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Dear Entrant

I am delighted to enclose details for the 2017 ploughing match which will held at GATEHOUSE FARM, MARDEN TN12 9SG on 16th September by kind permission of R R Day Ltd.

As per your entry form, please be on the ground at 8.00am, ready to start at 8.30am. (Lateness will result in a 5 point penalty) You have 3 hours to complete the plot (excluding ½ hour to judge your opening) which will then be judged and the scores displayed once available outside the secretary's tent.

CLASS 1	Run-round Ploughs
CLASS 2	Classic Ploughs and Tractors
VINTAGE A	Open Trailed Vintage Ploughs
VINTAGE B	Local Trailed Vintage Ploughs
VINTAGE C	Mounted Vintage Ploughs for Ferguson Tractors <u>and</u> Ploughs only
VINTAGE D	Open Mounted Vintage Ploughs
CLASS 3	Open Reversible Ploughs
CLASS 4	Local Reversible Ploughs of 2-4 Furrows
CLASS 5	Local Reversible Ploughs 5 or more Furrows
CLASS 6	Premier Reversible Ploughs, to be ploughed as per National Rules
CLASS 7	WKPMA Single Furrow Horticultural ploughs CHAMPIONSHIP 10am – 2pm

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 28th AUGUST 2017

NOTE: No entry will be accepted without entry fee enclosed,

The plough-off for all classes winners (excluding Class 7) will commence at 1.30pm. Should you be amongst the class winners please do not go and load up directly afterwards as there will be a parade of class winners in the ring followed by the presentation of the championship trophies.

Finally on behalf of the Chairman and the Committee of the Association, I should like to thank you in advance of your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs *Karen Wheeler*,
Hon Secretary

WEALD OF
KENT
PLOUGHING
MATCH
ASSOCIATION

*Rules for
Ploughing*

1. PLOUGHS

- a. Tractor ploughs to be fitted with skimmers.
- b. Tailpieces are allowed – the maximum size to be 26cm long and 22cm wide.
The end of tailpiece to be no more than 32cm from the end of the mouldboard.
- c. Plough bodies must be in a 'ploughing' position at all times.
- d. All plough bodies must be used when finishing.
- e. Extraneous attachments that manipulate the furrows or scratches are not allowed.

2. TIME ALLOWED

- a. All competitors to be ready to start at 8.00am. Lateness will result in a 5 point penalty.
- b. Ploughing to start at 8.30am and all ground must be finished in 3 hours.**
- c. Failure to complete in allotted time will not receive any points for closing up and finishing.
- d. 15 minutes extra time for any cast-off done after the ploughing has commenced.
- e. At the finishing signal a competitor can complete the run without stopping.

PENALTY FOR FAILING TO FINISH - DISQUALIFICATION.

3. OPENING

- a. Conventional ploughing – double opening – no land shall be left unturned.
- b. Reversible ploughing – single furrow opening with right-hand bodies.

4. START

- a. Conventional ploughing – start to consist of 11 or 12 furrows.
- b. Reversible ploughing – start consists of 8 or 9 furrows.
- c. Horse Ploughing – start consists of 8 furrows
- c. Competitors to cast towards the next highest number plot.

5. FINISH

- a. Conventional ploughing – Finish to consist of last 8 furrows.
- b. Reversible ploughing – finish to consist of last 15 or 16 furrows (ie 3 furrow ploughs – 15furrows, 2 or furrow ploughs – 16 furrows).
- d. Last furrow to be ploughed towards competitor's own start.

6. DEPTH

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

- a. Tractor ploughing – minimum depth 8 inches.
- b. Vintage tractor ploughing – minimum depth 6 inches.**

7. ONE-WAY PLOUGHING – REVERSIBLE PLOUGHS

- a. The competitor should make a scratch for his last 15 or 16 furrows whilst openings are being judged (Class 6 only).
After the opening split has been judged, the competitor proceeds to:
- b. Plough 8 or 9 furrows towards the lower numbered plot (Class 6 only).
- c. Start at the next highest number and complete his 'bults' (Class 6 only).
- d. Complete the last 15 or 16 furrows (15 furrows – 3 furrow ploughs; 16 furrows – 2 or 4 furrow plough.).
- e. Alternate bodies to be used at all times. Each run to be completed before the plough is turned over.
- f. The use of sighting poles at the start of the bults is not allowed.

8. VINTAGE PLOUGHING

- a. Plough bodies must be made for the plough at the time of manufacture. b. Skimmers and tailpieces optional.
- c. Tailpieces should not be adapted to manipulate the furrows or scratches.

9. GENERAL

- a. Rolling not allowed – **penalty 20 points deduction.**
- b. Twin tractor wheels not allowed. c. Three sighting poles only – assistance to set and remove is allowed. No other assistance allowed.
- d. Handling, treading or shaping of scratches or furrows is not allowed (for exception see rule 8b).
- e. Only one wheel mark allowed at the finish in tractor ploughing.
- f. Any abuse or dispute by a competitor with an official of the WKPMA is not acceptable and will be penalised.
- g. **The Association is fully aware of the legal requirements concerning the correct use of rebated fuel (red diesel) and the licensing of tractors. However, it is the responsibility of the individual concerned to ensure that they are operating within the law. For further guidance please refer to www.hmrc.gov.uk**

FINAL DECISION

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

HORTICULTURAL PLOUGHING GUIDELINE FOR COMPETITORS

1. Discs/Skimmers/Tailpieces can be of a different make
2. Weights can be used on tractors and 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. Chains and lats are NOT allowed
9. Two-piece adjustable tailpieces are NOT allowed
10. Only approved manufacturer's diesel engines are allowed
11. Hydraulic top links and other hydraulic rams are NOT allowed
12. Drawbars with hydraulic movement are NOT allowed
13. Four wheel drive conversions are NOT allowed

WEALD OF KENT PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2017 to be held at

GATEHOUSE FARM, MARDEN TN12 9SG

PLOUGHING CLASSES ENTRY FORM

(Please return to The Oast House, Potters Lane, HAWKHURST, Kent. TN18 5BB
– NOT the site address as your entry will NOT be accepted)

Name	_____
Address	_____ _____
Contact Name	_____ Contact Number _____
Email address	_____
PLEASE PRE-BOOK LUNCH ! If you don't book then we will NOT supply lunch. Yes please/ No thanks _____	

Class	Tractor (make)	Plough (make)	Number of Furrows	Name of Entrant

Are you under 25 as at 16 Sep 2017?	Yes / No
Have you won a class at this or any other match since 1 Nov 2014?	Yes / No
Are an ex-Hadlow College Student?	Yes / No
Are you a member of WKPMA?	Yes / No
Are you, or are you employed by an agricultural contractor?	Yes / No
Are you a member of a machinery ring?	Yes / No
Are you a new competitor?	Yes / No

I understand that acceptance of this entry is conditional upon my understanding of the WKPMA requirements for Health & Safety, and agree to abide by them.

signed _____

Entry Fees: Members £10, Non-members £15 (to include 3 course lunch)