



CYMDEITHAS AREDIG CYMRU  
WELSH PLOUGHING  
ASSOCIATION

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*Croeso*

**CROESO CYNNES I RIFYN RHIF 5  
O GYLCHLYTHYR CYMDEITHAS  
AREDIG CYMRU.**

Yn y rhifyn hwn, edrychwn ymlaen at 56ed Bencampwriaethau Cymru Gyfan a fydd yn dychwelyd i Sir Benfro ar ddydd Sadwrn 26ain Medi. Y llynedd, roeddem yng ngogledd-orllewin y sir ac yn 2015, byddwn yn ddigon ffodus o gael y cyfle i ymweld â rhan wahanol o'r sir, y tro hwn yn ne'r sir ym mhentref Cosheston.

Ar dudalen 4, mae gennym ysgrif nodwedd arbennig yn edrych yn ôl ar Aredig yng Nghymru yn 1964 a llwyddiannau rhai o Ffermwyr Ifanc Sir Faesyfed. Mae'r "Sbotolau Lleol" yn dal i dyfu gydag adroddiadau o Ornest Goffa Les Goodwin, Cymdeithas Aredig Treletert a Gornest Aredig Sir Ddinbych. Da chi daliwch i gadw'r newyddion lleol yn dod a bydd modd i unrhyw beth nad oes gennym le iddo yn y Cylchlythyr gael ei bostio ar y wefan <http://www.welshploughing.com>.

Pob hwyl i bawb a fydd yn cymryd rhan yn y gornestau aredig a phlygu gwrych lawer a fydd yn digwydd ym mhob rhan o Gymru yr Hydref hwn ac yn arbennig i'n holl aradwyr a fydd yn cynrychioli Cymru yng Nghornest y Byd ac mewn cystadlaethau Ewropeaidd a Chenedlaethol.

*Welcome*

**A WARM WELCOME TO ISSUE NO. 5  
OF THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WELSH  
PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION**

In this issue, we look forward to the 56th All Wales Championships that will be returning to Pembrokeshire on Saturday 26th September. Last year, we were in the north-west of the county and in 2015, we will be lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit a different part of the county, this time in the south in the village of Cosheston.

On page 4, we have a special feature looking back to Welsh Ploughing in 1964 and the successes of some Radnorshire Young Farmers. The "Local Spotlight" continues to grow with reports from the Les Goodwin Memorial Match, Letterston Ploughing Society and the Denbighshire Ploughing Match. Please do keep local news coming and anything that we don't have room for in the Newsletter can be posted on the website [www.welshploughing.com](http://www.welshploughing.com).

Good luck to everyone who will be taking part in the many ploughing and hedging matches that will be taking place all over Wales this Autumn and especially to all our ploughmen who will be representing Wales in the World Contest and in European and National competition.



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Issue No. 5

# Rhagolwg - Preview

## O 56FED BENAMPWRIAETHAU AREDIG A PHLYGU GWRYCH CYMRU GYFAN 2015 OF THE 56TH ALL WALES PLOUGHING & HEDGING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

On Saturday 26th September, all roads will lead to Paskeston Farm, Cosheston, near Pembroke Dock in southern Pembrokeshire which in 2015 provides a wonderful setting overlooking the Milford Haven Estuary for the 56th All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships. The site provides good ploughing ground and has been kindly offered by farming brothers, David and Hugh James of Langdon Mill Farm, Kilgetty who are also the Joint Presidents of the Championships. The brothers farm around 1,800 acres in total which includes a 2000-cow dairy enterprise as well as arable crops.

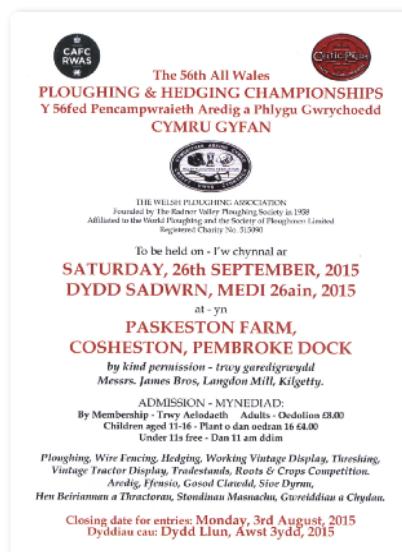
The Championships are being organised by the South Pembs. Ploughing Society whose connections stretch a long way back through Welsh Ploughing. The Society originated from the old Castle Martin Ploughing Society established in 1913 and which staged the 2nd All Wales Championships in 1959 at Stackpole.



Gordon Harries ploughing at the 2014 All Wales Championships

The current Local Committee is chaired by George John whose family also has a long association with Welsh ploughing; George's uncle, Norman John, was Chairman of the Championships in 1980. The Vice-Chairman is Richard Prout who farms at Stackpole whilst the Local Secretary is well-known ploughman in his own right, Gordon Harries.

The South Pembs. Local Committee has worked tirelessly to run the Championships, having originally planned to stage the event in 2016. Although this has put added pressure on the Committee to raise funds within a much shorter timeframe, they have held a number of successful fundraising events including a Promise Auction and Duck Race. The final fundraising event will be a concert featuring "The Wurzels" that is being held on 5th September at Folly Farm. Local Secretary Gordon Harries adds: "We have also been very fortunate to have the support of our main sponsor, Celtic Pride, who have helped us in so many ways."



The 56th All Wales PLOUGHING & HEDGING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Y 56fed Pencampwriaeth Aredig a Phlygu Gwrychodd  
CYMRU GYFAN

PASKESTON FARM,  
PEMBROKE DOCK

by kind permission - trwy garedigwyr y  
Messrs. James Bros, Langdon Mill, Kilgetty.

ADMISSION - MYNEDID:  
Membership - Trwy Aelodaddeth Adults - Cofaldiad £3.00  
Children aged 11-16 - Plant o dan oeddan 16 £4.00  
Under 11s free - Dan 11 am ddin

Ploughing, Wire Fencing, Hedging, Working Vintage Display, Threshing,  
Vintage Tractor Display, Triforlands, Roots & Crops Competition.  
Aredig, Ffensiad, Gwasod Cledodd, Sisw Dyma.  
Hen Beirianau a Thraethorau, Stodlinau Masnachu, Gwreddiau a Chlydau.

Closing date for entries: Monday, 3rd August, 2015  
Dyddiau cau: Dydd Llun, Awst 3ydd, 2015

Schedules have been available since the end of April and the closing date for entries is now fast approaching – Monday 3rd August – so make sure your entries are in by this date. There are nine ploughing classes in all – as well as the three World Ploughing Classes, there are classes for Vintage Hydraulic and Trailer, Classic, High Cut, Ferguson TE20 with Standard Ferguson Plough and Commercial Reversible Ploughing. In

the Horse Ploughing, there will be two classes, General Purpose and High Cut. All ploughing will be on stubble.

As ever, many of the classes offer the opportunity to qualify for other national and international competitions. This year, there is everything to play for with Open Style Ploughmen vying to qualify to plough at the 2016 World Contest which will be held on home turf in the UK, at York. A new feature of the All Wales Championships this year will be the opportunity for Vintage Ploughmen to qualify to plough in the World Vintage Ploughing Championships which will also be held at York in 2016.

Hedging competitions (or plashing, to use the Pembrokeshire term for hedging) will be held on a neighbouring farm, Upton Farm, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Dick Francis. Three hedging classes will be on offer – Pembroke & Glamorgan Style, Any Other Style – Open and a class for competitors aged under 26 years on 1st January 2015. Entries are also invited for teams of two to compete in the wire fencing class.

Other attractions on the day will include a working vintage display and crops and roots competitions. A special feature of the day will be the "Grown in Pembrokeshire" project, a collaboration between Pembrokeshire County Council and Pembrokeshire Agricultural Society which, through activities and exhibits, teaches primary schoolchildren about farming and food. To entertain spectators whilst the results are being compiled, a gundog display will be put on which will include an insight into what it takes to train up a gundog for the field.

The farm and site are easily accessed from the A477 Carmarthen to Pembroke road and will be sign-posted. Site postcode is SA72 4SF

## Celtic Pride

ALL WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 - MAIN SPONSOR

The brand dates back to 2003 and was born from consumer demand for consistently high quality Welsh beef that adheres to the highest welfare standards. It has grown to become one of Wales' most recognised beef brands.

A key element is the partnership developed with farm producers. Farmers are members of the Welsh Meat Company and adhere to a practical protocol with members annually audited to meet farm assurance standards of husbandry and welfare. Producers are rewarded for their stockman skills with a guaranteed market, recognised branded beef and premium price paid. The third link in the chain is the route to market. Castell Howell Foods and Weddel Swift distribute the beef throughout Wales and beyond. Celtic Pride Beef and Pork is available at a growing number of retail and catering outlets.

Further information via the website [www.celtic-pride.co.uk](http://www.celtic-pride.co.uk) or tel: 01269 846080

## GWASANAETH BENDITHIO'R ARADR BLESSING OF THE PLOUGH SERVICE



The Blessing of the Plough Service will be held at St. Mary's Church in Carew Cheriton, a Church that dates from the 14th Century and has an impressive three-storey tower that was added in around 1500.

The Service will take place on the eve of the Championships and will start at 7.00 p.m. The Church is easily accessed from the A477 – turn off at the Carew Roundabout and the church is approximately 500 yards from there. Parking will be close to the church.

Afterwards, supper will be available at the Carew Memorial Hall in Carew where delicious homemade Welsh cawl with local cheeses and bread will be served. Admission charge will be £7.00.

*Ploughing at the 2014 All Wales Championships*



## LLONGYFARCHIADAU I.....

Edwin E Hughes, Flint on his advancement to Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies. Mr Hughes is a Life Vice-President of the Welsh Ploughing Association.

Val Cooke who has been admitted as an associate of the Royal Agricultural Societies. Mrs Cooke is Secretary of the Raglan Farmers Association in Monmouthshire.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

# *Nodwedd - Feature*

A look back to Welsh Ploughing in... *1964*

A root around in the loft or that cupboard that is never quite cleared out can yield all sorts of long-forgotten treasures and things that never quite found their way into the bin. Just as well for some copies of the agricultural journal "Farmer and Stockbreeder" dating back to the 1960s that WPA member, Margaret Jones, kindly sent into the WPA and which contain some fascinating accounts of the exploits of some of our leading young Welsh ploughmen of the time. In the first of a two-part feature (the second will appear in a future edition of this Newsletter), we take a look back to 1964.

Many in the farming community will well remember the "Farmer and Stockbreeder" magazine that began as a weekly publication in 1889 and went on to become a leading agricultural periodical. In 1971 it merged with British Farmer, the official magazine of the National Farmers Union to become British Farmer and Stockbreeder (by this time it was fortnightly), until it closed down in March 1984.

The edition dated 3rd November 1964 carries a feature on Welsh YFC members who achieved some notable successes at the 7th All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships held at Llandrinio near Welshpool. One of these is none other than John Nixon, a leading member of the WPA and World Board Member. Under the headline "22-year-old is National Champion", it is reported that: "Two Radnorshire young farmers took top honours at the 7th All Wales Championship ploughing and hedging match at Llandrinio, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire. Altogether Young Farmers won three of the four championship classes. Twenty-two-year-old John Nixon's seven-point win in the general purpose championship for the third time was enough to give him the champion ploughman of Wales title and his 19-year-old brother, Denis, winner of the YFC championship, stood second for the supreme award. Members of Howey YFC, both are employed on their father's 200-acre mixed farm at Penmincae, Builth Road, where some 40 acres are under the plough."

Photographs of the two brothers also appear:



*Champion ploughman of Wales, John Nixon, who is a member of Howey Y.F.C., as is his brother...*



*...Denis Nixon, who won the Y.F.C. championship. Young farmers won three of four championship classes.*

What the report does not mention is that this was the third occasion on which John Nixon had been crowned Champion of Wales. He first won the Championship in 1960 in Flintshire followed by a further win in 1962 in Cardigan.

There are further revelations where the report continues that in the semi-digger championship, "top points were scored by 21-year-old David James of Wick near Cowbridge in Glamorgan". David James is well-known to many nowadays as a judge.

The report continues with a review of the High Cut Competition where it is noted that the previous year's winner, Henry Jones of Swansea, was not able to qualify for the supreme award when time ran out. The class was won by Ivor Davies "who farms 55 acres at Caecappin, Tregynon, Montgomeryshire, twice runner-up in the class who was giving his match plough its only airing since last year's Welsh National".

The late Henry Jones from the Gower was another leading ploughman of the time who had been the very first Champion of Wales at the First All Wales Championships held in Radnorshire in 1958. He won the Championship on a further three occasions, the following year in Pembrokeshire, in Monmouthshire in 1961 and finally in Glamorgan in 1963. He also represented Great Britain at the World Contest on two occasions - 1959 in Italy where he was third and 1961 in Sweden.

The report includes a summary of class winners and points in the hedging as well as the ploughing classes:

- High Cut: I Davies, Montgomeryshire (81 points)
- Semi-digger: David James, Glamorgan (79 points)
- General purpose: JL Nixon, Radnorshire (82 points)
- YFC: DC Nixon, Radnorshire (84 points)
- Hedging – open: V Probert, Breconshire (89 points)
- Montgomeryshire Style: T Harding, Montgomeryshire (96 points)
- YFC: R Glyn Jones, Montgomeryshire (91 points)



The late Tom Harding of Caersws (who won the Montgomeryshire Hedging Class that day) was a leading hedger of the day. He had started competing at the age of 14 and the tradition continues to this day as another member of the family Gwynfor Harding regularly competes at the All Wales Championships and was Champion Hedger in 2014.

Concluding the “Farmer and Stockbreeder” report, there is a reference to a Miss Christine Hughes, a Young Farmer from Felinfach, Lampeter who was reported to be 24 years old at the time and the first woman to compete at the All Wales Championships. A leading ploughman of the time, Ellis Davies who has a long association with Welsh Ploughing believes that Christine may be the only female competitor to have ploughed in the Tractor Ploughing Classes at an All Wales Championships - but as ever, if you know differently let us know at the Welsh Ploughing Association!

*Miss Christine Hughes who, when she competed in the Welsh National Ploughing Championships, became the first woman ever to do so.*

## **Y 57FED BENAMPWRIAETHAU AREDIG A PHLYGU GWRYCH CYMRU GYFAN 2016 THE 57TH ALL WALES PLOUGHING & HEDGING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**

The Welsh Ploughing Association is pleased to announce that the Championships will return to Breconshire in 2016. The site will be on excellent level ploughing ground at Mill Ground, Tregoyd, Brecon by kind permission of Mr & Mrs David James. Peter Guthrie has been instrumental in locating the site and a local organising committee has been set up, drawn from members of the Builth Ploughing Society, Three Cocks Vintage Club and others from the local area. The Local Chairman is Tom Evans, a Champion Hedger, whilst the Local Secretary is Mrs Sam Davies, well-known to many in the Welsh Ploughing Association through her work for the Welsh Ploughing Association Secretariat in the late 1990s / early 2000s. The Championships promises to be an excellent event with a number of sponsors already coming forward.

The date of the 2016 Championships is Saturday 17th September.

# **2016 All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championships**

## **Saturday 17 September**



**Mill Ground, Tregoyd, Brecon, Powys  
courtesy of Mr & Mrs David James**

Further details available from:

**Mrs Sam Davies, Secretary, Gwarafog Bungalow, Garth, Llangammarch Wells, Powys, LD4 4BH**  
**Tel: 01591 620 627 / 07791 526 383**  
**E-mail: gwarafog@btinternet.com**

# *Sbotolau Lleol - Local Spotlight*

## **IN MEMORY OF A CHAMP.**

A ploughing match held last Autumn in memory of former world champion Les Goodwin raised more than £1,000 for the Air Ambulance.

Held at Lea Farm, New Radnor by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Andrew Lloyd, the event was organised by the Radnor Valley Vintage Club and attracted ploughmen and one ploughwoman from all over the UK. There was also a display by Golden Valley Young Farmers of when Les became World Champion in 1958. The display had been their County Rally entry earlier in the year.

Les was a member of the Radnor Valley club until his death in 2013. He started ploughing in 1948 at the age of 18 and in 1958 became the first Englishman to win the World Ploughing Championship held that year in Germany. After he retired from competitive ploughing, he married Rita and with their daughter Helen, went on to farm at Weobley. Les started judging at ploughing matches and national championships, travelling throughout the country.

When he retired in 1992 to Kington, he joined the Radnor Valley club. He was a very faithful member, always ready to help organise and steward local competitions. He also trained young people to plough, took up golf and became a grandfather to Jasmine and Rhoda.

Les's widow Rita said: "On behalf of our family I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Lloyd family for hosting the match at Lea Farm, the club, and the many friends for coming together to organise this event in memory of a man so dedicated to ploughing".

*Jane Bywater*



Grace Davies, Thomas Nicholls of Builth Wells & wife Hesketh



Radnor Valley Vintage Club member Barry Evans of Kington



Donald Mills of Knighton who came second in his class



Glyn Morgan of Builth Wells who came second in his class



Some of the winners pictured with Les Goodwin's widow Rita and event secretary Edwina Griffiths at the far right



Alison Taylor from Newbridge-on-Wye who came second in her class



John & Clive Nixon watch the latest family member, 14 year old Mark



A tribute to Les Goodwin by Golden Valley YFC with Goodwin family members

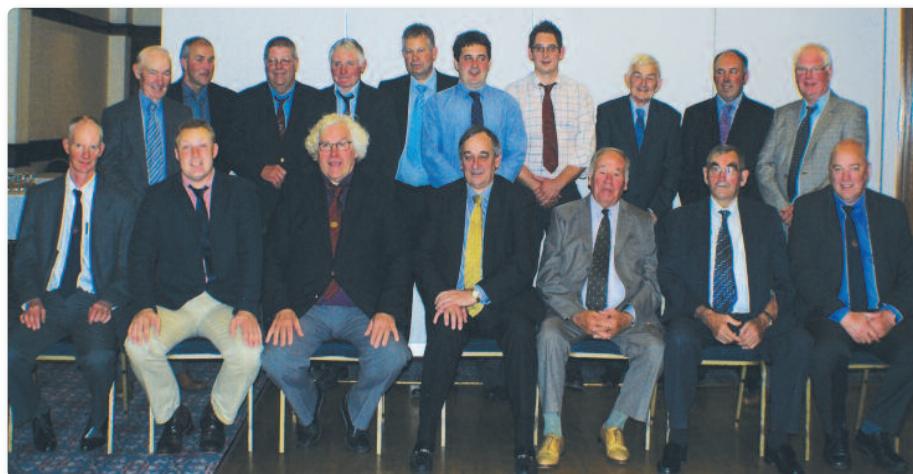
## LETTERSTON & DISTRICT PLOUGHING SOCIETY - CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

The Chairman of the Letterston and District Ploughing Society Mr William Miles gave a warm welcome to members and guests who attended the 70th Anniversary dinner on Friday 10th October 2014 at the Fishguard Bay Hotel. He paid a special welcome to founder members Mr Eifon Thomas and Mr Leslie Raymond who ploughed in the second match organised by the Society in 1946 at Trecoed Farm. The Society was set up in 1944 in conjunction with the local Young Farmers Club and the Pembrokeshire War Agricultural Executive Committee and the first ploughing match was held on 3rd February 1945 at Llangwarren Farm, Letterston.

One of the most recent highlights in the history of the Society was the All Wales Ploughing Championships held at Penfeidr on 27th September 2014. William thanked all committee members for their hard work and commitment fundraising and preparing for the event. In particular he extended a special thank you to Vice-Chairman Steffan Kurtz, Secretary Dorian Williams, Treasurer Ian Johns, John Evans, Islwyn Harries and the field directors. He also expressed his thanks to his wife and family and all the ladies who catered for 200-plus people the evening prior to the Ploughing Championships after the chapel service of Blessing The Plough.

Thanks were extended to the sponsors for their generosity in supporting what can only be described as a spectacular event where ploughmen, hedgers and plashers had an opportunity to display their talents. William thanked the Presidents Mansel and Meurig Raymond, their wives and families for providing such a splendid venue and to their staff for all their help and support preparing for the event. Cheque presentations were made to Anghard Miles, Jessica Durham and Nerys Roberts from the three local Young Farmers Clubs as a token of thanks for their support at the various fundraising events held during the year.

William then introduced Mr Meurig Raymond in his capacity as NFU President and asked him to propose a toast to the Society. Mr Raymond opened his speech by congratulating the Society on their successes over the last 70 years in producing ploughmen who had competed at Welsh and British level. John Evans was competing at the British championships over the weekend at Basingstoke in Hampshire.



Back row L-R Henry Dixon, Gerwyn Williams, John Evans, Gwilym Cornock, Roland Beynon, Paul Raymond, Nigel Raymond, Meurig Harries, Graham Raymond, John S. Evans.  
Front row L-R Ian Johns (Treasurer), Steffan Kurtz (Vice-Chairman), William Miles (Chairman), Meurig Raymond (Joint President), Eifion Thomas (founder member), Leslie Raymond (founder member), Dorian Williams (Secretary).  
Missing from photograph was Mansel Raymond (Joint President).

William Miles, Chairman



Founder members, Eifion Thomas & Leslie Raymond

Meurig reflected on the All Wales Ploughing Championships organised 20 years before at Penfeidr when the Chairman had been his brother the late Mr Gilbert Raymond and the President the late Mr Benny Miles (Chairman's father). He stressed the importance of continuing these events and keeping the art of ploughing, hedging and plashing very much alive for future generations.

Finally he wished the Society every success for the future and hoped that they would undertake the role of hosting the All Wales Ploughing Championships at a future date.



# DENBIGHSHIRE FARMERS PLOUGHING & HEDGELAYING SOCIETY

## ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH

The Ploughing Match was hosted on Saturday 18th April by Esmor and Mona Jones at Fron Heulog Farm, Llanrhaeadr D.C. We had 82 entries and we also had a horse ploughing demonstration by Tim Kersey, Llanychan.

The glorious weather brought a good number of spectators to the match, with many enjoying the display and craftsmanship of the traditional to modern ploughing.

There were 9 classes in all, and this year the Society was presented with a perpetual shield by Malpas Tractors for the best work undertaken by a Fordson/Ferguson/New Holland tractor. We would like to thank Malpas Tractors for donating the shield. Esmor Jones judged and the shield was awarded to Derek Lloyd, Ellesmere. We were further given a special prize of £50 by John Jones, Denbigh and Robert Godfrey, Hawarden, awarded for the highest placed ploughman, ploughing with a Ferguson tractor with no additions to tractor or plough. This prize went to Gwynfor Parry, Abergel. We thank them both for their generosity.

There was particular praise from judges, Robert Kinsea and Tom Cheadle, for the beginners under-26 class. They were very impressed with the standard of ploughing and urged these youngsters to continue with the tradition.

Rhian Jones

### CLASS RESULTS

<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Open Trialed</b> 1st Derek Lloyd, Ellesmere 2nd Henry Taylor, Clitheroe 3rd Brian Shaw, Bridgnorth	<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Ferguson</b> 1st Gwynfor Parry, Abergel 2nd Gwyn Jones, Bull Bay 3rd John Jones, Denbigh.
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Open Vintage</b> 1st John Lewis, Meifod 2nd Stuart Lamb, Whitchurch 3rd Arthur Jennings, Holywell.	<b>Class 7</b>	<b>Open Reversible</b> 1st D. Elfed Jones, Llanfihangel G.M. 2nd Clive Roberts, Yockleton. 3rd Emrys Owen, Pandy Tudur.
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Beginners Mounted/Trialed</b> 1st William Thomas, Sarn 2nd Aled Rees, Pennal 3rd John Bannister, Hope.	<b>Class 8</b>	<b>Beginners Under 26</b> 1st Tudur G. Jones, Llanelwy. 2nd William Li. Jones, Gwenaffield 3rd Owain Williams, Henllan
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Novice</b> 1st Rhys Jones, Rhydyclafdy 2nd Haydn Hughes, Carmel 3rd Andy Hughes, Carmel.	<b>Class 9</b>	<b>Conventional World Style</b> 1st Ian Wilson, Penyffordd 2nd Euron O. Jones, Rhydyclafdy 3rd Stephen Jones, Rhoscolyn
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Open Classic</b> 1st Peter Williams, Shrewsbury 2nd Roy Stokes, Shifnall 3rd Griff Jones, Cricceth.		



William Thomas



Ian Wilson



Elfed Jones

**CYMDEITHAS AREDIG CYMRU • WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION**  
**COUNCIL MEETING 25TH FEBRUARY 2015**  
**ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND**



**Sent in by Tony Bradley**  
*I'm just a rabbit*

*I am just a rubber rabbit,  
that's right, a small squeaking toy  
I got thrown out of my pram  
By a small girl or boy*

*It was 23 years ago  
At a ploughing match at Pandy  
I didn't get hurt  
Because the ground was quite sandy.*

*That day, a nice man Tony  
Was on his Ferguson ploughing his plot  
He stopped his tractor and picked me up  
not to get ploughed in and left to rot.*

*He tied me to the light on his tractor  
and tried to find who owned me.  
But after all his efforts,  
it was obviously not to be.*



*After the Pandy match  
My new friend Tony I found was very loud  
But he put me in a prominent place on his tractor  
and made me feel very proud.*

*I have travelled all over Europe with Tony  
and don't intend to stop just yet,  
I know he's hoping to go again soon  
and he will take me again you can bet.*

*We did have trouble at the Welsh match  
When a man in an orange top said get off now  
But my friend Tony said you can't do that  
as he's only my mascot and watches me plough.*

*Most of my fans are children  
who seem to love me so much,  
so the last thing that I want to do  
is to go back into my hutch.*

## CYMDEITHAS AREDIG CYMRU YN SIOE FRENHINOL CYMRU 2015 WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION AT THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW 2015



The Royal Welsh Show will take place on 20th - 23rd July this year and the Welsh Ploughing Association stand will be in its usual corner position, a short distance from the main ring. The stand will be manned for the four days by the organising Committee of the 2015 All Wales Championships, South Pembs. Ploughing Society. At approximately 6.00p.m. on the Wednesday evening, everyone is welcome to join the evening reception when presentations will be made by the President of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, David Morgan DL, FRAgS, MBE of Monmouthshire to the World Ploughing and European Ploughing Teams 2015.



World Ploughing Team 2014 pictured at the WPA Stand at last year's Royal Welsh Show

### GWEFAN CYMDEITHAS AREDIG CYMRU WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

[www.welshploughing.com](http://www.welshploughing.com)

A screenshot of the Welsh Ploughing Association website. The header features the association's name in both English and Welsh. The menu includes links for Home, About, Membership, Events, Results, Training Courses, Newsletters, and 200 Club. Below the menu, there is a section for the 56th All Wales Ploughing Championships 2015, held on 26th September 2015 at Paskeston Farm, Cosherton, Pembroke. It also mentions the 57th All Wales Ploughing Championships 2016, held on 17th September 2016 at Trevithel Court, Three Cocks, Brecon, LD3 0RV. The website footer includes logos for the Royal Welsh Show and the Welsh Ploughing Association, along with a copyright notice.

Readers may have noticed that the Welsh Ploughing website has been refreshed in recent months. It should now be much easier to navigate around the web pages. It is hoped to add more information and we are relying on members to supply material wherever possible to keep the website live and up-to-date. There is a page for local match dates and results – please send these to Heather at the Secretariat – [heather@rwas.co.uk](mailto:heather@rwas.co.uk).

## PWY SYN AREDIG I GYMRU YN 2015?

## WHO'S PLOUGHING FOR WALES IN 2015?

### World Ploughing Contest – Vestbo, Hjardemålvej, Denmark on 3rd & 4th October

After being crowned Champion Tractor Ploughman of Wales in 2014, Evan Watkin competes for Wales in the Conventional Ploughing at the World Contest and has a wealth of experience behind him. He first competed in the Contest in 1997 when he then travelled to Australia and most recently represented Wales in the 2012 Contest in Croatia. Elfed Jones completes the line-up and will represent Wales in the Reversible Ploughing. Also in the team will be Aled Morgan as the judge / coach and Ian Wilson as the Reserve.

### European Vintage Ploughing Championships – Veendam, Netherlands on 20th September

New faces will be representing Wales at the Championships in 2015 with Wilfred Richards of Haverfordwest competing in the Classic Class and Arthur Jennings in the Hydraulic Class. Sam Jones of Trefeglwys in Powys, who has ploughed at the Championships before, will be representing Wales in the Trailer Class. Robert Convery will be the judge / coach and Emlyn Jones the Steward.

### Five Nations Ploughing Challenge – Pitgaveny Farms, Elgin, Scotland on 24th & 25th October

As Reserve Champion in 2014, Rhodri George will be representing Wales in the Conventional Ploughing whilst Wyn Jones will be competing in the Reversible.

### Six Nations Classic and Vintage Competition – Lisburn, Northern Ireland on 15th October

Sam Jones and Gordon Harries will plough in the Trailer Class, Arthur Jennings and Emlyn Jones in the Hydraulic and Wilfred Richards and David Hankey in the Classic.

The judge will be John Tucker and the Steward John Lewis.

### British National Ploughing Championships – Marden, Tonbridge, Kent on 10th and 11th October

Rhodri George will be representing Wales once again at the British Championships.

*A round-up of all the results will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.*

#### World Ploughing Team 2015



Aled Morgan (Left) & Evan Watkin (Right) ploughing at the 2014 All Wales Championships



Elfed Jones ploughing at the 2014 All Wales Championships

## OBITUARIES

### John Harries - Pembrokeshire

Brother of Gordon Harries who ploughed in the first four All Wales Ploughing Championships.

### David Parry - Shropshire

Ploughman and judge who judged at All Wales Ploughing Championships.

### Stuart Price - Monmouthshire

A ploughing judge and a member of the Monmouthshire Local Committee that organised the All Wales Championships in 2002 and 2011. In his ploughing career, Stuart won the Young Farmers Ploughing Class at the All Wales Championships in 1965 and in the same year, the Young Farmers Class at the British National Championships at Nottingham.

### Joe Solis - Pembrokeshire

A hedger from Letterston.

## **GORNESTAU AREDIG LLEOL - 2015 LOCAL PLOUGHING MATCHES - 2015**

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

## **CYSTADLAETHAU CENEDLAETHOL A RHYNGWLADOL - 2015 & 2016 NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PLOUGHING MATCHES - 2015 & 2016**

<b>Match</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>World Ploughing Contest</b> Hjardemålvej, Northern Jutland, Denmark	3rd & 4th October 2015	
<b>European Vintage Ploughing Championships</b> Veendam, Netherlands	20th September 2015	01348 873000
<b>British Ploughing Championships</b> Marden, Tonbridge, Kent	10th & 11th October 2015	01302 852469
<b>World Ploughing 2016</b> Incorporating the British Ploughing Championships and the World Ploughing Contest, Croxley Hill, York	8th – 11th September 2016	01302 852469

## **DIGWYDDIADAU CYMDEITHAS AMAETHYDDOL FRENHINOL CYMRU - 2015 ROYAL WELSH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY EVENTS - 2015**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Royal Welsh Show</b>	20th – 23rd July	01982 553683
<b>Royal Welsh Winter Fair</b>	30th November & 1st December	01982 553683

## **YN Y RHIFYN NESAF.....**

The main focus of the next issue will be the All Wales Championships with photographs and full results together with a round-up of how our ploughmen have fared in the other international and national competitions taking place in the Autumn.

## **IN THE NEXT ISSUE.....**



### **MEMBERSHIP OF WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION**

Member - £15.00 (1 ticket)

Life Member - £200.00 (1 ticket)

Life Vice President\* - £400.00 (2 tickets)

\* Receive a free catalogue on match day.

All receive two Newsletters each year.

For further details on membership, please contact:

**MRS SUE FARMER**

Membership Secretary

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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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