



**CYMDEITHAS AREDIG CYMRU
WELSH PLOUGHING
ASSOCIATION**

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**CROESO CYNNES I RIFYN RHIF 3
O GYLCHLYTHYR CYMDEITHAS
AREDIG CYMRU.**

Yn y rhifyn hwn, fe welwch chi ragolwg o 55ed Bencampwriaethau Aredig Cymru Gyfan sydd i'w cynnal gan Gymdeithas Aredig Treletert a'r Cylch yn Sir Benfro. Fe welwch chi newyddion hefyd am Bencampwriaethau 2015 gyda rhywfaint o fanylion rhagarweiniol ynglŷn â ble a phryd fydd yr Ornest hon yn cael ei chynnal. Mae canlyniadau cyntaf y tymor aredig i mewn yn barod a thu mewn fe gewch chi wybod sut hwyl gafodd yr aradrwyr o Gymru ym Mhencampwriaethau'r Chwe Gwlad a gynhaliwyd yn y Gwanwyn yn Ne Swydd Efrog. Nodwedd newydd yn y rhifyn hwn yw'r "Sbotolau Lleol" sy'n cynnwys sylw i ornest aredig yng Ngogledd Cymru.

Fel bob amser, os oes gennych chi unrhyw storïau yr hoffech eu rhannu neu bwt o newyddion a fyddai o ddiddordeb i ddarllenwyr eraill, teimlwch yn rhydd i anfon y rhain at Swyddog Cyhoeddusrwydd Anrhydeddus Cymdeithas Aredig Cymru, Julie Jenkins ar 07870 264406 neu jj.lva@tiscali.co.uk. Bydd y rhifyn nesaf yn cael ei gyhoeddi ym mis Rhagfyr.

Welcome

**A WARM WELCOME TO ISSUE NUMBER
3 OF THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION.**

In this issue, you will find a preview of the 55th All Wales Ploughing Championships that are to be hosted by Letterston & District Ploughing Society in Pembrokeshire. You will also find news of the 2015 Championships with some preliminary details of where and when this Match will be held. The first results of the ploughing season are already in and inside you will find out how our Welsh ploughmen got on at the Six Nations Championships held in the Spring in South Yorkshire. A new feature in this edition is "Local Spotlight" which includes coverage of a North Wales ploughing match.

As ever, if you have any stories that you would like to share or a snippet of news that would be of interest to other readers, please feel free to pass these to WPA Hon. Publicity Officer Julie Jenkins on 07870 264406 or jj.lva@tiscali.co.uk. The next issue will be published in December.



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Rhagolwg - Preview

O 55ED BENCAMPWRIAETHAU AREDIG A PHLYGU GWRYCH CYMRU GYFAN 2014 OF THE 55TH ALL WALES PLOUGHING & HEDGING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

A beautiful corner of North West Pembrokeshire will play host to the 2014 All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships which will be put on by the Letterston & District Ploughing Society. The Championships will return to a picturesque and well-known site at Penfeidr at Castlemorris, some 15 miles from Haverfordwest and 5 miles from Fishguard. The Championships have been held at this venue before - in 1994 - and this year's event will take place on Saturday 27th September.

The hosts and the joint Presidents of the Championships are the well-known twin brothers, Mansel and Meurig Raymond. The Raymond Brothers farm, along with their respective families, approximately 3,500 acres in total. Their late brother, Gilbert Raymond, was the Chairman of the organising committee the last time Letterston and District Ploughing Society hosted the Championships in 1994. The farming business comprises of several enterprises including a 620-strong dairy herd, beef cattle, sheep, potatoes and around 2,200 acres of combinable crops. The ploughing site at Penfeidr will be all-stubble and provides good level ploughing ground.

Both Raymond brothers have occupied prominent roles in the National Farmers Union for many years and earlier this year Meurig reached the pinnacle of the organisation after being elected as NFU President, having served 8 years previously as Deputy Vice-President. Mansel served 4 years as NFU National Milk Committee Chairman and is currently Chairman of Copa-Cogeca Milk Working Party in Brussels. Both are delighted to welcome the Championships back to Penfeidr after a 20-year absence.

Schedules for the Championships are now available from the Local Secretary, Dorian Williams, who can be contacted at the NFU Office in Fishguard on 01348 873000 or by email on dorian-williams@nfumutual.co.uk. The closing date for entries is Monday 11th August 2014. A total of 12 ploughing competitions feature with the usual 3 World Ploughing Style Classes, Vintage and Classic Classes and 2 Horse Ploughing Competitions. A special feature to encourage entries from younger competitors will be a Junior Class for those aged under 18 on the day of the Championships.

Hedging and fencing competitions will also be taking place on site with a competition for the Pembrokeshire and Glamorgan Styles, Any Other Style - Open and a class for competitors aged under 26.

Many of the competitions are already sponsored but if you are interested in supporting the Championships, sponsorship opportunities, large and small, are still available. Dorian Williams will be pleased to discuss your requirements with you.

The Local Committee led by Chairman William Miles is working hard to put on a range of attractions to entertain the crowds in addition to the ploughing and hedging competitions. Visitors will be able to take part in a clay pigeon shoot and there will be a display of vintage and classic tractors. The Challenger Tractor Pull, which was very popular at last year's Championships, will hopefully again make an appearance.

Chairman William Miles says:
" We are very pleased and privileged to be able to host the 55th All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships and we look forward to welcoming everyone here on 27th September ".

There is good accessibility to the match site and the Championships will be signposted from the main A40 Haverfordwest to Fishguard trunk road.



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CYMDEITHAS AREDIG TRELETERT A'R CYLCH LETTERSTON & DISTRICT PLOUGHING SOCIETY

In common with many other ploughing societies, Letterston & District Ploughing Society began life during the Second World War. It was established in 1944 and was set up in conjunction with the local Young Farmers Club and the Pembrokeshire War Agricultural Executive Committee "the War Ag" whose role was to improve agricultural production to bolster all-important food supplies. Ploughing societies played an important role in developing ploughing skills as part of this drive to increase production.

In the early years, ploughing matches were held in the Spring, the very first match being held on 3rd February 1945 at Llangwarran Farm, Letterston. One of Wales' finest ploughmen, the late Gwynfryn Phillips of Letterston, competed in that match in the Under 18 Years of Age Class. Gwynfryn progressed from there to become Welsh Champion in 1969. Two of this year's Master Judges, namely Bryn Harries and Roy Morgan are committee members of the Society.

The Society today continues the tradition of ploughing matches which now take place in the Autumn. Last year's match was held at Trecoed Farm, Letterston, hosted by the Local Committee Chairman, William Miles.



Letterston Local Committee for the All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships 1994



Letterston Local Committee Officials for the All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships 2014. Left to right: Dorian Williams Secretary, Mansel Raymond President, Meurig Raymond President, William Miles Chairman

GWASANAETH BENDITHIO'R ARADR BLESSING OF THE PLOUGH SERVICE

On the eve of the Championships, the traditional Blessing of the Plough Service will take place at 7.00 p.m. at Llangloffan Chapel at Llangloffan which is situated just 2 miles from the Match site at Castlemorris.

Transport will be available from the Match site to the chapel.

A buffet will be available afterwards at the Memorial Hall in Letterston for which a charge of £5.00 will be made.

PENCAMPWRIAETHAU AREDIG Y CHWE GWLAD 2014 THE SIX NATIONS PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

England were the hosts for the 2014 Six Nations Ploughing Championships with the event held this year in conjunction with a Spring Match, the Thorne and Hatfield Agricultural Society Ploughing Match and the South Yorkshire Charity Ploughing Match. Held on 1st and 2nd March at Lindholme near Doncaster in South Yorkshire, Welsh Ploughmen competed very successfully with David Hankey of Ffrith near Wrexham doing particularly well to be placed third overall.

There were good results in the individual classes too. Gordon Harries achieved first place in the Vintage Trailer Class whilst Sam Jones finished third. In the Vintage Hydraulic, Emlyn Jones finished in second whilst Robert Convery came in fifth. In the Classic Class, David Hankey was placed second with Gareth Jones in fifth.



Emlyn Jones in the foreground and Robert Convery on Day 2



Gordon Harries ploughing to victory on Day 2

Report from judge Tony Bradley:

Thanks to David and Mandy Chappell for being such good hosts on and off the ploughing field with an excellent barbecue on the Saturday evening.

We were very lucky with the weather with a lot of rain right up to the match, then a couple of good days here in Yorkshire for the ploughing as, back in Wales, we still weren't able to get on to the ground.

Once again, our boys did us proud and a big thank you to them for travelling the long distances to these matches to represent Wales.

The judges were John Harris, England, Eric Ellis, England, George Melville, Scotland and Tony Bradley, Wales

Tony Bradley

CANLYNIADAU - RESULTS

Overall Results

1st David Thomlinson, England
2nd Richard Ingram, England
3rd David Hankey, Wales

Vintage Trailing Class

1st	Gordon Harries	Wales	247	240	487
2nd	James McPherson	Scotland	248	226	474
3rd	Sam Jones	Wales	224	245	469

Vintage Hydraulic Class

1st	Richard Ingram	England	264	276	540
2nd	Emlyn Jones	Wales	222	255	477
3rd	Alex Irving	Scotland	214	253	467

Classic Class

1st	David Thomlinson	England	279	279	558
2nd	David Hankey	Wales	246	266	512
3rd	David Greenwood	England	254	245	499

56ED BENCAMPWRIAETHAU AREDIG A PHLYGU GWRYCH CYMRU GYFAN 2015 THE 56TH ALL WALES PLOUGHING & HEDGING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

At a special meeting of the Welsh Ploughing Association held on 9th April at the Royal Welsh Showground, a site was confirmed for the 2015 Championships. South Pembs Ploughing Society had originally planned to host the Championships in 2017 but kindly offered to bring it forward to 2015. The venue will be Paskeston Farm, Cosheston, Pembroke Dock, SA72 4SF and the event will take place on Saturday 26th September. Secretary of South Pembs Ploughing Society Gordon Harries said: "We are only too pleased to welcome the Championships back to South Pembrokeshire and we look forward to running a successful ploughing match in 2015."

**CYMDEITHAS AREDIG CYMRU YN SIOE FRENHINOL CYMRU
- 21AIN - 24AIN GORFFENNAF 2014
WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION AT THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW
- 21ST - 24TH JULY 2014**

The organising committee of the 2014 All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships is looking forward to welcoming visitors to the Welsh Ploughing Association Stand at the Royal Welsh Show at Llanelwedd from Monday 21st – Thursday 24th July. Anyone visiting the Stand will be assured of a refreshing cup of tea or coffee or cold drink. Last year, even a Royal passer-by namely HRH The Duchess of Cornwall couldn't resist a Welsh Ploughing Association cup of tea!

On the evening of Wednesday 23rd July, a reception will be held when presentations will be made by the President of the Royal Welsh Show to competitors, judges and coaches taking part in international contests in 2014. There will also be the usual draw of the "200 Club".



The crowd at the reception on the WPA stand at the Royal Welsh Show 2013.



CLWB 200 - 200 CLUB

The "200 Club" is a lottery that was set up by the Welsh Ploughing Association to help support Welsh ploughmen to compete at the highest level at international contests.

For a subscription of £12 per year, there is the chance to win cash prizes at each draw which take place 4 times during the year. Six prizes per draw are offered: first £30, second £25, third £20, fourth £15, fifth £10 and sixth £5. A form can be downloaded from the Welsh Ploughing Association website (www.welshploughing.com) or please get in touch with Heather at the Secretariat – tel: 01982 553683 or email: heather@rwas.co.uk

Sbotolau Lleol - Local Spotlight

GORNIST AREDIG GOFFA LES GOODWIN LES GOODWIN MEMORIAL PLOUGHING MATCH

To honour the memory of one of their former members, Les Goodwin who was World Ploughing Champion in 1958, Radnor Valley Vintage Club will be holding a Ploughing Match on Friday 19th September 2014 at Lea Farm, Kinnerton, New Radnor, Powys. If you would like to take part in the Match, please contact the Secretary of Radnor Valley Vintage Club, Edwina Griffiths on 01497 851284.

CYMDEITHAS AREDIG A PHLYGU GWRYCH SIR DDINBYCH

Ar Ebrill 12 2014, cynhaliwyd cystadleuaeth aredig flynyddol Cymdeithas Aredig a Phlygu Gwrych Sir Ddinbych ar fferm Bryn Heulog, Llanrhaeadr.

Roedd y cae sofr mewn cyflwr arbennig a chafwyd 78 o gystadleuwyr. Roedd y troi yn safonol iawn ym mhob dosbarth. Roedd yn galonogol gweld llawer o gystadlu yn nosbarthiadau'r dechreuwyr a'r dysgwyr sy'n argoeli'n dda ar gyfer dyfodol y grefft.

Mae diolch y Gymdeithas yn fawr i Mr Esmor Jones, perchennog y tir, ac i'r beirniaid sef Mri. Andrew Millington, John Halsall, Phil Allman, Roy Edwards, John Randall, Will Hughes, Wil Williams, Gruffudd Jones, Robert Kinsea a John Ravencroft.

DENBIGHSHIRE PLOUGHING & HEDGELAYING SOCIETY PLOUGHING MATCH

On 12 April 2014, the Denbighshire Farmers Ploughing and Hedging Society's annual ploughing match was held at Bron Heulog Farm, Llanrhaeadr.

The match was on a well-prepared maize stubble field with 78 entries. All classes were well-supported with some excellent ploughing being achieved. It was encouraging that the beginners and novice classes were well supported which will provide ploughmen for the future in the open classes.

Thanks go to the land owner Mr. Esmor Jones and to the judges Messrs Andrew Millington, John Halsall, Phil Allman, Roy Edwards, John Randall, Will Hughes, Wil Williams, Gruffudd Jones, Robert Kinsea and John Ravencroft.



Paul Jones - Ferguson



Glyn Jones - Agored Heidrolig / Open Vintage Hydraulic



Dewi Elfed Jones
- Gwrthdroedwy / Reversible



Hefin Ll. Jones - Dechreuwyr / Novice



Lloyd Edwards - Dysgwyr / Beginners o dan / Under 26



Eifion Evans - Agored Aradr Lusgo / Open Trailer



Sion Edwards - Dysgwyr / Beginners o dan / Under 26

Hefin Lloyd Jones

CYMDEITHAS AREDIG A PHLYGU GWRYCH SIR DDINBYCH
DENBIGHSHIRE PLOUGHING AND HEDGE LAYING SOCIETY PLOUGHING MATCH
ENILLWYR / WINNERS

Agored Aradr Lusgo / Open Trailer Plough

- 1 Henry Taylor, Clitheroe
- 2 Derek Lloyd, Ellesmere
- 3 Brian Shaw, Ludlow

Agored Aradr Heidrolig cyn 1960 / Hydraulic Plough pre 1960

- 1 Charles Nicklin, Sandbach
- 2 Glyn Lloyd Jones, Dinbych
- 3 Arthur Jennings, Pantasaph

Dysgwyr Aradr Lusgo neu Heidrolig / Beginners Trailer or Hydraulic Plough

- 1 Stephen Jones, Rhoscolyn
- 2 Aled Rees, Machynlleth
- 3 Hayden Hughes, Carmel

Dechreuwy'r Aradr Lusgo neu Heidrolig / Novice Trailer or Hydraulic Plough

- 1 Edwyn Hughes, Treffynnon
- 2 Kenrick Parry, Tremeirchion
- 3 Hefin Lloyd Jones, Llanelwly

Agored Clasurol cyn 1976 / Open Classic pre 1976

- 1 Roy Stokes, Shifnal
- 2 Gareth G Jones, Abererch
- 3 Peter Williams, Shrewsbury

Ferguson

- 1 Graham Ll. Jones, Gwernaffield
- 2 Gwynfor Parry, Llangernyw
- 3 John Jones, Dinbych

Agored Aradr Wrthdroadwy / Open Reversible Plough

- 1 D Elfed Jones, Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr
- 2 Clive Roberts, Shrewsbury
- 3 Emrys Owen, Pandy Tudur

Dysgwyr Dan 26 / Beginners Under 26

- 1 David J Peacock, Llangristiolus
- 2 Sion T Edwards, Llanfairtalhaiarn
- 3 Thomas G Owen, Criccieth

PWY SY'N AREDIG I GYMRU YN 2014?
WHO'S PLOUGHING FOR WALES IN 2014?

A reminder of the ploughmen representing Wales at international competitions in 2014.

Cystadleuaeth Aredig y Byd - Bordeaux yn Ffrainc
World Ploughing Contest - Bordeaux in France

At the World Ploughing Contest on 5th and 6th September, we will see Rhodri George of Hayscastle near Haverfordwest competing in the Conventional Ploughing whilst Elfed Jones of Llanfihangel-Glyn-Myfyr will be representing Wales in the Reversible Ploughing. Rhodri is competing for the second time, having competed in the World Contest for the first time only last year where he finished in 7th place. Elfed is a seasoned campaigner having previously competed in the World Contest on 3 previous occasions. Aled Morgan is the coach whilst Ian Wilson will act as his Deputy.

Pencampwriaethau Aredig À Hen Beiriannau Ewrop
- Rathensika, Stradbally, Swydd Laois yng Ngweriniaeth Iwerddon
European Vintage Ploughing Championships
- Rathensika, Stradbally, Co. Laois in the Republic of Ireland

Taking place on 23rd September, the Championships will be held in conjunction with the Irish National Ploughing Championships which itself is a hugely popular national event.

Representing Wales are veterans of the European Championships with Gordon Harries in the Vintage Trailing Class, Tony Bradley in the Vintage Hydraulic Class and Griff Jones in the Classic. The judge is John Tucker and coach is John Lewis.

Pencampwriaethau Aredig Prydain - Wootton St. Lawrence, Basingstoke, Hampshire
British Ploughing Championships - Wootton St. Lawrence, Basingstoke, Hampshire

Rhodri George will be representing his country once again at the Championships which will be held in Hampshire on 11th and 12th October.

The Welsh Ploughing Association wishes everyone the very best of luck!

OBITUARIES

Bill Bulled

A judge at the All Wales Championships who hailed from Crediton in Devon.

Huw Lloyd Davies

A Life Vice-President of the WPA who hosted the All Wales Championships in the 1980s.

Frank Millington

A judge at the All Wales Championships who qualified to represent England at the World Championships in 1971 England, 1979 Northern Ireland and 1983 Zimbabwe.

Gwynfryn Phillips

From Letterston, Gwynfryn Phillips was a regular competitor at the All Wales Championships who became Welsh Ploughing Champion in 1969. Further detail in the Preview of the 55th All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championships 2014.

Stanley Venables

A Life Member of the Welsh Ploughing Association and a past Welsh Ploughing Association Field Director.

GORNESTAU AREDIG LLEOL - 2014 LOCAL PLOUGHING MATCHES - 2014

A full list of matches appears on the separate insert in the Newsletter.

CYSTADLAETHAU CENEDLAETHOL A RHYNGWLADOL - 2014 NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PLOUGHING MATCHES - 2014

Match	Date	Contact
World Ploughing Contest, Bordeaux, France	Friday 5th & Saturday 6th September	
European Vintage Ploughing Championships, Rathensika, Stradbally, Co. Laois, Republic of Ireland	Tuesday 23rd September	mike.childerley@btinternet.com
British Ploughing Championships, Wootton St. Lawrence, Basingstoke, Hampshire	Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th October	01302 852469

DIGWYDDIADAU CYMDEITHAS AMAETHYDDOL FRENHINOL CYMRU - 2014 ROYAL WELSH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY EVENTS - 2014

Show	Date	Contact
Royal Welsh Show	21st - 24th July	01982 553683
Royal Welsh Winter Fair	1st & 2nd December	01982 553683

RHOI'CH MEDDWL AR WAITH! PUT YOUR THINKING CAP ON!

Sent in by Dai Jones of Llangoedmor, Cardigan, can anyone guess the identity of the missing person in this photograph?

All answers to Julie on jj.lva@tiscali.co.uk or 07870 264406 by 31st August 2014.

A special prize will be sent to the first winner out of the hat.



MEMBERSHIP OF WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

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Life Vice President* - £400.00 (2 tickets)

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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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