

Cotley Annual

Hedgelaying Competition

Saturday 16th March 2019

Hawkmoor Farm, Hawkchurch, Nr Axminster EX13 5UT

By Kind permission of Mr Robert Langford and Family.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Air Ambulance Trust

CLASSES OPEN PAIRS, INTERMEDIATE PAIRS AND NOVICE PAIRS.

Each pair will be expected to lay and secure a length of hedge within the competition time limit. The length and difficulty of hedge varies from 10 metres for novice pairs to 15 metres for the open pairs. Competitors should arrive for 9am for safety briefing. Cutting will start promptly at 9.30am and finish at 3.00pm.

Hedges are to be laid in the “Devon Style”, using crooks to secure the finished length. A limited number of crooks will be available on the day. Competitors will be allocated their length of hedge on receipt of entry form. Competitors are required to lay out their first couple of steeper’s. All competitors will be provided with refreshment during the day and afterwards. They will also be paid cutting money of £30 per pair.

Judging is done on a point’s basis.

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| Quality of cutting, finish of cut stool and absence of splitting. | 30 |
| Selection and best use of crooks leading to overall strength. | 30 |
| General appearance, quality and neatness of finished hedge, its effectiveness as a stock barrier and tidiness of the working area. | 40 |

Prizes will be awarded to each class, subject to a minimum number of entrants:

1st Prize £80 plus trophy, 2nd Prize £60, 3rd Prize £40

Please return completed entry forms to Roger Parris,

Blackhayes Farm, Stockland, Honiton EX14 9DY no later than Friday 8th March ‘19

Tel 01404 861207 for queries or email lyndacregan@googlemail.com

Chainsaws and Safety

Competitors may use chainsaws provided that they use all the correct PPE. All competitors agree to do this by entering. The organisers cannot accept any responsibility for any personal injury sustained at this event. By signing this form you acknowledge this and also agree to comply with current health and safety guidelines when using a chainsaw and any other tools.

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| Class | (Open pairs, Intermediate pairs or Novice pairs) |
| Name..... | 2 nd member of pair..... |
| Address..... | Address..... |
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| | |
| Telephone..... | Telephone..... |
| Email | Email..... |
| Medical conditions..... | Medical conditions..... |
| Emergency contact number..... | Emergency contact number..... |
| Relationship to competitor..... | Relationship to competitor..... |
| Signed | Signed..... |

I agree to the terms outlined above on safety and use of chainsaws by signing this form.

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Dear Competitor,

I am writing to invite you to compete in the 2019 Cotley Hedgelaying competition.

You will notice from the entry form, a slight change in format which will be for this year only. All classes will be pairs classes. This is due to the size and difficulty of the hedge we will be laying on the day. The decision has been made for the safety of all competing and for spectators.

There will be chainsaw stewards available on the day to assist with the Novice pairs class. Can I also please recommend that all pairs bring a ladder on the day as some areas have a large bank to work on.

I hope you will all support this decision and this event as you have done so in the past. As always, you will receive a very warm welcome, be well looked after and be well fed and watered! We will break as always for the meet of the hounds and enjoy a BBQ afterwards.

You will also notice that cutting money has been increased to £30 per pair.

Can last year's winners please ensure that all trophies are engraved and returned. If you have a trophy and will not be attending, please can you let us know so that we can arrange for it to be returned prior to the event.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call me on 01404 861207 or email Lynda at lyndacregan@googlemail.com

I look forward to receiving your entry forms and seeing you all on the day.

Kind Regards

Roger Parris

