



# CYMDEITHAS AREDIG CYMRU WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

**December 2013**

## *Welcome*

A warm welcome to Issue No. 2 of the Welsh Ploughing Association Newsletter.

In this issue, we cover the main event in the calendar of the Welsh Ploughing Association, the All Wales Ploughing Championships which this year were hosted by Flintshire Farmers Ploughing Society who, as well as organising near-perfect weather, put on an excellent match on a magnificent site near Abergele. You can also read about the World Ploughing Contest with a report from our World Board Member, John Nixon. There are also reports of the various national and international competitions that Welsh ploughmen have taken part in over the past year.

A number of readers have commented that a useful addition to the newsletter would be a list of ploughing match dates. A list has been put together for this issue which you will find on the back page. If you would like to add in your ploughing match in the next issue, please contact Julie Jenkins on [jj.lva@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jj.lva@tiscali.co.uk) or 01291 690292. We are also considering the idea of introducing a classified section so, if you would like to advertise any ploughing items in the next issue, please contact us with the details. We would welcome suggestions on improving the newsletter or ideas on items to include in future issues so please feel free to contact us. The next issue will be produced next May.



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**Issue No. 2**

# Review OF THE 60TH WORLD PLOUGHING CONTEST – CANADA

Ploughing for Wales at the 2013 Ploughing Contest in Canada were Rhodri George in the Conventional Class and Wyn Jones in the Reversible. It was Rhodri's debut in the Contest whilst Wyn was ploughing for the second time, having previously ploughed in the World Contest in 2005 when it was held in the Czech Republic. Aled Morgan was the coach whilst his deputy was Wilfred Richards.

The Welsh Team was very grateful for the help given once again by Chris Howells who organised for Massey Ferguson tractors to be transported from the United States of America to the ploughing site in Canada.

A report follows from World Board Member, John Nixon:-  
"The hosts for the 60th World Contest in Olds, Alberta, Canada, were the Canadian Ploughing Organisation. The Contest was held on the campus and farm of Olds College.

On the first day in Canada, we were treated to a visit to the Calgary Stampede in the afternoon and in the evening to Chuck Racing. Over the next 10 days, visitors were taken to different places, Banff National Park, cattle ranches and other farms to name just a few.

On the first official practice day, practice was called off because of heavy rain. The next three days of practice were in wet conditions but dried up as time went on.

The first day of the Contest was on stubble and our team did very well with Rhodri finishing in 8th place and Wyn in 14th place. On grassland, Rhodri finished in 7th place and Wyn in 23rd place. Overall result was Rhodri in 7th place and Wyn in 20th place.

I would like to thank the competitors and Aled Morgan as coach, Wilfred Richards as deputy and also the families and friends who came along for all their support during our ten days."

**John Nixon**  
World Board Member Wales

## RESULTS

Overall Placing	Name	Country	Stubble Points Place	Grassland Points Place
<b>Conventional</b>				
1st	Barbara Klaus	Austria	172.0 4th	194.5 1st
2nd	Fabien Landre	France	184.0 2nd	177.0 2nd
3rd	Eamonn Tracey	Republic of Ireland	185.0 1st	166.0 6th
4th	Andrew Mitchell Jnr	Scotland	170.0 5th	174.0 4th
5th	Gene Gruber	USA	168.0 6th	174.0 3rd
6th	Ashley Boyles	England	172.0 3rd	168.5 5th
7th	Rhodri George	Wales	154.0 8th	149.5 7th
<b>Reversible</b>				
1st	John Whelan	Republic of Ireland	215.5 1st	186.5 2nd
2nd	Margaret Heigl	Austria	190.0 4th	200.5 1st
3rd	Thomas Cochrane	Northern Ireland	206 2nd	170.5 7th
23rd	Wyn Jones	Wales	153.5 14th	90.0 23rd



Welsh Team in Canada  
L – R: Wyn Jones, Aled Morgan, Wilfred Richards, Dai Jones MBE, John Nixon, Rhodri George



A reminder of a previous World Contest hosted by Olds College

# *Review* OF THE 54TH ALL WALES WYNNSTAY GROUP PLC PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013 – KINMEL HOME FARM, ST. GEORGE, ABERGELE

Bright and sunny conditions were the order of the day at the 54th All Wales Ploughing Championships which helped to attract a large crowd of around 2,000 visitors that flocked to the event. The Championships were held on level land at a spectacular site at Kinmel Home Farm at St. George, Abergele on the North Wales coast by kind permission of Dickon Featherstonhaugh and uncle and nephew team, Ivor Beech and Richard Dod. The All Wales Championships had been previously held on this site in October 1990 when the late Ellis Lloyd Jones was Chairman.

As always, the event started the evening before with the Blessing of the Plough Church Service which took place at the famous Marble Church at Bodelwyddan. The service was led by Reverend Ian Day with the choral contribution coming from Côr Bro Gwerfyl (of which ploughman Elfed Jones is a member) and the church was full to capacity.

The Championships this year were organised by Flintshire Farmers Ploughing Society with the Chairman of Council and the Local Committee being Arthur Jennings with his wife, Margaret, acting as the Local Secretary and Linda Astbury as the Assistant Local Secretary. Ian Wilson was Local Vice-Chairman with Local Treasurer being Robert Godfrey. A total 123 ploughmen took part in the event including 10 horse ploughing teams which as always were a popular draw for visitors. New competitions were introduced for David Brown and Fordson outfits and proved popular with 5 and 6 entries respectively.

Of great interest as always was the ploughman to be crowned the Welsh Tractor Ploughing Champion who was judged to be Rhodri George of Roch near Haverfordwest who will now go on to represent Wales at the World Ploughing Championships in France in 2014. He will be joined by Elfed Jones of Corwen who was the highest placed Welsh ploughman in the World Style Reversible Class. Evan Watkin of Welshpool was named as Reserve Champion Welsh Ploughman. In the third World Style Class, this one for competitors aged under 26, Iestyn James was the winner. Iestyn is the master of consistency having won the class every year since 2007. It was also a very good day on the ploughing field for Chairman, Arthur Jennings, who managed to squeeze in some time to plough himself and take in the experience of competing in an All Wales Championships on home turf – he won the pre-1960 Ford and Fordson and Ransome Plough Class. In the other new class in the All Wales Championships, Hugh Owen Griffith of Rhydyclafdy, Pwllheli, took first place in the class for David Brown – tractor and plough pre-1965. Another

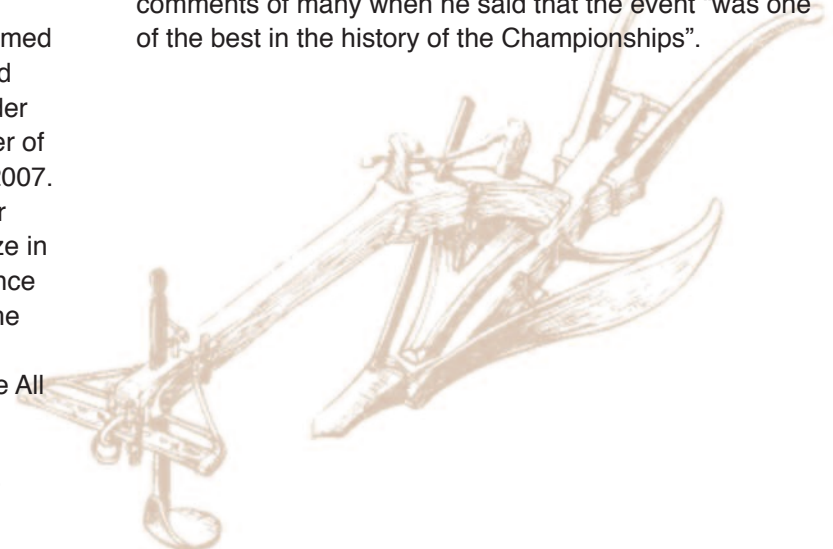
Welsh first prizewinner on the day was Thomas Gwynn Jones of Amlwch who took the top spot in the Novice Vintage Ploughing Class.

Turning to the Horse Ploughing, the Champion Welsh Horse Ploughman was John Fletcher of Moylegrove in Pembrokeshire who was the winner of the High Cut Ploughing Class, closely followed by Roger Smith in second place and Dafydd Roberts in third. In the General Purpose Horse Ploughing, Brian Davies of Oswestry took first place and he also took home the prize for the best turned-out team on the day.

In addition to the ploughing, there was plenty for visitors to enjoy. Especially popular was the tractor pulling organised by Kate and Tony Seabridge of Whitchurch in Shropshire that attracted a huge crowd of spectators throughout the day. Meanwhile Dyffryn Ial Vintage Tractor Club put on a fantastic display of vintage machinery. A working Marshall threshing drum and a Ransomes stationary baler with workers dressed in costumes of the era attracted a lot of interest. So did the interesting array of vintage tractors on display that included some very early specimens such as a 1917 International Titan complete with iron wheels that spent its working life in Canada and a John Deere "Waterloo Boy". Meanwhile the stationary engine section was well-supported with a number of butter churns being operated mechanically and a wonderful collection of vintage dairy memorabilia.

Completing the show was a mechanical ditching competition which saw 5 competitors taking part but it was a clean sweep for local contracting family, the Howatsons, with son Merion placed first, father Gwyn placed second and another son, Selwyn, third.

Summing up the Championships at the presentation of trophies at the end of the day, Ellis Davies echoed the comments of many when he said that the event "was one of the best in the history of the Championships".



## THE 54th ALL WALES WYNNSTAY GROUP PLC PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

### Class 1 SEMI-DIGGER – WORLD STYLE

1st Mr Rhodri George  
2nd Mr N G Fretwell  
=3rd Mr Evan Watkin  
=3rd Mr David Chappell  
5th Mr Aled Morgan

### Class 2 SEMI-DIGGER – WORLD STYLE – UNDER 26

1st Mr Iestyn James  
2nd Mr Euron Owen Griffith  
3rd Mr Efan Thomas

### Class 3 REVERSIBLE PLOUGHING – WORLD STYLE

1st Mr Elfed Jones  
2nd Mr Clive Roberts  
3rd Mr Alan Critchlow  
4th Mr John Edwards

### Class 4 GENERAL PURPOSE OR SEMI-DIGGER (CLASSIC)

1st Mr David Greenwood  
2nd Mr Griff Jones  
3rd Mr Wilfred Richards  
4th Mr Roy Stokes  
5th Mr David Hankey

### Class 5 VINTAGE PLOUGHING – TRAILER

1st Mr Michael J Watkins  
2nd Mr Derek Lloyd  
3rd Mr Gordon Harries  
4th Mr Brian Curtis  
5th Mr Sam Jones

### Class 6 VINTAGE PLOUGHING – HYDRAULIC

1st Mr Richard William Ingram  
2nd Mr Charles Nicklin  
3rd Mr Tony Bradley  
4th Mr Philip Allman  
5th Mr Emlyn Jones

### Class 7 NOVICE VINTAGE PLOUGHING – TRAILER & HYDRAULIC

1st Mr Thomas Gwynn Jones  
2nd Mr Huw Hulme  
3rd Mr Dylan G Hughes  
4th Mr Andy Hughes  
5th Mr Daniel Nuttall

### Class 8 HIGH CUT

1st Mr Robert Irving  
2nd Mr John Milnes  
3rd Mr Ray Alderson  
4th Mr Ted Harvey  
5th Mr Roger Ingham

### Class 9 FERGUSON

1st Mr Keith Williams  
2nd Mr Eifion Evans  
3rd Mr John S Evans  
4th Mr Richard Glyn Jones  
5th Mr Robert Godfrey

### Class 10 FORD & FORDSON – RANSOME PLOUGH – PRE 1960

1st Mr Arthur Jennings  
2nd Mr Elwyn Jones  
3rd Mr Harry Williams  
4th Mr John Enion Davies  
5th Mr Hefin Lloyd Jones

### Class 11 DAVID BROWN – TRACTOR & PLOUGH TO BE PRE 1965

1st Mr Hugh Owen Griffith  
2nd Mr John Hooson  
3rd Mr Edwyn Hughes  
4th Mr Bill Banks  
5th Mr Alan Shallicross

### Class 12 HORSE PLOUGHING – HIGH CUT

1st Mr John Fletcher  
2nd Mr Roger Smith  
3rd Mr Dafydd Roberts

### Class 13 HORSE PLOUGHING – GENERAL PURPOSE

1st Mr F Brian Davies  
2nd Mr William Williams  
3rd Mr Joe Prescott  
4th Mr Robert Reade  
5th Mr Andrew Elms

### Class 14 MECHANICAL DITCHING

1st Mr Meirion Howatson  
2nd Mr Gwyn Howatson  
3rd Mr Selwyn Howatson  
4th Mr Mike Roberts  
5th Mr James Smith

### Champion Welsh Tractor Ploughman

Mr Rhodri George

### Reserve Welsh Champion Ploughman

Mr Evan Watkin

### Welsh representatives to World Contest.

Conventional:- Mr Rhodri George

Reversible:- Mr Elfed Jones

### The Evan Davies Trophy

Best Young Ploughman under 26 years on 1 January 2013 for the best work in any class

Mr Iestyn James

### Border Fine Arts Perpetual Trophy

Champion Welsh Horse Ploughman

Mr John Fletcher

### The Richard & Heather March Trophy

Best work in semi – digger under 26 class

Mr Iestyn James

### The Monmouthshire Perpetual Trophy

Best ploughing work done by a Monmouthshire ploughman

Mr Tony Bradley

### Special prize - Best work done by a Kverneland plough in classes 1, 2 & 3

Mr Rhodri George

### Special prize – Best ploughman from Flintshire Farmers Ploughing Society

Mr Elfed Jones

### Best turnout (Horse Ploughing)

1st Mr F Brian Davies

## Review OF THE ALL WALES HEDGING CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

The All Wales Hedging Championship was this year decided separately to the Ploughing Championships and was combined with Flintshire Farmers Society Hedging Match held on 19th October at Rhydwen Farm at Lloc near Holywell by kind permission of Mr and Mrs G Jones & Son.

A total of 22 competitors took part in the match of which 15 competed in the open competition and the remaining 7 in the novice class. The All Wales Championship crown went to Gwynfor Harding of Carno who took home the CLA Perpetual Trophy.

# The Gallery

## 54th All Wales Wynnstay Group PLC Ploughing Championships 2013



John Fletcher of Moylegrove, Cardigan ploughing in Class 12 Horse Ploughing High Cut



Rhodri George of Roch, Haverfordwest in Class 1 Semi Digger World Style



Lodwick Jones of Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire in Class 1



Tony Bradley of Monmouthshire ploughing in Class 6 Vintage Hydraulic Class



Des Cook, local competitor in Class 6



William Williams of Amlwch and Charles Nicklin of Cheshire in Class 6



Garry Whitehouse of Monmouthshire in Class 6



Evan Watkin of Welshpool in Class 1



Spectators catching a lift to view the ploughing



John Fletcher in Class 12

**The next generation of ploughmen - Competitors in Class 2, Semi Digger World Style Under 26 Years of Age**



Iestyn James of Ponthirwaun, Cardigan, winner of the class



Efan Thomas of Rhoshirwaen, Pwllheli



Euron Owen Griffith of Rhydyclafdy, Pwllheli



Elfed Jones of Llanfihangel GM, Corwen in Class 3, Reversible World Style



Emlyn Jones of Trefeglwys, Caersws competing in Class 6



Brenig Bryan of Llawhaden, Pembrokeshire in Class 1



Roger Smith's Horse Team



*Building up a head of steam at the tractor pulling.....*



*.....to disappear into a cloud of smoke moments later!*



*Vintage & Classic Tractor Display*



*Stationary Engines*



*A fine example of the mechanical ditching competition*



*Some of the earliest exhibits in the vintage display – this is a 1917 International Titan and a John Deere Waterloo Boy*



*Marshall Threshing Drum*





*Champion Welsh Tractor Ploughman, Rhodri George receiving his award from host, Dickon Featherstonhaugh*



*Champion Welsh Horse Ploughman, John Fletcher receiving his award from Dickon Featherstonhaugh*



*Chairman Arthur Jennings completing his prizewinning plot in Class 10 Ford and Fordson Class*



*Three Champions, Elfed Jones, Rhodri George & Evan Watkin*



*Tony Bradley, third in Class 6, Vintage Hydraulic Class and winner of the Monmouthshire Perpetual Cup*

## WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION AT THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW 2013

The Flintshire Organising Committee of the All Wales Championships 2013 hosted the Welsh Ploughing Association stand at this year's Royal Welsh Show and gave a warm welcome to everyone who visited the stand. On the Wednesday evening, a reception was held at which presentations of Welsh crystal tankards and tumblers were made to ploughmen, judges and coaches taking part in international contests in 2013, namely the World Ploughing Contest and the European Vintage Ploughing Championships. Special guest at the event was Mr Wyn Jones, President of the Royal Welsh Show, who made the presentations.



Chairman of Council & Flintshire Local Committee, Arthur Jennings, welcoming everyone to the reception. Looking on is President of the Royal Welsh Show, Wyn Jones, and Secretary of the Flintshire Local Committee, Margaret Jennings



World Ploughing Team L-R Wilfred Richards, Rhodri George, John Nixon, Wyn Jones and Aled Morgan



President of the Royal Welsh Show, Wyn Jones, making a presentation to Rhodri George



Wyn Jones presenting a crystal tankard to Ffion Jones who was accepting it on behalf of her uncle, Wyn Jones



Ellis Davies speaking at the reception



John Nixon speaking at the reception. Looking on is Ian Wilson, Local Vice-Chairman and Arthur Jennings

## THE FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

The Championships this year were hosted by the Northern Ireland Ploughing Association and were held in conjunction with the Northern Ireland International Championships at Bushmills, Co. Antrim on the glorious Causeway coast on 18th and 19th October 2013. Ploughing for Wales in the World Style Conventional Class was Aled Morgan who had a very successful Championships being placed third on the first day and second on the second day and finishing in second place overall. Representing Wales in the World Style Reversible Class was Wyn Jones who finished in fourth place overall.



Aled Morgan ploughing at the All Wales Championships 2013

### RESULTS (1st – 3rd placings)

#### World Style Conventional Class

##### Day 1

1st	Gary Simms	Republic of Ireland
2nd	Pat O'Donnell	Northern Ireland
3rd	Aled Morgan	Wales

##### Day 2

1st	Gary Simms	Republic of Ireland
2nd	Aled Morgan	Wales
3rd	Stuart Vickers	England

##### Overall

1st	Gary Simms	Republic of Ireland
2nd	Aled Morgan	Wales
3rd	Pat O'Donnell	Northern Ireland

#### World Style Reversible Class

##### Day 1

1st	Brian Mahon	Republic of Ireland
2nd	Martin Stewart	Northern Ireland
3rd	Gordon Beattie	Scotland

##### Day 2

1st	Brian Mahon	Republic of Ireland
2nd	Martin Stewart	Northern Ireland
3rd	Gordon Beattie	Scotland

##### Overall

1st	Brian Mahon	Republic of Ireland
2nd	Martin Stewart	Northern Ireland
3rd	Gordon Beattie	Scotland

# EUROPEAN VINTAGE PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

England was the host for this, the 16th Championships, which were held at Westfield House Farm, Market Warsop near Mansfield in Nottinghamshire on 7th and 8th September. Representatives from 10 countries were competing including ploughmen from Wales, Scotland, England, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Isle of Man, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. Qualifying to plough for Wales were Gordon Harries in the Trailer Class, Emlyn Jones in the Mounted Class and Griff Jones in the Classic. John Tucker was the Judge and Tony Bradley the Coach / Steward. This was the 8th occasion that Gordon was competing in the Championships, his best result being second in the Trailer Class in 2012. Meanwhile, both Emlyn and Griff were making their debut on the international ploughing stage.

A report follows from Coach / Steward Tony Bradley:-

"On 4th September, I travelled up to Nottinghamshire with Gill and our judge, John Tucker. We met up with Gordon and Shirley, Emlyn, and Griff and Gareth Jones, the rest of our team. We stayed at the Clumber Park Hotel, 10 miles from the site. On 5th September, we travelled to the ploughing site and met up with the other competitors and registered our team. We helped with marking out plots and putting up the flagpoles, then went to the Welcome Dinner including the draw for the practice. On the 6th, we went out to the practice plots which had some very soft ground but stony at 6 inches depth, all the boys did ok.

On Saturday 7th, the first day of the competition, it was a 6.00 a.m. start for breakfast. All the boys got going with some good work but nothing outstanding. Emlyn ploughed well on an outside plot but it was very hard ground on the last 10 metres of the plot where bales had been loaded. Gordon was on the other end plot with a lot of small stones on the end of his plot, unlucky. Griff was on a middle plot with very soft ground; he ploughed very well and straight and the plot looked good but I don't think it walked quite as good as it looked. There was a hog roast in the evening, followed by a visit to a farm to look at some old Fordsons.

On the Sunday 8th September, the ploughing went a lot better. Emlyn ploughed well again and was second to Richard Ingram of England and was third overall. Gordon and Griff both ploughed well but didn't quite make it into the top three. John Milnes of England won the trailer class and was first overall. Richard Ingram came in second overall and Emlyn third."

**Tony Bradley**  
Coach/Steward

## RESULTS

### Vintage Conventional Plough Championship Overall Placings: (NIVPA European Trophy)

1st Place	John Milnes	England	Trailed	526.0 points
2nd Place	Richard Ingram	England	Vintage Mounted	512.0 points
3rd Place	Emlyn Jones	Wales	Vintage Mounted	483.3 points

### Vintage Trailer Ploughs (The Goodyear Trophy)

1st Place	John Milnes	England	526.0 points
2nd Place	Aeneas Horan	Republic of Ireland	450.8 points
3rd Place	Mark Taggart	Northern Ireland	435.3 points

John Milnes was awarded the John Costain Cup having scored the highest aggregated points for the finish in the trailed plough class over the two days of competition.

### Vintage Mounted Ploughs (The Firestone Trophy)

1st place	Richard Ingram	England	512.0 points
2nd place	Emlyn Jones	Wales	483.3 points
3rd place	Aidan Hogan	Republic of Ireland	443.3 points

### Classic Conventional Ploughs (The SCPA Bobby Douglas Trophy)

1st Place	David Greenwood	England	531.5 points
2nd place	Stuart Forsyth	Scotland	464.3 points
3rd place	Alan Simms	Republic of Ireland	449.8 points

### Vintage Reversible Ploughs (The CDR Coulter Cup)

1st place	Ben Buijs	Netherlands	586.8 points
2nd place	Mercer Ward	Northern Ireland	559.4 points
3rd place	Frederik Leenaers	Belgium	455.4 points



European Vintage Team of Gordon Harries, Emlyn Jones, Gareth Jones (on behalf of Griff Jones), John Tucker and Tony Bradley receiving their awards at the Royal Welsh Show

## THE SIX NATIONS VINTAGE & CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

This year was the first that the Championships were hosted by Wales and were held in conjunction with the South Pembrokeshire Ploughing Match held on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September at West Jordanston Farm, St. Florence near Tenby. This was an excellent site with good views of the surrounding countryside. All ploughing was on stubble except for the Classic Class which was on grass on the second day.



Gordon Harries

Representing Wales were Wilfred Richards and Bryn Harries in the Classic Class, Sam Jones and Tim Jones in the Vintage Trailer Class and John Lewis and Philip Jones in the Vintage Hydraulic Class.

Wales achieved some excellent results with Wilfred Richards and Bryn Harries being placed second and third in the Classic Class, Sam Jones achieving second place in the Vintage Trailer Class and Tim Jones sixth whilst in the Vintage Hydraulic Class, John Lewis and Philip Jones were placed fourth and fifth respectively.

Secretary of the event was Gordon Harries, also Secretary of South Pembrokeshire Ploughing Society who said: "I would like to thank everyone who helped and those who stewarded, judged and sponsored the event."

### RESULTS

#### Classic Class

			Sat	Sun	Total
1st	David Tomlinson	England	121	79	200
2nd	Wilfred Richards	Wales	90	101	191
3rd	Bryn Harries	Wales	81	107	188
4th	George Allwood	England	94	90	184
5th	Charles Manson	Scotland	80	99	179

#### Vintage Trailer Class

			Sat	Sun	Total
1st	Dennis Hitchings	England	108	113	221
2nd	Sam Jones	Wales	100	116	216
3rd	George Mutch	Scotland	97	103	200
4th	Michael Taylor	England	90	101	191
5th	Neil Scott	Northern Ireland	87	97	184
6th	Tim Jones	Wales	93	76	169
7th	Tony Collister	Isle of Man	84	79	163

#### Vintage Hydraulic Class

			Sat	Sun	Total
1st	Colin Hewetson	England	131	121	252
=2nd	Alex Irving	Scotland	137	112	249
=2nd	Billie Richie	Northern Ireland	139	110	249
3rd	Phillip Allman	England	130	111	241
4th	John Lewis	Wales	139	101	240
5th	Philip Jones	Wales	128	87	215

## WELSH PLOUGHMEN AT THE BRITISH PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

The British Ploughing Championships were held a few miles from the Welsh border at Llanwarne in Herefordshire on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October. It was a weekend of two halves with sunshine and the odd shower on the first day but with rain overnight, there were very difficult wet conditions on the second day.

Evan Watkin, the Welsh Ploughing Association representative, was ploughing in Class 3A Semi-Digger Work (2 or more furrows) and ploughed very well to finish in third place with 273 points, just 11 points behind the first placed John Hill. In Class 4A the YFC Conventional Ploughing Championships, Euron Griffith of Rhydyclafdy, Pwllheli, who qualified from the 2012 All Wales Championships, also achieved a third placing.

In Class 3B Semi-Digger Work (2 or more furrows), Michael Holloway of Montgomery achieved another third placing, closely followed by Clive Nixon of Llandrindod Wells in fourth place. In the David Brown Ploughing Championships, three Welsh competitors were placed in the top five with Huw Griffith of Rhydyclafdy, Pwllheli achieving first place with 238 points, Robert Convery of St. Clears in second place with 229 points and John Hooson of Brynford, Holywell in fifth place with 210 points. In Class 15 the Ferguson Ploughing Championships, Martin Newman of St. Maughans, Monmouth and Gwynfor Parry of Llangernyw, Conwy achieved fourth and fifth places respectively. Meanwhile in the Horse Ploughing, Roger Smith of Llangattock, Crickhowell achieved fourth place in the General Purpose Class and a third in the Oat Seed Furrow Class.



Dafydd Roberts with Jim Elliott's prizewinning team



Roger Smith



Martin Newman

## LOCAL PLOUGHING MATCHES - 2014

Match	Date	Site	Contact
Saturday 22nd February	Llandygwyd YFC Ploughing Match	TBC	Margaret Jones 01239 851451 or 07813 533917
Sunday 23rd February	St. David's Ploughing Match	Parc yr Eithan, Mathry, SA62 5LQ	Alison George 01437 710705
Saturday 8th March	Flintshire Farmers Ploughing Match	TBC	Margaret Jennings 01352 715404
Saturday 8th March	North Cardigan Ploughing Match	TBC	Phyllis Harries 01974 202308
Saturday 19th April	Llangolman Ploughing Match		01437 541301
Easter Monday – 21st April	Carmarthen Ploughing Match		01570 481421
Saturday 12th April	Builth & District Ploughing Match	Gilfach Farm, Llangorse, Brecon	Ray Goodwin 01982 553649 or Marion Davies 07773 908097
Saturday 7th September	West Gower Ploughing & Hedging Match	Kittle Hill Farm, Kittle, Swansea, SA3 3JQ	01792 390708
Saturday 20th September	South Pems. Ploughing Match		Gordon Harries 01834 870148
Saturday 20th September	Cruckton Ploughing Match	Woodcote, Hanwood, Shrewsbury	Helen Davies 01938 590535 or 07976 803066
Sunday 21st September	Llangattock Ploughing Match		Julie Jenkins 07870 264406
Saturday 4th October	Dyffryn Clwyd Vintage Ploughing Match		H Lloyd Jones 01745 583722
Saturday 18th October	Newport & Nevern Ploughing Match		01239 881616 / 881289

## NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PLOUGHING MATCHES - 2014

Match	Date	Contact
World Ploughing Contest, Bordeaux, France	Friday 5th & Saturday 6th September	
European Vintage Ploughing Championships	Wednesday 24th or Thursday 25th September	
All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championships	Saturday 27th September	01348 873000
British Ploughing Championships	Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th October	01302 852469

## ROYAL WELSH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY EVENTS - 2014

Event	Date	Contact
Royal Welsh Spring Festival	17th & 18th May	01982 553683
Royal Welsh Show	21st - 24th July	01982 553683
Royal Welsh Winter Fair	1st & 2nd December	01982 553683

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## THE 55TH ALL WALES PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014 – PEMBROKESHIRE

The 2014 Championships will be held on Saturday 27th September at Penfeidr, Castlemorris near Haverfordwest and will be hosted by the well-known Raymond Brothers. The Championships have been held on this site before, in 1994 when the Welsh Champion that year was Eifion Thomas. The event next year will be organised by the Letterston & District Ploughing Society under the Chairmanship of Letterston farmer, William Miles. The Local Secretary is Dorian Williams, NFU Group Secretary in North Pembrokeshire whilst the Vice-Chairman is Steffan Kurtz who is a demo driver for Tallis Amos Tractors.

A full preview of the Championships will appear in the next issue.

### Omissions from Issue No. 1

Apologies for the following omissions from Issue No. 1:- John Fletcher was placed second in the Horse Ploughing – Oat Seed Furrow Work at the British National Ploughing Championships 2012. David Hankey won first prize in the Classic Class at the British National Ploughing Championships 2012 and also won the “Rose Bowl Trophy” for the highest placed Welsh Ploughman at the Championships. David Hankey also won the Classic Class in the invitational section of the Five Nations Ploughing Challenge 2011, belatedly held in March 2012.

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*We have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the information contained within this newsletter is accurate at the time of going to print.*

The Welsh Ploughing Association was founded in 1958 by the Radnor Valley Ploughing Society.

The objectives of the Association are:

- To promote and encourage the art and skill of ploughing, hedging and other rural crafts.
- To promote an annual Welsh Match, to be held each year in a different area of Wales.
- To provide facilities whereby entrants from Affiliated Societies to the Welsh Ploughing Association may compete for the Welsh Championship and represent Wales at the British Championships and other such competitions.
- To promote the British Championships, the World Ploughing Contest and other such competitions.

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