

# Ploughing & hedgelaying match

Sunday 14th September 2025



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#### Lichfield & District

# PLOUGHING, HEDGELAYING & CUTTING MATCH

#### **Sunday 14th September 2025**

Ploughing between 9.30 am and 1.30pm

Hedgelaying between 9am and 2pm

Hedgecutting begins at 1:30pm

Spectators welcome

Digger handling and children's competitions

Trailer rides | food available | licenced bar

Horse ploughing demonstration

Match day telephone number: 07799116849

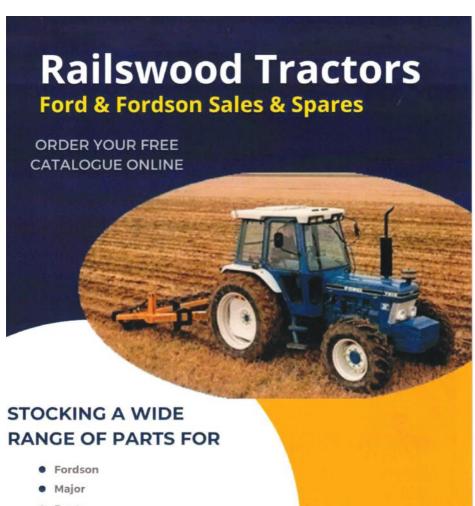
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#### Class 5 The Charles McEwan Cup

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#### Class 6 R W Leedham Cup

For the best ploughing with any vintage tractor & mounted plough in production before 31st December 1959.

#### Class 7 National Grid Perpetual Trophy

For the best ploughing with a classic tractor and one way plough of a model in production before 31st December 1976.

#### Class 8 The Gilbert Family Memorial Trophy

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New trophy for 2025, the Gilbert family memorial trophy presented by the Gilbert family in memory of Eric, Betty and Richard. Supporters of the Lichfield and District.

#### Entry Fee for all classes - £20

Entries Close on Monday 8th September 2025.

Plots will be drawn on Wednesday 10th September.

#### H F Deakin Cup

Awarded for the best turn out in Classes 1,2 or 3.

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#### Robert Leedham Junior Cup

For the best ploughing by a ploughman between the ages of 19 and 25 with a vintage tractor.

#### Judges - Brian Archer, Jeff Harrison, David Roobottom, Phil Allman, Ed Griffin, John Kitching

Chief steward - Robert Leedham

#### Presentation of prizes at 3pm approximately:

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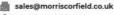




















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Saturday 6th September 2025 Saturday 13th September 2025 Sunday 14th September 2025 Saturday 20th September 2025 Sunday 21st September 2025 Saturday 27th September 2025

1st Prize £125 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £75 3rd Prize £50

Prizes will be awarded at the County Dinner on 5th November 2025. Ingestre Suite, Staffordshire Showground, ST18 OBD

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#### **Ploughing Rules**

- 1. All entries must be received by 8th September 2025.
- 2. All classes are open to any competitor but only one class may be entered.
- 3. The area to be ploughed to fixed by the stewards.
- 4. Ploughing may commence at 9.30 am. The opening split must be completed by 10am.
- 5. Competitors must wait until the judge or steward gives permission to continue ploughing.
- 6. Handwork is not allowed. Rolling of opening split is not allowed. Any contravention will be brought to the attention of the judges.
- 7. All ploughing to cease at 1.30pm prompt. Any competitor not completing their ploughing by this time will lose points.

All equipment should conform to current Health and Safety Regulations.

All equipment and competitors must be insured for use at the ploughing match, including public liability .

The general public are in attendance so please be careful when driving round the match site and take care when turning on the headlands.

All rules are as the Society of Ploughmen Ltd – Official Rules for Ploughing updated 12/2024. A copy will be available on the day.

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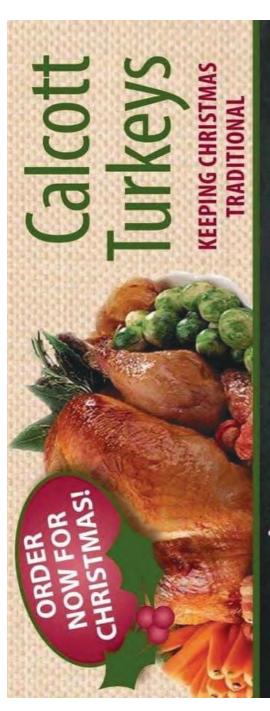
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Affiliated to the National Hedgelaying Society.

This years judge is

John Stafford

Our steward is Andrew White

# National Hedge Laying Society

#### Open class

Open to any competitor to compete for the

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#### **Novice class**

Open to any competitor who has not won this class twice in previous years within Staffordshire County Competitions.

If less than three entries in this class will be amalgamated with the **open** class with discretion given to the judge to award a prize for a novice entry.

First place - £30 Second place - £20 Third place - £10

Commences at 9am, finishes at 2pm.

£10 Entry fee, includes lunch

£10 Payment on completion of length

**All** entries must be pre-booked.



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#### **Hedgelaying conditions**

- 1. If assistance of any kind is given to any competitor, he is liable to be disqualified. No dead wood to be put in the hedge.
- 2. Anyone not completing their length by 2pm will lose points.
- It is the condition of entry that all competitors accept responsibility to provide and use protective clothing to comply with health and safety regulations.
   Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- 4. The user must have sufficient length of experience or be able to show proof of training to a suitable standard for the type of work concerned.
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- 7. In cases where the stewards feel these requirements are not being complied with the competitor **will be disqualified.**
- 8. Entries to the competition are accepted on the understanding that all prospective competitors understand the above conditions and are agreeable to abide by them at all times.
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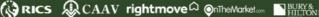
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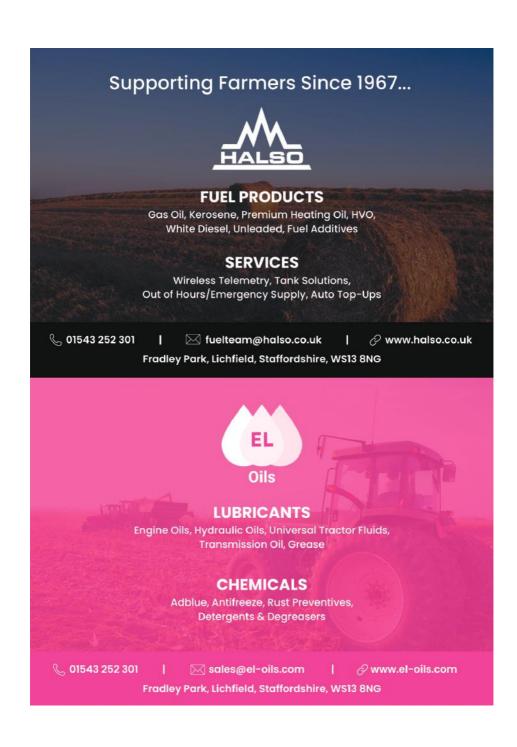
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The championship will be open to any competitor at a District Ploughing Match who has never won a first prize in any ploughing class in any ploughing match.

Any competitor wishing to be judged for the Novice Championship must indicate on the entry form for the District Ploughing Match that he or she is eligible.

First place - £100 Second place - £50 Third place - £25

#### **Rules**

- 1. Entry to the County Novice Championship will be via the relevant District Ploughing Match entry form and will be limited to reversible ploughs.
- 2. A novice ploughman is defined as someone who has never won a class, including a young farmer class, at any ploughing match. However, winning a class in a district ploughing match held after 1st September 2024 would not debar the competitor from entering the County Novice Championship.
- 3. Each district will be required to identify the best three novices at their ploughing match that have entered the County Championship; the County Judge will then award points to each of the three competitors based on their finished work.
- 4. On completion of all the district matches the County Judge will rank all competitors based on the number of points that he has awarded at the individual district matches and prizes will be awarded to the competitors ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- 5. A novice may enter the County Ploughing Championships as many times as he or she wishes by entering more than one district match.
- 6. Competitors must live within the county of Staffordshire or within 10 miles of the county boundary

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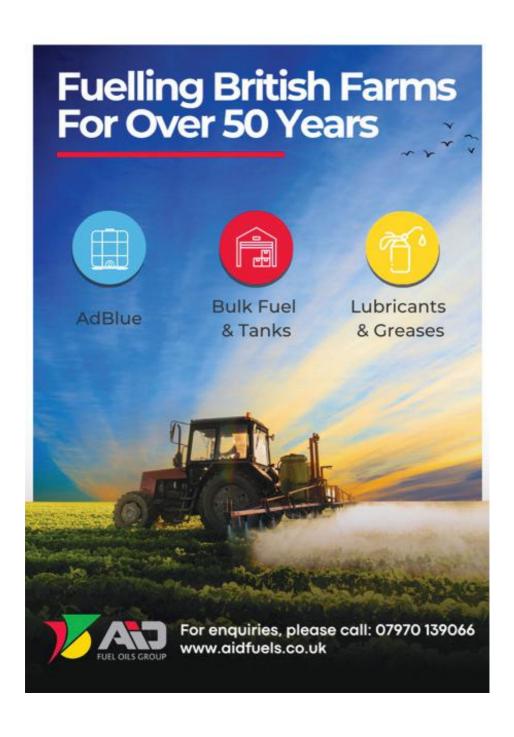
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#### Children's competitions

To bring on the day, entries to be displayed by 11:30am

#### The competitions:

- 1. Scarecrow to celebrate VE day
- 2. Two decorated buns judged on decoration only

Class one - Age 0 - 4

Class two - Age 5 - 9

Class three - Age 10 - 16

Points for each competition are accumulated and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded for each age group.

#### **Dates for your diary**

#### Annual Dinner and prize giving

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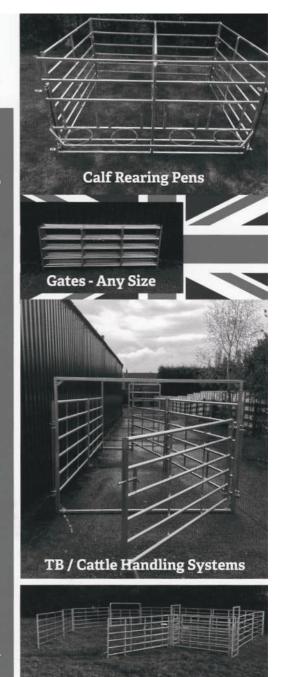
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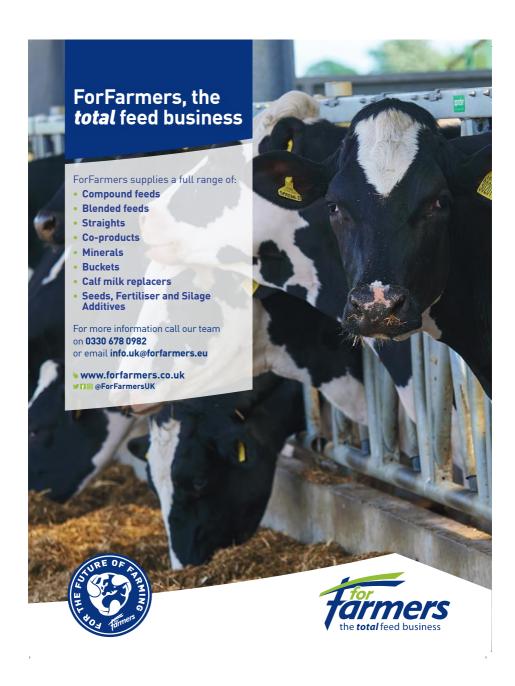
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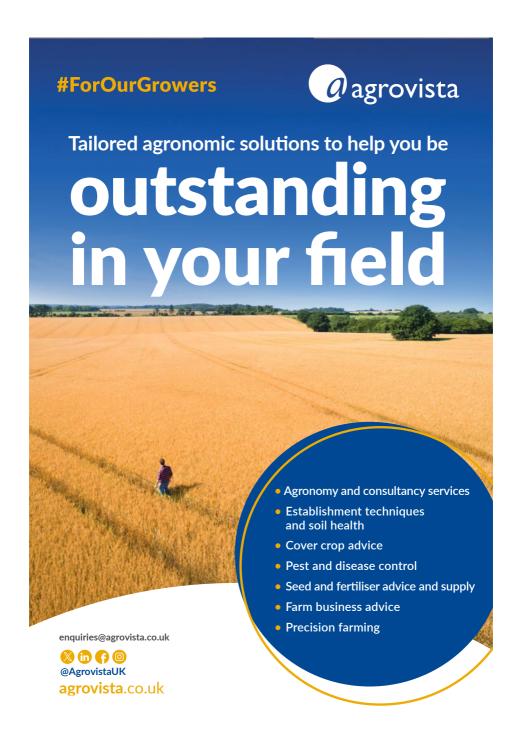
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