

# Isle of Man Ploughing Association

**Friday and Saturday 5/6 November 2010 the association are holding 2 Memorial Ploughing Matches in memory of two local stalwarts who were top of their class in ploughing.**

## **On Friday 5th November the Jean Burns Memorial Match will take place.**

Miss Jean Burns came to the Isle of Man in 1959/ 60 having been a member of the Ford Tractor Co's Demonstration team for a number of years. She was a very successful competitor in Ploughing Matches and represented the U.K. in the World Ploughing Matches using a Ford Power Major and T. S. 59, 2 Furrow plough with FRDCP bodies.

When Jean retired from the Ford Motor Co, she came to the Island and lived with her sister at Bolivia Mount in Ramsey. As a retirement present Ford sent her Tractor and plough to the Island for the Ford Tractor Dealers (E. B. Christians), to look after and to support Jean in local Ploughing matches and promote Ford / Ransomes. She was well known around the ploughing circuit and further a field on both sides of the Irish Sea as a top competitor and as a Committee member of the Isle of Man Ploughing Association, (the Treasurer for many years).

Jean Burns was a keen member and supporter of the Pony Club, and was seen at many Agricultural Shows and Pony Club Events showing her skill with the Horse and Carriage and dressed as immaculately as the outfit. Just the same as when she ploughed in competition.

## **On Saturday 6th November the John Costain Memorial Match will take place.**

John left school to work on a farm, followed by various jobs. He then set up in business as a scrap metal merchant, in Foxdale. He took up golf, but after breaking his finger he found it difficult to play. Passing by a ploughing match one day and remembering his enjoyable farming days decided to try it. His first match in 1988 placed him in 3rd place. That started his and Brenda travels. They travelled England Scotland Wales North and Southern Ireland to compete. The 1999 European Vintage Championship held in N. Ireland was won by him. He also judged, but preferred to compete. His other hobby was crown green bowling. On 3rd February 2010 John died. Many ploughing friends from afar came for his funeral on the 9th February.

Entry forms can be downloaded from Manx-ploughing web page.

The prize presentation will take place at the Glen Helen Inn St. Johns

Saturday night 6th November at 7.30/8.00pm

The buffet cost is £10 per head. Please book in advance

Dot Tilbery will act as Master of Ceremonies for the social evening including a grand raffle.

Donald Gelling will also be taking part.

The Glen Helen Inn is offering discounted accommodation for the ploughing match.

To take up this offer please telephone and mention

Isle of Man Ploughing Association when booking.

Please ask for Scott.

This offer is not available with internet booking.

Glen Helen Inn telephone number 01624 801294.

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