

## Press Release

### Local Businesses help Mersea Islanders plough their furrows

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Mersea Islanders gathered at Dawes Lane to witness the age old tradition of the ploughing match.

The match started at 10.00am and spectators were able to enjoy a selection of food and drink from John Gray Meats, Mersea Brewery and the Company Shed. There was also a Farmer's Market selling local produce and Classic Tractors were on display alongside a number of trade stands.

At 3.00pm there was a prize giving for the following classes:see attached results

As well as class sponsors, a number of local businesses donated monies. **Ellisons Solicitors** was more than happy to be one of the key supporters of the event with a donation of £500, as Partner Andrew Tilsley explains:

"Many of our Firm, including myself, live on the island, as do a number of our clients and so it seems natural for a local business such as Ellisons to support this focal event. Farming is an important sector for our business and it is a privilege for Ellisons to have the opportunity to play its part in keeping alive the traditions of our rural communities."

Organisers, David Leggett and Sarah Baldwin were delighted with the day. David said: "There is no denying that it is a lot of hard work to organise this event. However, with the help of local businesses, huge community support and of course very talented ploughmen and women, we are committed to keeping these traditions alive on the island of Mersea."

The event, which was resurrected in 2006 after a gap of 55 years, will hopefully be held again in two years time. The competition has the support of the NFU and raised funds for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

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## WINNERS :

	<b>CLASS 1 REVERSIBLE 5/6</b> <i>Wilkins &amp; Son, Tiptree</i>		<b>CLASS 5 DEALERS</b> <i>Hartley Plant Ltd.</i>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>STACY ANDREWS</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>ERNEST DOES &amp; SONS LTD.</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>ANDY HOWES</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>CRAWFORDS</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>JOHN HEALY</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>AGRI-HIRE</b>
	<b>CLASS 2 REVERSIBLE 4/&lt;</b> <i>Wilkins &amp; Son, Tiptree</i>		<b>OVERALL WINNER REVERSIBLE</b> <i>Waldegraves Cup</i>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>MR. C. CRIPPS</b>		<b>MR. C. CRIPPS</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>MR. S. GALE</b>		
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>BOB ROOTS</b>		
	<b>CLASS 3A CONVENTIONAL</b> Trailed		<b>HIGHEST PLACED MERSEA PLOUGHMAN</b> <i>Jack Hoy Cup</i>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>COLIN FENNER</b>		<b>STACY ANDREWS</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>ERIC SMITH</b>		
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>MR. J. WEBB</b>		
	<b>CLASS 3B CONVENTIONAL</b> Mounted		<b>BEST TURNED OUT UNIT</b> <i>Newsround Trophy</i>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>MT. T. WELLS</b>		<b>REG. MJH 178 C</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>MR. C. MURRELLS</b>		<b>MAKE: MF 135</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>MR. R. CLEMENTS</b>		
	<b>OVERALL WINNER CLASS 3</b> <i>Jack Marriage cup</i>		<b>KVERNELAND PRIZE</b> <i>Highest Points with Kverneland Plough</i>
	<b>COLIN FENNER</b>		<b>STACY ANDREWS</b>
	<b>CLASS 4 LADIES</b> <i>Jean Watcham Shield</i>		<b>GRÉGOIRE BESSON</b> <i>Highest Points with Grégoire Besson Plough</i>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>EMILY CRAVEN</b>		<b>ANDY HOWES</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>KATIE BOARDMAN</b>		<b>HEAVY HORSES – Mr. &amp; Mrs. Chisnall</b>

3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>MARGARET LAWFORD</b>		<b>NIGEL OAKLEY</b>
			<b>DANIEL BUNTING</b>
	<b>CLASS 1 BEST GRAIN SAMPLE</b> <i>The Pot &amp; Grass Company</i>		<b>BANHAM ZOO</b>
1 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>C. M. COCK</b>		
2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>T. S. STINSON / A. D. SMITH</b>		
3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>MAYDAYS</b>		
	<b>CLASS 2 BEST OTHER CROP</b> <b>SAMPLE</b> <i>The Pot &amp; Grass Company</i>		
1 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>T. S. STINSON / A. D. SMITH</b>		
2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>C. M. COCK</b>		
3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>LIZ DAVIDSON</b>		
	<b>CLASS 3 BEST STRAW, HAY OR</b> <b>OTHER CONSERVED CROP</b> <i>The Pot &amp; Grass Company</i>		
1 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>COLIN BAINES</b>		
2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>MAYDAYS</b>		
3 <sup>RD</sup>			

**OVERALL COMBINABLE CROP WINNER**

1<sup>ST</sup> T.S. STINSON / A. D. SMITH

2<sup>ND</sup> C. M. COCK