

# **Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society UTTOXETER DISTRICT**

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# **Schedule for Ploughing & Hedgelaying Match**

**INCLUDING AN OPEN HORSE PLOUGHING COMPETITION  
AND OPEN HORSE SHOW**

by kind permission of The Rushton Family,  
Grindley Business Village, Grindley ST18 0LR

**SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2017**

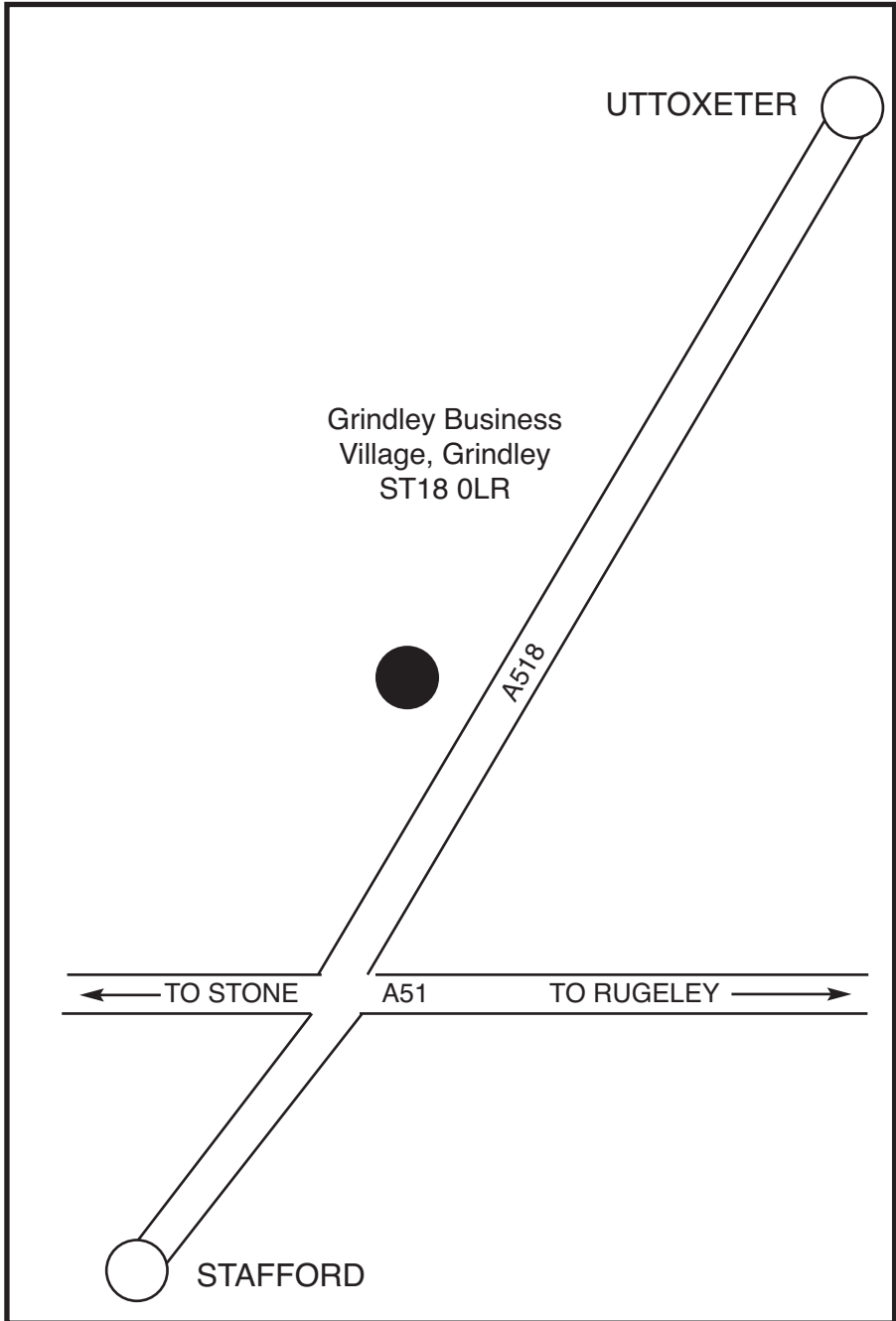
at 9.00 am prompt

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2017**

**PLOUGHING ENTRY FEE: £12.00  
HEDGELAYING ENTRY FEE: £10.00**

**INCLUDING  
NATIONAL QUALIFIER FOR HORTICULTURAL PLOUGHING**

# MAP OF SITE



Entries must be received by the closing date: Saturday 2nd September 2017

No entries will be accepted after this date

## Schedule of Prizes

# TRACTOR PLOUGHING

Affiliated to the National Society of Ploughmen Ltd.

### Secretary

Mr D Roobottom

19 New Road, Uttoxeter ST14 7DD

**A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP** given by the Uttoxeter National Farmers' Union for Annual Competition, to the Champion Ploughman of the Day out of the Reversible or Conventional Classes. To be held for 1 year.

**CHALLENGE CUP** the Best Ploughing by any competitor under 21 years of age. The cup to be won three times by the same competitor before coming their property. Confined to the Uttoxeter District, of the Society. To be held for 1 year.

**A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP** given by the Uttoxeter Training Group for the Best Novice Ploughing. Presented by the Chairman, Uttoxeter Training Group. To be held for 1 year.

**NEW HOLLAND PLOUGHING AWARD** arranged by Hallmark Tractors (Cubley) Limited, for the Best Ploughing by a competitor using a Ford, Fiat, or New Holland Tractor.

**A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP** will be awarded for the Best Ploughing by a competitor in any Vintage Classes 5, 6, 7, & 8. for Annual Competition. To be held for 1 year.

**KVERNELAND TANKARD** to be awarded for the Overall Vintage Best Kept Turn-Out Tractor and Plough in Class 5, 6, 7, or 8. To be held for one year.

**SILVER CHALLENGE CUP** given by GE Salt for the best ploughing in the Ferguson T20 class

**A SHIELD** given by Kestral Plant hire for the best vintage ploughing by a U21

# TRACTOR PLOUGHING CONDITIONS

ENTRY FEE: £12.00

- 1 Entries to be made in writing to the Ploughing Secretary, Mr D Roobottom, 19 New Road, Uttoxeter ST14 7DD by Saturday, 2nd September 2017. Telephone entries to be confirmed by signed entry form for each competitor.
- 2 Any competitor, having entered who is unable to attend, must telephone the Plough Secretary by 8.00am on the morning of the match at the latest.
- 3 All classes are open to any competitor but only one Class may be entered.
- 4 If any discrepancy arises with regard to the specification of the plough the Steward's decision will be final with regard to the Class in which a competitor may compete.
- 5 The area to be ploughed to be fixed by the Stewards.
- 6 **Handwork is NOT allowed. Rolling of the opening split is NOT allowed.** Any contravention will be brought to the attention of the judge.
- 7 A Dead Furrow may be used if required.
- 8 **Final Judging will commence at 1.30pm. Any competitor not completing his ploughing by this time will lose points.**

## REVERSIBLE PLOUGHING CLASSES

- 1 **Competitors must plough a double opening split (turned towards the lower numbered plot). (Only in classes 2 and 10). European class to plough a single opening split. The opening split must be completed by 9.50am, when it will be judged. Competitors must wait until the Judge or Steward gives permission to continue ploughing.**
- 2 2 and 4 furrow ploughs should plough 8 furrows,  
3 furrow ploughs should plough 9 furrows,  
5 furrow ploughs should plough 10 furrows,  
On the lower number, before proceeding to the higher number and ploughing back to the first furrow.
- 3 ALL THE GROUND MUST BE PLOUGHED.
- 4 Competitors with a vacant plot adjacent should set their poles where they would join their neighbour whilst the opening Splits are being judged.
- 5 Depth of ploughing to be a minimum of 8" (200mm) achieved by the completion of the "start" and maintained until the final 2 runs.
- 6 Maximum depth 9".

## CONVENTIONAL AND VINTAGE PLOUGHING CLASSES

- 1 **Competitors must plough a double opening split.**
- 2 The opening split must be completed by 9.50am, when it will be judged.
- 3 Competitors must wait until the Judge or Steward gives permission to continue ploughing.
- 4 After completing the "start" 11 or 12 furrows, competitors should proceed to the higher numbered plot and plough the ground to their own start. Competitors with a vacant plot adjacent should set their poles where they would join their neighbour whilst the opening splits are being judged.
- 5 Depth of ploughing for Conventional plough to be minimum of 6" (150mm) and for Vintage 5" (125mm). This depth must be achieved by the completion of the start" and maintained until the "finish", (the "finish" is the last 8 furrows).

ALL OTHER RULES AS THE SOCIETY OF PLOUGHMEN

## PLOUGHING CLASSES

Please note that the Fourth prize of £5 in each of the classes 1-5 will only be awarded if there are 6 or more competitors ploughing that individual class on the day.

### 1 World Style

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| For the Best Ploughing with a Conventional Plough Traditional System.....       | £30.00 |
| For the Second Best Ploughing with a Conventional Plough .....                  | £20.00 |
| For the Third Best Ploughing with a Conventional Plough.....                    | £10.00 |
| For the Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 with a Conventional Plough..... | £10.00 |
| For the Second Best Ploughing ditto .....                                       | £ 8.00 |

### 2 For the Best European Style Ploughing with ANY TYPE of one way plough

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| (European System Reversible Plough) .....                         | £30.00 |
| For the Second Best ditto.....                                    | £20.00 |
| For the Third Best ditto.....                                     | £10.00 |
| For the Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto.....        | £10.00 |
| For the Second Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto..... | £ 8.00 |

**NOTE** - Classes may be adjusted depending on entries in Classes 3 & 4

### 3 For the Best Ploughing with a TWO or THREE furrow, one way Plough

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| (Traditional System).....   | £30.00 |
| For the Second Best ditto.....                                    | £20.00 |
| For the Third Best ditto.....                                     | £10.00 |
| For the Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto.....        | £10.00 |
| For the Second Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto..... | £ 8.00 |

### 4 For the Best Ploughing by a FOUR or more furrow, one way Plough

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| (Traditional System).....  | £30.00 |
| For the Second Best ditto.....   | £20.00 |
| For the Third Best ditto.....  | £10.00 |
| For the Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto.....   | £10.00 |
| For the Second Best Ploughing by a competitor under 21 ditto.....  | £8.00  |
| For the overall Best Kept Turn-Out Tractor and Plough in any of the above classes.<br>(Age of turn-out to be taken into consideration) ..... | £10.00 |
| For the Second Best ditto.....   | £ 5.00 |

**Special Prize** for any Young Farmer ploughing in any of the above classes 1 - 4 inc. YF, to hold a membership card and cards must be brought to the match.

First ..... £20.00    Second ..... £15.00    Third ..... £ 8.00    Fourth ..... £ 5.00

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## COUNTY NOVICE PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Judge County Vice Chairman    PRIZES: First Prize £100, Second Prize £50, Third Prize £25

Open to any competitor at a District Ploughing Match who has never won a first prize in any ploughing class at any ploughing match. Any Competitor wishing to be judged for the Novice Championship must indicate on the entry form for the district ploughing match that he or she is eligible.

1. Entry to the County Novice Championship will be via the relevant District Ploughing Match entry form and will be limited to reversible classes.
2. A novice is defined as someone who has never won a Class, including a Young Farmers Class or Novice Championship, at any ploughing match. However, winning a class in a Ploughing Match held after 1st September 2014 would not debar the competitor from entering the County Novice Championship.
3. Each District will identify the best three novices at their Ploughing Match that have entered the County Novice Championship: the County Judge will then award points to each of the three competitors based on their finished work
4. On completion of all the District Ploughing Matches the County Judge will rank all competitors based on the number of points he has awarded at the individual District Matches, prizes will be awarded to competitors ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
5. A competitor may enter the County Novice Championship as many times as he or she wishes by entering more than one District Ploughing Match.
6. Competitors must live within the County of Staffordshire or within 10 miles of the County Boundary

Further information can be obtained from District Secretaries or by contacting the County Office on 01785 258060.

## VINTAGE CLASSES

- 5 Vintage Tractor Ploughing**, (Trailing Ploughs) Open for Vintage Tractors & Trailing Ploughs.  
 For the Best Ploughing with a Vintage Tractor & Trailing Plough ..... £30.00  
 For the Second Best ditto ..... £20.00  
 For the Third Best ditto ..... £10.00
- 6 "FERGIE" Class** for Ferguson TE20 Tractor and Ferguson Plough.  
 For the Best Ploughing by a Ferguson Tractor Plough ..... £30.00  
 For the Second Best ditto ..... £20.00  
 For the Third Best ditto ..... £10.00  
 Best turnout in class ..... £25.00
- 7 Open Class** for any Vintage Tractor and Mounted Plough (any make)  
 For the Best Ploughing with a Vintage Tractor & Mounted Plough ..... £30.00  
 For the Second Best ditto ..... £20.00  
 For the Third Best ditto ..... £10.00
- 8 Novice Vintage Tractor Ploughing** for any competitor who has never won a first prize in any Vintage Mounted Class or won 2nd or 3rd prize in the Vintage Mounted Class in the last 3 years of the Uttoxeter District Match.  
 For the Best Ploughing by a Novice Plougher ..... £30.00  
 For the Second Best ditto ..... £20.00  
 For the Third Best ditto ..... £10.00
- 9 Classic Class** - Any tractor & plough of a model that was in production before 31st December 1976.  
 For the Best Ploughing with a classic tractor & plough ..... £30.00  
 For the Second Best ditto ..... £20.00  
 For the Third Best ditto ..... £10.00
- 10 Vintage Reversible European System (as in Class 2)**  
 For the Best Ploughing ..... £30.00  
 For the Second Best ditto ..... £20.00  
 For the Third Best ditto ..... £10.00
- 11 Garden Tractor Class** National Qualifier  
 For the Best Ploughing ..... £30.00  
 For the Second Best ditto ..... £20.00  
 For the Third Best ditto ..... £10.00
- Overall Vintage Best Kept Turn-Out Tractor & Plough** (Age to be taken into consideration)  
 For the Best Kept Turn Out ..... £10.00  
 For the Second Best ditto ..... £ 5.00

**Definition:**

**Vintage** - Any tractor or Plough of a model that was in production before 31st December 1959.

**Classic** - Any tractor or Plough of a model that was in production before 31st December 1976.

Any Novice competing in Classes 5, 6, 7 & 8 will not be eligible for points towards the County Novice Ploughing Championship.

## JUDGES' METHOD OF SCORING

### CONVENTIONAL AND VINTAGE PLOUGHING

|   |    |
|---|----|
| <b>OPENING</b><br>Well cut, uniform and straight  | 20 |
| <b>START (11 or 12 furrows)</b> (Only in Class 1)<br>Uniform, level and straightness        | 20 |
| <b>SEED BED</b><br>Weed control and soil available  | 20 |
| <b>FIRMNESS</b><br>Firm, well packed furrows, no holes                                      | 20 |
| <b>UNIFORMITY</b><br>Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no paring of furrows | 20 |
| <b>FINISH</b><br>Uniform, shallow and straightness  | 20 |
| <b>INS AND OUTS</b><br>Neat, accurate and regular   | 20 |
| <b>STRAIGHTNESS</b><br>Straightness of the whole plot                                       | 20 |
| <b>GENERAL APPEARANCE</b><br>Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot           | 20 |

### REVERSIBLE CLASSES 3 AND 4

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| <b>OPENING</b><br>Well cut, uniform and straight   | 20 |
| <b>START (8 or 9 furrows)</b><br>Uniform, level and straightness                             | 20 |
| <b>SEED BED</b><br>Weed control and soil MADE available                                      | 20 |
| <b>FIRMNESS</b><br>Firm, well packed furrows, no holes                                       | 20 |
| <b>UNIFORMITY</b><br>Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no pairing of furrows | 20 |
| <b>FINISH ( last 15 or 16 furrows)</b><br>Uniform, shallow and straightness                  | 20 |
| <b>INS AND OUTS</b><br>Neat, accurate and regular  | 20 |
| <b>STRAIGHTNESS</b><br>Straightness of the whole plot  | 20 |
| <b>GENERAL APPEARANCE</b><br>Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot            | 20 |

### EUROPEAN PLOUGHS CLASS 2

|   |    |
|---|----|
| <b>OPENING</b><br>Well cut, uniform and straight  | 20 |
| <b>START (8 or 9 furrows)</b><br>Uniform, level and straightness                                  | 20 |
| <b>SEED BED</b><br>Weed control and soil made available   | 20 |
| <b>FIRMNESS</b><br>Firm, well packed furrows, no holes  | 20 |
| <b>UNIFORMITY</b><br>Clearly defined uniform furrows, straightness and no paring of furrows       | 20 |
| <b>JOINING FURROWS AND BUTTS</b><br>Neat, accurate with no dips or mounds                         | 20 |
| <b>FINISH ( last 19 or 20 furrows)</b><br>Uniform, shallow and straightness                       | 20 |
| <b>ACCURACY OF FINAL FURROW</b><br>Close to first furrows with no un-ploughed or re-ploughed land | 20 |
| <b>INS AND OUTS</b><br>Neat, accurate and regular   | 20 |
| <b>STRAIGHTNESS</b><br>Straightness of the whole plot   | 20 |
| <b>GENERAL APPEARANCE</b><br>Workmanship and general appearance of the whole plot                 | 20 |

### FIXED PENALTY DEDUCTIONS

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| Two wheel marks                              | 20 points penalty                              |
| Finish wrong way                             | 20 points penalty                              |
| Depth infringement less than specified depth | 20 points per cm                               |
| Rolling                                      | 20 points penalty                              |
| Incorrect number of furrows in the finish    | 20 points penalty                              |
| Failure to finish opening on time            | 2 points per minute or part minute over time   |
| Failure to finish plot by finishing signal   | 10 points per minute 'or part minute over time |
| Failure to adhere to safety policy           | Disqualification                               |

### NOTE:

Seedbed, firmness and uniformity cover the whole of the plot. ie: start, furrows, butts and final 15 or 16 furrows.

# HEDGELAYING MATCH

Commencing at 9.00am prompt

**Secretary:** Mr S W P Talbot  
Oak Tree Farm, Bank Top, Gratwich,  
Uttoxeter, Staffs. ST14 8SD

**ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Hedge laying stakes supplied by R P GEORGE Ltd.**

**A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP** presented by the late Sir Geoffrey Congreve Bart, DSO., will be awarded to the Champion Hedgecutter from Classes 1, 2 or 3. To be held for one year.

**J C WALKER SHIELD** presented to the winner of Class 1, Champions Class. To be held for 1 year.

**A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP** will be presented for the Best Hedgelaying by a competitor in Class 2, over 24 years of age. To be held for one year.

**A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP** presented by the Uttoxeter Training Group for the Best Novice. To be held for one year. Presented by the Chairman of the Uttoxeter Training Group.

**A SILVER CHALLENGE CUP** presented by the late Captain Kingscote for the Best Hedgecutter. Open to competitors in class 3. To be held for one year.

**DAVID BARKER TROPHY** for overall growth winner.

## HEDGELAYING CONDITIONS

### ENTRY FEE: £10.00 (CLASS 3 - FREE)

- 1 Entries to be made in writing to the Hedgelaying Secretary, Mr S W P Talbot, Oak Tree Farm, Bank Top, Gratwich, Uttoxeter, Staffs. ST14 8SD, by SATURDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER 2017.  
Telephone entries must be confirmed by signed entry form for each competitor.
- 2 Unless there are at least 5 competitors in each class, no more than three prizes will be awarded.
- 3 If assistance of any kind is given to any competitor, he is liable to be disqualified.  
**No dead wood to be put in the hedge.**
- 4 Anyone not completing his length by 2.00pm will lose points.
- 5 Competitors must comply with Health and Safety Regulations.
- 6 In respect of the use of CHAINSAWS the following requirements are for all competitors:
  - a) The user should have sufficient length of experience or be able to show proof of training to a suitable standard for the type of work concerned. (The need for adequate training for safety purposes IS a legal requirement)
  - b) Personal protective equipment to current standards should be worn whenever the saw is operated, no matter how short the time or how infrequent that operation may be.
  - c) In any case where the stewards feel that these requirements are not being complied with the competitor will be disqualified.
  - d) Entries for the competition are accepted on the understanding that all prospective competitors understand the above conditions and are agreeable to abiding by them at all times.
- 7 £10.00 to be given to competitors on completion of their section of hedge.
- 8 The plots will be drawn on the day of the competition at 8.45am. The competition will commence at 9am.



## HEDGELAYING

- 1 CHAMPIONS - Open to previous winners of the late Sir Geoffrey Congreve Silver Challenge Cup and open to all competitors who have gained a 1st prize in class 2 twice or gained a 1st prize and a second prize in class 2, who shall cut and lay the length of hedge in the best manner.

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|-------------------|--------|
| First Prize.....  | £40.00 |
| Second Prize..... | £30.00 |
| Third Prize.....  | £20.00 |
| Fourth Prize..... | £15.00 |

- 2 Open to competitors over 24 years who shall cut and lay a length as Class 1

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| First Prize.....  | £30.00 |
| Second Prize..... | £25.00 |
| Third Prize.....  | £20.00 |
| Fourth Prize..... | £15.00 |
| Fifth Prize ..... | £10.00 |

- 3 Open to competitors 24 years and under who shall cut and lay a length as Class 1  
FREE ENTRY

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| First Prize.....  | £30.00 |
| Second Prize..... | £20.00 |
| Third Prize.....  | £15.00 |
| Fourth Prize..... | £10.00 |

Additional prizes will be awarded to any class with more than 10 competitors

**OVERALL CHAMPION PRIZE** of £10.00 for the Best Hedgelaying from classes 1, 2, & 3 and the late Sir Geoffrey Congreve Silver Challenge Cup.

A prize of £10.00 will be offered in 2018 for the Best Growth of Hedge laid in each of the above classes.

**DAVID BARKER TROPHY** for overall growth winner.

# OPEN HORSE PLOUGHING COMPETITION

**Commencing 9.00am prompt**

A competition open to competitors who shall plough in the straightest and best manner not less than 5 inches deep.

A leader will be allowed in the Horse Class and competitors may finish their furrow with one horse if they wish.

Each pair of horses competing, and deemed to have completed their work according to the rules and satisfaction of the stewards will receive expenses of £150.00 and one lunch voucher.

Entries to be made in writing to the Ploughing Secretary, Mr D Roobottom, 19 New Road, Uttoxeter ST14 7DD by SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2017  
No entry fee required.

**First Prize - £20.00      Second Prize - £15.00      Third Prize - £10.00**

**For the Best Turned-Out Pair of Horses, including cleanest tackle and waggoners - £10.00**

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## OPEN HORSE PLOUGHING COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Name of Competitor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Horses' Names \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Ploughing Secretary,

Mr D Roobottom, 19 New Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs ST14 7DD

**ENTRIES DEFINITELY CLOSE SATURDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER 2017**

# Dates for your Diary

Friday, 22nd September 2017  
Annual Dinner & Prize Giving  
County Showground  
Stafford, ST18 OBD