Farm, Bishopsbourne	R. D. Neame
1987	Ham Farm, Sandwich	J. D. S. Solley
1988	Adisham Court Farm, Adisham	R. J. Paterson
	Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne	J. T. Ash
1989	Eastry Court Farm, Eastry	R. J. Laslett
1990	Merton Farm, Canterbury	P B & T O Wacher, A. C. Hulme & Sons
1991	Rowling Farm, Goodnestone	Lord & Lady FitzWalter and T Hume & Son
1992	Manor Farm, Little Mongeham	G. R. Ledger
1993	Church Farm, Barfrestone (cancelled)	H. H. Ritchie
	Home Farm, Nonington	R. Loder-Symonds
1994	Westcourt Farm, Shepherdswell	Messrs. J. Weir & Sons
1995	Great Bossington Farm, Adisham	Viscount Hawarden, Hon. T. Maude, Velcourt Group PLC
1996	Waldershare Park, Dover	The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Guilford
1997	Merton Farm, Canterbury	P B. & T O Wacher and A C Hulme & Sons
1998	Bramling Court Farm, Wingham	Messrs. W. Kerr & Son
1999	Eastry Court Farm, Eastry	G. R. Ledger
2000	Lower Rowling Farm, Goodnestone	T. Hume & Son and Lord & Lady FitzWalter
2001	East Valley Farm, St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe	Messrs. A. & J. Lyon
2002	Hardres Court Farms, Upper Hardres	Mrs. Vanessa McDonald
2003	Lees Court Estate, Gosmere Farm	The Countess Sondes
2004	Old Court Farm, Aylesham	J. Batchelor
2005	Quex Park, Birchington	C. Powell-Cotton
2006	Great Bossington Farm, Adisham	The Hawarden Family and Velcourt
2007	Brooklands Farm, Whitstable (cancelled)	D. C. Bartlett Partnership
2008	Waldershare Park, Dover	The Rt. Hon The Earl of Guilford and Velcourt Ltd
2009	Merton Farm, Canterbury	P. B. & T. O. Wacher

2010	Eastry Court Farm, Eastry, Nr. Sandwich	G. R. Ledger
2011	Gosmere Farm, Sheldwich	The Countess Sondes
2012	Ledger Farms, Station Road, St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	John and Ken Ledger
2013	Hardres Court Farm, Upper Hardres,	Mrs Vanessa McDonald
2014	St John's Farm, Swingfield, Dover	W J & R Bayly
2015	Adisham Court, Chalkpit Farm and Lower Garrington Farm	R J & P J Paterson, Amanda Barker and Mr & Mrs D Spencer
2016	Grange Farm Ltd, Mill Lane, Nonington	Mr & Mrs David Solley and family
2017	Quex Park, Birchington, Kent CT7 OHR	Quex Park Estate
2018	Malmains Farm, Waldershare, CT15 5BG	E I Overy & Sons
2019	West Court Farm, Shepherdswell	J Weir & Sons
2020	Upper Venson Farm, Eastry (Cancelled)	R & J Ledger and Family
2021	Upper Venson Farm, Eastry	R & J Ledger and Family
2022	Stoneheap Farm, Little Mongeham	The Rt Hon Lord Northbourne
2023	Hardres Court Farm, Upper Hardres	Mrs V McDonald
2024	Great Bossington Farm	The Harwarden Family, The Maude Family and Robert Spencer
2025	Quex Park, Birchington	Quex Park Estates

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- So far as is reasonably practicable, the East Kent Ploughing Match Association will do everything possible to ensure the safety of the public, competitors, exhibitors and members at the Match during preparation and dismantling.
- The Committee has appointed Safety Officers who have the Committee's full authority to maintain Health & Safety. All competitors, exhibitors and members will comply with their directions and decisions on these matters.
- Notwithstanding any specific rule hereafter, safety is the responsibility of all involved in the Ploughing Match in any way. Anyone noticing anything which might be detrimental to Health and Safety must take immediate action to allay the situation, and report it to the Safety Officers, the Chairman or Secretary.
- Any plant machinery or equipment used prior to, during or after the Match must be operated by a fully trained adult.
- No vehicle will be permitted on the showground unless authorised by a member of the Committee. In any area where members of the public are present care should be taken, especially when reversing.
- Any equipment supplied or lent for use by the organisers must comply fully with current legislation and standards relevant to its use, and be properly maintained, particularly regarding to guards, brakes, steering, tyres, horn and hydraulic pipes. No equipment should be used unless it is considered safe, maintained and compliant with legislation.
- Plant or machinery must only be operated or demonstrated after ensuring that adequate precautions are taken to protect the operator and bystanders. If any person encroaches into a danger area, operation should cease immediately. Unsafe operation will not be allowed, and may lead to eviction from the site and possible legal action by the enforcing authority.
- Static exhibits must be erected in a way that ensures that they present no risk to anyone during the event, or during erecting or dismantling. Plant or machinery relying on oil pressure in a ram or similar device to support it, must be physically propped to prevent collapse, and irrespective of the type of safety device fitted to hydraulic system.
- Each Trade Stand should ensure to have a Fire Extinguisher appropriate to their activities located for easy use on the day of the Match and one Trade Stand member should be designated as responsible for its use on the day.
- Ropes chains strops etc., used to tow trailers or vehicles on or off the site or car parks, should have been thoroughly inspected, be of adequate strength, and constructed for the purpose. They should be hitched below the axle of the towing tractor, which must be fitted with an approved safety cab.
- Machinery or vehicles left unattended must be immobilised to prevent interference by children.
- Animals, including livestock on display, are the responsibility of their owners and must be kept under strict control.
- All vehicle movements on the showground during the show should be kept to a minimum to maintain public safety, access and enjoyment of the show. All Trade Stand, exhibitors' vehicles and delivery vehicles must be removed from all access and alley ways on the showground by 9.00am. Any vehicle left in an inappropriate or unsafe place will be removed.



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