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**CROESO CYNNES I RIFYN RHIF 7
O GYLCHLYTHYR CYMDEITHAS
AREDIG CYMRU.**

Mae gwledd ardderchog o aredig yn ein haros yr Hydref hwn gyda chyfoeth o gystadlaethau lleol, cenedlaethol a rhyngwladol yn cael eu cynnal ar dir Cymru a'r Deyrnas Unedig. Heb fod yn rhy bell o gartref fydd Pencampwriaethau Aredig â Hen Beiriannau Ewrop, sy'n cael eu croesawu gan Gymdeithas Aredig De Penfro ar ddydd Sadwrn 24ain Medi. Bydd Gornest y Byd yn cael ei chynnal yng Nghaerefrog ddechrau mis Medi wrth gwrs. Ynghyd â symud y Pencampwriaethau Prydeinig i ddyddiad cynharach na'r arfer, mae Medi, sydd eisoes yn llawn dop o ornestau, yn fis prysurach na'r arfer. Mae rhai cymdeithasau fel Clwb Hen Beiriannau Dyffryn Maesyfed wedi gwneud y penderfyniad i symud eu gornest i ddydd Gwener, a fydd yn digwydd y diwrnod cyn Pencampwriaethau Cymru Gyfan. Mae rhestr o ornestau, sy'n cynnwys cymaint o wybodaeth ag sydd ar gael yr adeg y mae hwn yn mynd i'r wasg, wedi'i chynnwys gyda'r cylchlythyr hwn ond cadwch lygad hefyd ar wefan Cymdeithas Aredig Cymru, sy'n cael ei diweddarau'n rheolaidd gyda dyddiadau gornestau wrth iddyn nhw ddod i mewn.

Byddem yn hoffi dymuno pob hwyl i holl Dimau Aredig Cymru ym mhob un o gystadlaethau'r Hydref. Bydd y canlyniadau'n ymddangos yn rhifynnau nesaf y Cylchlythyr.

Welcome

**A WARM WELCOME TO ISSUE NO. 7
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PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION**

A fine feast of ploughing awaits us this Autumn with a wealth of local, national and international competitions taking place on Welsh and UK soil. Not too far from home will be the European Vintage Championships being hosted by South Pembrokeshire Ploughing Society on Saturday 24th September. The World Contest will of course be taking place in York in early September. Together with the move of the British Championships to an earlier date than usual, September, already packed full of matches, is a busier month than usual. Some societies such as Radnor Valley Vintage Club have taken the decision to move their match to a Friday which will take place the day before the All Wales Championships. A list of matches, containing as much information as is available at the time of going to press is included with this newsletter but please also keep an eye on the Welsh Ploughing Association website which is updated regularly with dates of matches as they come in.

We would like to wish all of our Welsh Ploughing Teams the very best of luck in all the Autumn competitions. Results will appear in the next issues of the Newsletter.



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Rhagolwg - Preview

O 57FED BENCAMPWRIAETHAU AREDIG A PHLYGU GWRYCH CYMRU GYFAN 2016 OF THE 57TH ALL WALES PLOUGHING & HEDGING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

This year, the Championships return to the old county of Breconshire, now part of Powys, and this will be the fourth occasion that Breconshire has hosted the Championships. The first Championships held in the county was in 1966 at Home Farm on the Glanusk Estate, when Ron Williams, now a well-known judge, was crowned Welsh Champion Ploughman. In 1975, the Championships were held at Bronllys and, after a 30 year gap returned to Breconshire in 2004 at Talybont-on-Usk. This year, the event moves North to Tregoyd, a hamlet situated within the parish of Glasbury-on-Wye.

The hosts of the event are David and Catherine James of Trevithel Court, Three Cocks who run a mixed arable and livestock enterprise including cider apple orchards. The James family are well-used to opening their doors to the public having hosted a farm walk as part of the Hay Festival for many years.

The local organising committee comprises of a core group of around 20 including members of Defynnog Vintage Society, Three Cocks Vintage Society, Rhosgoch Hedging Match, Radnor Valley Vintage Club and the Builth & District Ploughing and Hedging Society whose Secretary Sam Davies, is also Secretary of the Committee. The Chairman is Tom Evans of Beulah who is a well-known Champion Hedger (see profile on page 3). Regular readers of the Newsletter will remember that Tom received a "Points of Light" award in 2015, an award made by the Prime Minister that recognises outstanding contribution made in the local community.

For the second year in succession, the principal sponsor is Celtic Pride who also supported the Championships last year in South Pembrokeshire.

The organising committee is committed to encouraging entries from younger competitors and no entry fees will be charged to those aged under 26 years old.

Many of the ploughing classes offer opportunities for Welsh ploughing competitors to qualify to plough in international competitions in 2017 including the Word Contest that next year takes place in Africa with Kenya being the host country, surely an experience not to be missed!

In this county of Breconshire that is well-known for its quality of hedging and that has produced and continues to produce many top-class hedgers, there will be five hedgelaying classes on offer providing an excellent opportunity for spectators to see a wide variety of hedging styles. These include Stake & Pleach, the Montgomeryshire Style, the Pembrokeshire & Gower Style, an Open Class for any other style and a class for competitors aged 26 years old and under.

Other attractions on the day will include Working Demonstration Plots, Static Vintage Display, Steam Traction Engine Display and various other tradestands.

The admission charge will be £10.00 (including catalogue) with free admission for children under 16 years of age.

Local Organising Committee



L-R Back Row: Elwyn Davies, Gwyn Davies, Peter Guthrie, Brian Jones, Afan Jones, David Price, Clive Nixon, Chris Havad, Howard Harper, Mervyn Prosser, Chris Jones, Gwilym Lewis.

L-R Front Row: Sam Davies (Secretary), Estyn James (Vice-Chairman), Tom Evans (Chairman), David James (President), Margaret James, Rob Healey (Treasurer), John Nixon.

DEFENDING WELSH CHAMPIONS



Elfed Jones, 2015 Champion Ploughman



Evan Watkin, 2015 Reserve Champion Ploughman



Roger Smith, 2015 Champion Horse Ploughman



Gwynfor Harding, 2015 Champion Hedger



TOM EVANS – Profile

Chairman of Welsh Ploughing Association Council and the Local Organising Committee

Tom, one of the leading hedgers in Wales, had his first taste of hedgelaying aged 13 years when he received some training through the Edw Valley Young Farmers Club near Builth Wells. He went on to win his first prize in hedgelaying the following year.

During his subsequent 54-year career in hedgelaying, Tom went on to greater success winning the Champion Hedger Title at the All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships on no less than 10 occasions. His first title came in 1969 at the Championships in Denbighshire when Tom was working in North Wales as a shepherd and stockman on Lord Newborough's Rhug Estate near Corwen. Following a stint as an area salesman for Youngs Animal Health covering the Denbighshire, Flintshire and Anglesey area, Tom moved back nearer to home ground to Beulah in the early 1970s when he secured the tenancy of the farm where he continues to live to the present day. Tom won his most recent Champion Hedger title at the All Wales Championship in 2009 at Sarn in Montgomeryshire. To add to his collection of titles, in the 1990s, in a field of over 100 competitors, he was Champion Hedger at the UK National Hedgelaying Championships. Tom also competed at many local hedging matches such as Rhosgoch, Hafren and Builth Wells and after winning the overall award for these three matches in 2013, he retired from competing and nowadays judges at competitions instead.

Tom's talents are not confined to hedgelaying as he is an expert sheep shearer who taught shearing through the Agricultural Training Board. He is well-known as a commentator at shearing competitions at the Royal Welsh Show and many other competitions across the UK. He also commentates further afield at the World Shearing Championships including a memorable occasion in 2010 when the Royal Welsh Show hosted the event.

When asked about the reasons for his success in all of these fields, Tom attributes much to the Young Farmers movement saying, "it was in the Young Farmers Club where I learnt these skills, the hedging, the shearing and even the commentating as it was through public speaking competitions in the Young Farmers Club that I learnt the craft of speaking to large groups of people – nowadays, it can be many thousands of people at the World Shearing Championships".

GWASANAETH BENDITHIO'R ARADR BLESSING OF THE PLOUGH SERVICE



The Blessing of the Plough Service will be held at the parish church in Glasbury-on-Wye on the eve of the Championships, starting at 7.00 p.m. St. Peter's Church is accessed direct off the A438 in the centre of the village, a short distance from the Wye Bridge.

Afterwards, supper will be served at the nearby Gwernyfed School where a buffet supper will be open to all. Admission charge will be £6.00.

Those attending the Blessing of the Plough Service will be asked to park on the side of the road near the Church and at Gwernyfed High School for the refreshments following the service.

Further information and schedules available from:

Mrs Sam Davies Tel: 01591 620627 / 07791 526 383
Email: gwarafog@btinternet.com

The closing date for entries is now fast approaching – Monday 1st August – so make sure your entries are in by this date. There are eleven tractor 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 and Commercial Reversible Ploughing. Given the strong interest in horticultural ploughing in the area, there is a class for single furrow pedestrian or tractor-drawn ploughs. A new feature to encourage entries from younger competitors will be a class for Junior ploughing competitors to be aged no more than 21 years in 2016. One assistant per competitor will be permitted. In the Horse Ploughing, there will be two classes, General Purpose and High Cut with additional prizes for the best working team and best turn-out. All ploughing will be on stubble.



*Y 57fed Pencampwraethi Aredig a
Phlygu Gwrychoedd Cymru Gyfán*
**The 57th All Wales Ploughing & Hedging
Championships**



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Fw chynnal ar – To be held on

Dydd Sadwrn 17 Medi
Saturday 17 September 2016

at Mill Ground, Tregoyd, Brecon, Powys, LD3 0SW
by kind permission of Mr & Mrs David James

Myndiad - Admission:

- ◆ By WPA Membership Badge
- ◆ Adults £10.00 to include catalogue
- ◆ Free admission for children under 18 years of age

Athynadau - Attractions:

- ◆ Tractor Ploughing
- ◆ Horse Ploughing
- ◆ Wire Fencing Competitions
- ◆ Hedging Competitions
- ◆ Working Machinery Demonstrations
- ◆ Vintage Machinery Displays
- ◆ Tradestands
- ◆ Steam Ploughing Demonstrations
- ◆ and various other attractions

Dyddiau Cau / Entries Close – Dydd Llun 1 Awst / Monday 1 August 2016

To get to the Championships:

The site at Tregoyd is located approximately 4 miles south-west of Hay-on-Wye and will be signposted off the A438 between Brecon and Hay-on-Wye. Site postcode: LD3 0SW

CYSTADLAETHAU RHYNGWLADOL AR EIN STEPEN DRWS YN 2016 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS ON OUR DOORSTEP IN 2016

This year provides a great opportunity to visit two international competitions taking place close to home without the need to dust off the passport!

EUROPEAN VINTAGE PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wales has the honour of hosting the European Vintage Championships this year. South Pembrokeshire Ploughing Society and its Secretary Gordon Harries are well advanced with preparations for the Championships that will take place at Rowston Farm, Stackpole on 24 September 2016. The South Pembrokeshire Society's own match will be taking place on the same day. Further information is available from Gordon Harries on 01834 870148 or 07880 578892.

WORLD PLOUGHING 2016

The Society of Ploughmen will be staging the World Ploughing Contest at Crockey Hill, near York on 10th and 11th September. Competitors from around 30 countries including Wales will be taking part in the Contest which will for the first time include a World Vintage Championships and a European Horse Ploughing Championships. Further details of who will be representing Wales at these contests appear on page 10.

ELLIS DAVIES YN CAEL EI ANRHYDEDDU GAN GYMDEITHAS AREDIG CYMRU ELLIS DAVIES HONOURED BY THE WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

At the Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Ploughing Association held in February 2016, a special presentation took place to honour leading WPA member Ellis Davies. He had announced at the previous AGM that he would be stepping down as Field Director of the Championships, a position that he had held for 32 years. To mark his contribution to the Welsh Ploughing Association during this time, he was presented with whisky tumblers on an inscribed slate base.

Earlier in the AGM, Ellis Davies had announced that he would also step down as Trustee of the Welsh Ploughing Association but he was promptly re-elected!



Ellis Davies (right) at the presentation at the AGM with George John, Chairman of the Welsh Ploughing Association Council

Ellis Davies also received a special award from the organising committee of the 2015 All Wales Championships to mark the occasion of his final Championships as Field Director, here pictured with Gordon Harries.



CYMDEITHAS AREDIG CYMRU YN SIOE FRENHINOL CYMRU 2016 WELSH PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION AT THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW 2016

Thanks to the generosity of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, the Welsh Ploughing Association will once again have a stand at the Royal Welsh Show that will take place on 18th – 21st July this year. The show will be manned over the 4 days by members of the Breconshire Local Committee together with stalwarts Edwina Griffiths and Tony Bradley. On the Wednesday evening at approximately 6.00pm a reception will be held at which presentations will be made by President of the Show, Mr W Richard (Dick) Jones FLAA FRAGS of Meirionnydd, to ploughmen competing in national and international competition in 2016.



The 2015 Welsh World Ploughing Team with the RWAS President and his wife and the RWAS Lady Ambassador at last year's Royal Welsh Show

Nodwedd - Feature

In Issue no. 5 of this Newsletter, we carried a feature on a report in the now defunct "Farmer and Stockbreeder" magazine dating back to 1964 kindly sent in by WPA Member Margaret Jones. In that issue, we focused on the report from the 7th All Wales Championships held at Llandrinio, Welshpool and successes achieved by some young Welsh YFC members at the time. In this second and final part of this feature, we take a look at a fascinating account from the same edition of "Farmer and Stockbreeder" of the 14th British National Ploughing Match that featured some well-known names in the ploughing world from Wales and beyond.

Under a headline "Young Farmers Plough To Top", it is reported that Young Farmers made themselves felt at the 14th British Championships held at Nuneham Courtenay in Oxfordshire in a field of almost 200 competitors, taking top honours in four of the six classes. The first of these is reported to be John L Nixon, (now the WPA World Board member), who was the winner of the whole furrow class and who would go on to represent Great Britain at the World Contest in Norway in 1965. The other representative for Great Britain was the late David Bonning of Somerset who won the oat seed furrow class for tractors.



"The long stubble presented problems to Mr. John Nixon (left) but he achieved a high standard of work. Mr. David Bonning (right) made a fine job of setting up the medium loam soil in the oat seed furrow class".

It was reported that John Nixon was a member of Builth Wells YFC and being aged just 22, was one of the youngest-ever members of the British Team. The report goes on to say that, despite his tender years, he was not lacking in experience, having already been competing for the past nine years, achieving some notable successes along the way. Some examples are provided - in 1962, he was placed third in the whole furrow class at the British Match in North Berwick in Scotland, in 1963, he won the YFC Individual Championship in Northern Ireland and of course in the previous two weeks he had won the Welsh National Championships. It is further reported that John Nixon "is a farmer's son" and "puts in quite a bit of ploughing on the 200-acre mixed farm. He used a David Brown tractor and plough at Nuneham Courtenay".

Other well-known ploughing names that feature in the report include the winner of the whole furrow class for YFC members, Kenneth T Goodwin, brother of Leslie Goodwin who became World Champion in 1958. Mr LJ Williams of Docklow at Leominster was aged 25 at the time and a YFC member and won the class for Semi-Digger Work. It was further reported that Mr Williams had previously qualified to plough at the World Contest in 1963.

All of these were achieving success on the ploughing field at a relatively young age, all being in their twenties fully justifying the headline of the report of "Young Farmers Plough to Top" – they certainly did!

Young Farmers Plough To Top



Left to right: Mr. J. L. Nixon and Mr. D. W. J. Bonning, winners of the whole furrow and oat seed furrow classes respectively will represent Great Britain at the World Ploughing Match in Norway in 1965. Mr. K. T. Goodwin, Mr. L. J. Williams, Mr. W. R. Powell and Mr. Leslie Dick were winners in the whole-furrow work for Y.F.C. members, semi-digger, oat seed furrow (horses) and one way classes respectively.

The Winners

Champions: J. L. Nixon and D. W. J. Bonning.

Whole furrow work: 1, J. L. Nixon (154 points); 2, W. T. Phillips and F. H. Millington (146); 4, G. F. Underhill (145); 5, N. G. Fretwell, J. A. Gwilliam and P. P. Skyrme (140).

Whole furrow work (Y.F.C. members only): 1, K. T. Goodwin (160); 2, A. Jones (155); 3,

V. E. Samuel, J. R. Franks and H. J. Pendray (154); 6, R. W. Matravers (153).

Semi-digger work: 1, L. J. Williams (132); 2, G. Smith (125); 3, R. H. Robson (119); 4, D. E. James and G. H. Evans (116); 6, G. M. Dexter (114).

Oat seed furrow (Tractor): 1, D. W. J. Bonning (162); 2, J. H. Nott (159); 3, W. T. R. Hawke (157); 4, J. H. Wheatcroft (156);

5, J. Phizacklea (154); 6, J. W. Cole (149).

Oat seed furrow (Horses): 1, W. R. Powell (168); 2, S. J. Bayliss (161); 3, J. F. Kettleborough (154); 4, A. Revitt (145); 5, A. W. Pearce (142); 6, E. K. Madeley (141).

One way ploughing: 1, L. Dick (155); 2, J. D. Burne (128); 3, R. Bowles (127); 4, F. Leighton (125).

DIOLCH / THANKS TO:

Wyn Jones, Honorary Treasurer of the Welsh Ploughing Association, who has been successful in obtaining a local community grant of £2,000 from the Royal Bank of Scotland.

LLONGYFARCHIADAU I / CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Aled Jones of the Secretariat

on his marriage to Lisa in December 2015.



Peter D Guthrie

on being appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Powys.



HER Y PUM GWLAD A CHYSTADLAETHAU PEIRIANNAU CLASUROL A HEN Y CHWE GWLAD THE FIVE NATION CHALLENGE AND THE SIX NATIONS CLASSIC AND VINTAGE COMPETITIONS

Lossiemouth on the Moray Coast, a name synonymous with the RAF base, located in the far North East of Scotland was the venue for the Five Nations Challenge and the Six Nations Classic & Vintage Ploughing Competitions. This was a very long journey for the large contingent of ploughmen, judges and stewards who travelled from all four corners of Wales to take part in both events.

The two competitions were held in conjunction with the Scottish Ploughing Championships on 24th and 25th October 2015.

Tony Bradley who travelled to the event as Steward for the Six Nations Competitions reported that the weather was unfortunately very wet. Competitors also had difficulty in getting in the furrows especially in the trailing class.

Five Nations Challenge:

Representing Wales in the Conventional Class was Rhodri George of Pembrokeshire and in the Reversible Wyn Jones of Ceredigion.

The judge was Aled Morgan and the Steward Dai Jones MBE.



Rhodri George ploughing at the 2015 All Wales Championships



Wyn Jones also pictured at the 2015 Championships

Results

Reversible Class

		Points
1st	James Coulter, Northern Ireland	214.5
2nd	Liam O'Driscoll, Republic of Ireland	206
3rd	Andy Greenhill, Scotland	195.5

Conventional Class

1st	Sean Keating, Republic of Ireland	189
2nd	Andrew Gill, Northern Ireland	182.5
3rd	Ian McDonald, Scotland	180

Six Nations Classic and Vintage Competitions

Representing their country were Gareth G Jones and Mervyn John in the Classic Class, John Lewis and Emlyn Jones in the Vintage Hydraulic and Harry Williams and Sam Jones in the Vintage Trailing Class. Despite the wet conditions, some excellent results were achieved all round. In the Classic, Mervyn Jones of Pembrokeshire came in second and Gareth G Jones, Pwllheli third. In first place was David Greenwood of England who was clearly on form in 2015 having won the Classic Class at the All Wales Championships in Pembrokeshire the previous month. In the Vintage Hydraulic, John Lewis and Emlyn Jones, both of Powys finished 1st and 4th respectively whilst in the Vintage Trailing Class, Sam Jones of Powys achieved a third placing and Harry Williams of Mold, Flintshire finished in sixth place.

John Lewis in particular had an outstanding Championships being crowned overall Champion of the Classic and Vintage Competitions.



Mervyn John



Emlyn Jones



Sam Jones



John Lewis, seen here ploughing at the 2015 All Wales Championships

Results

Classic Class

		Points
1st	David Greenwood, England	245
2nd	Mervyn John, Wales	233
3rd	Gareth G Jones, Wales	228

Vintage Hydraulic

1st	John Lewis, Wales	263
2nd	David Wood, Scotland	260
3rd	Colin Heard, England	260

Vintage Trailing

1st	David Kirkpatrick, Scotland	256
2nd	Michael Taylor, England	253
3rd	Sam Jones, Wales	237

HEDFAN Y FANER DROS GYMRO YN 2016! FLYING THE FLAG FOR WALES IN 2016!

World Ploughing 2016 – Crockey Hill, York on 10th and 11th September

The same team for the second year in succession will be representing Wales at the World Ploughing Contest. Elfed Jones, Champion Tractor Ploughman at the 2015 All Wales Championships will plough in the Reversible Competition whilst Evan Watkin, the Reserve Champion Tractor Ploughman will compete in the Conventional.

World Vintage Ploughing Championships – Crockey Hill, York on 10th and 11th September

This is a new contest that is being staged by the Society of Ploughmen as part of the World Ploughing 2016 event. This will give our vintage ploughmen the opportunity to compete on the world stage for the first time. Sam Jones, who won the Trailing Class at the 2015 All Wales Championships will go forward to represent Wales in this section. Emlyn Jones, second in a strong field of ploughmen in the hydraulic class at the All Wales Championships and the highest-placed Welsh resident will represent Wales in the Hydraulic Class at the World Championships.



British National Ploughing Championships – Crockey Hill, York on 8th and 9th September

The British Championships take place around a month earlier than normal, forming part of the World Ploughing 2016 event and will precede the World Contest on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th September. Rhodri George will be representing Wales.

European Vintage Ploughing Championships - Rowston Farm, Stackpole, Pembrokeshire on 24th September

Gordon Harries will not only be playing a major role in organising the Championships (see page 4) but will also be ploughing himself, representing Wales in the trailing class. Gordon has competed at the European Championships on many occasions in the past and we wish him every success on his home turf. Tony Bradley, another experienced ploughman will be representing Wales in the Hydraulic Class and Jeremy Jacobs-Roberts in the Classic Class.

European General Purpose Horse Ploughing Competition - Crockey Hill, York on 10th & 11th September

This is another new addition being put on by the Society of Ploughmen at the World Ploughing 2016 event - Welsh representatives will be Roger Smith, last year's Welsh Champion and John Fletcher.



John Fletcher



Roger Smith

Six Nations Classic and Vintage Competition - County Carlow in the Republic of Ireland

A team with a wealth of experience behind them will be making the journey to the Republic of Ireland: Sam Jones and Gordon Harries will be ploughing in the Trailing Class; Emlyn Jones and Tony Bradley in the Hydraulic and Ian Wilson and Jeremy Jacobs-Roberts in the Classic Class. Date of this competition is yet to be confirmed.

Five Nations Ploughing Challenge – England in 2017

This competition is due to be hosted by England in 2016 but due to commitments associated with staging the World Contest, it is being deferred to the Spring of 2017. Lodwick Jones will represent Wales in the Conventional Class.

Sbotolan Lleol - Local Spotlight

A number of ploughing matches have already taken place this year during the late Winter and Spring months. Amongst these was the annual match put on by the Builth Wells Ploughing & Hedging Society whose members took a break from organising the All Wales Championships to enjoy their local match.

The competition took place at Gilfach Farm at Llangorse near Brecon on Saturday 16th April within a stone's throw of Llangorse Lake. Many ploughmen travelled long distances to be at the match such as David Chappell from Yorkshire and Rowland Glanville from Cornwall who competed in the Open World Style Class. Many local ploughing societies struggle to attract entries in the World Style but 9 competitors took part that day in the open class.

Builth Wells Ploughing & Hedging Society Ploughing Match Results

Class 1 Open World Class Style - 9 entries

1st	David Chappell
2nd	Rowland Glanville
3rd	Alwyn Davies
4th	Geoff Fretwell
5th	Robert Convery

Class 2 Under 26

No entries

Class 3 Under 21 – 1 entry

1st	Mark Nixon
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Class 4 Hydraulic Vintage - 15 entries

1st	Richard Ingram
2nd	Cliff Hamer
3rd	Tony Bradley
4th	Ted Richards
5th	Emlyn Jones

Class 5 Vintage Trailer - 11 entries

1st	John Milnes
2nd	Sam Jones
3rd	Tony Collister
4th	Simon Taylor
5th	Barry Evans

Class 6 Classic Vintage - 10 entries

1st	Stuart Burden
2nd	Jon Cole
3rd	James McIndoe
4th	David Nicholas
5th	Ceri Richards

SPECIAL PRIZES

Best rean class 3 Mark Nixon

Youngest competitor to compete Mark Nixon

Best vintage turnout Philip Jones

Best 12 furrows at start Robert Convery

The Edward Thomas Memorial Perpetual Cup Richard Ingram

The Jubilee Silver Perpetual Cup 1952-1977 Mark Nixon

The Emlyn Davies Memorial Perpetual Trophy Mark Nixon

Local match results are published on the Welsh Ploughing Association website – please email Heather at the WPA if you would like your match results to be included: heather@rwas.co.uk.

Ysgrif Goffa / Obituary

T Raymond Goodwin

Champion Ploughman, Raymond Goodwin of Coed Cowyn Farm, Llanyis, Builth Wells, passed away on 18th December 2015, at home surrounded by his family.

His working life involved farming and contracting around Builth Wells and he was an internationally recognised ploughman. He competed for Great Britain four times in the World Contest, won the Welsh Championships on six occasions and served as a coach and judge for the Welsh Team in World Contests.

He first competed at the age of 12 in Builth Wells, having attended his first ploughing match with his Uncle Jim at 8 years old. Ray competed all over the country and in 1965, at the age of 24, he won the British National Championships and qualified to plough at the World Contest in New Zealand.

Ray ploughed at the 50th Anniversary All Wales Championships in 2008, having ploughed at the first in 1958. It was the last time and, although he wasn't well, his sheer determination to plough and finish gained him a respectable fourth place. We were all so very proud of him that day.

Ray was joint secretary of Builth Wells Ploughing & Hedging Society with Marion Davies and the late Emlyn Davies. His years of dedication to the event led to it becoming fondly known as "Ray's Match".

He made friends all over the world, with his mobile phone and i-pad becoming his lifeline in his latter years. His great sense of humour and positive hardworking attitude touched everyone, especially his family and the five grandchildren he adored. They now say "Grampy" is the brightest star in the sky! He will be so sadly missed.

Margaret Goodwin & family



Ray Goodwin, pictured here ploughing in 1993

GORNESTAU AREDIG LLEOL – 2016

LOCAL PLOUGHING MATCHES – 2016

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

CYSTADLAETHAU CENEDLAETHOL A RHYNGWLADOL – 2016 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MATCHES – 2016

Match	Date	Contact
All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championships Mill Ground, Tregoyd, Brecon	17th September	01591 620627
World Ploughing 2016 Incorporating the British Ploughing Championships, The World Vintage Championships, the European General Purpose Horse Ploughing Competition and the World Contest Crockey Hill, York	8th – 11th September 2016	01302 852469
European Vintage Ploughing Championships Rowston Farm, Stackpole, Pembrokeshire	24th September	01834 870148

DIGWYDDIADAU CYMDEITHAS AMAETHYDDOL FRENHINOL CYMRU – 2016 ROYAL WELSH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY EVENTS – 2016

Event	Date	Contact
Royal Welsh Show	18th – 21st July	01982 553683
Royal Welsh Winter Fair	28th & 29th November	01982 553683

YN Y RHIFYN NESAF.....

IN THE NEXT ISSUE.....

The next issue will be published in December and will include a full report and photographs of the All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships. There will also be a special feature on one of our leading figures in Welsh Ploughing.



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:

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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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