

World Ploughing Organization Newsletter

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2016 WORLD PLOUGHING CONTEST ENGLAND



Registration for World Ploughing Contest England 2016

There are 2 ways that the Official Team must register.

- 1) Enter as a member of the team with the General Secretary online www.worldploughing.org or fill in forms that will be posted and emailed by general secretary shortly to World Board Members.
- 2) Register for Official Accommodation Package through Society of Ploughmen, England – (details not available as yet).

PLOUGHS FOR WORLD CONTEST IN ENGLAND

Any competitor requiring Kverneland to supply a plough for World Contest in England please contact: Tor.Skar@kvernelandgroup.com as soon as possible in order to guarantee plough will be available.

STONE FOR CAIRN OF PEACE

Please send as soon as possible to

Sue Frith, Society of Ploughmen, Quarry Farm, Loversall, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN11 9DH, England.

Size of stone should be exactly 16 x 8 x 2 cm

(if not exact measurement the stone may not be used).

NEWS ITEMS:

*All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championships
17th September 2016*

*Ploughing Training Day in
Penblew Area on 13th
February.*

*National Ploughing Contest
20th – 22nd Sept. 2016,
Tullamore, Offaly,
Rep.Ireland. Inviting
visitors to World Contest to
extend trip.*

*Estonian Ploughing
Championships in Kehtna on
Sept. 30th & October 1st.*

*Denmark National
Ploughing Contest 28th &
29th October 2016 in Ribe.*

NO NEWS

NO NEWSLETTER

*Please send information to
General Secretary.*

Visit to Kenya:

During the second week of January the WPO Chairman Colin Millar and General Secretary Anna Marie McHugh visited Kenya to review preparations for the 2017 World Ploughing Contest .

The visit was hosted by ASK The Agricultural Society of Kenya and the 5 day trip was very well scheduled and worthwhile for WPO.

REVIEW OF TRIP TO KENYA

The Contest venue is Egerton University, Nakuru which is a 3 hour drive from Nairobi and located 30 minutes from the town of Nakuru. The college itself has many facilities and is considered one of the main agricultural colleges in the country.

Transport:

For safety and security reasons the WPO strongly recommend that all delegations hire a driver with their hire car and do not hire a self drive vehicle in Kenya as the driving habits are very erratic. It is not much more expensive and vehicles can be picked up in Nakuru.

Security:

On arrival in Kenya visitors will have to become used to the high level of security entering hotels, shopping centres, colleges etc. The process is very similar to that experienced at airports and creates a very secure environment within compounds. However outside there are risks that

visitors must be alert to. Statistics I was quoted — one in 3 crimes in Kenya result in a fatality. The rate of crime in the country has increased by 10% this year alone, 6 of every 10 people living in Nairobi live in poverty. Foreign visitors need to be sensible in their movements. Visitors should not travel from town to town after dark so all flights arriving in Nairobi should be no later than lunchtime.

Additional security measures that will be in place:

The WPO have requested Police Escorts for all WPO bus transfers — including airport transfers and tours just as a backup to the group. Egerton College has 3 secured entrances – and a perimeter fence. It is a very comfortable environment and Egerton are reviewing additional security requirements for the WPC.

Travel Agent :

WPO met with a company that have tendered for the World Ploughing Contest and given a brief of what would be required. Confirmation of the travel agent and references will be forwarded to WPO in due course.

Kenyan Government :

Our first stop was meeting the Minister for Agriculture and he assured us that everything would be done to make the World Ploughing Contest a success.



Egerton University

Grounds in Egerton



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Meeting Rooms



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Marshalling Yard



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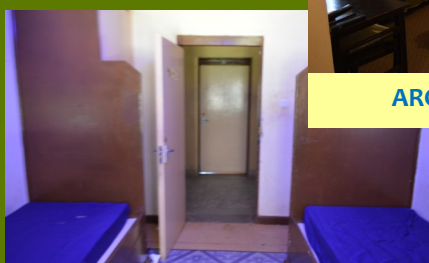


ARC ACCOMMODATION

The ARC is not a hotel but a nice college type campus. The accommodation is either single, double or twin and divided between 2 buildings which are within 4 min. walking distance of each other. All accommodation is on higher levels and there are no lifts. Beds are limited — only 130 people in ARC which presents the question - who gets these rooms — teams no partners? WPO will have to discuss.



ARC Accommodation



Hostel Accommodation

There is a second beds option on campus which is within 4 minutes of ARC. It is hostel type rooms which are lockable with shared shower/toilets on each floor, rooms are very basic. The college have offered to paint, add new curtains, new mattresses, new linen if this is acceptable to WPO. If the WPO do not approve these rooms the alternative is additional accommodation 30 min. away in Nakuru.

CHURCH SERVICE

Will take place in a Catholic Church just outside Egerton.



Meeting Kenyan Minister for Agriculture

OPENING CERMONY & CLOSING CERMONY

Will take place very close to the ARC building and just yards away from the Marshalling Yard. The Opening will happen on the eve of the World Contest and it is hoped that the President of Kenya will attend.



Egerton University—Venue for Opening / Closing Ceremony

GALA EVENING

Will take place on campus beside the ARC Accommodation in a tented area specially built for the event.

MEALS

The dining hall is just beside the ARC Accommodation and the selection of food should be acceptable to all visitors—however there is also a large supermarket in Nakuru should delegates require an alternative.

TOURS

The Kenyan Ploughing Association will confirm later when they plan to include tours - before or after the contest programme. Visitors will have the opportunity to extend their trip to include Safari or Beach Holidays.



Signing WPO Contract for Kenya 2017



PREPERATION OF PLOUGHING FIELDS

The farm spans across 2,000 acres and the condition of the land will largely depend on the rain before the contest. It is loamy soil and a short video can be found on www.worldploughing.org

The grass for the contest will be planted in April 2016 and the grass will be Chloris Gayana Grass.

The ground is reasonably flat but quite un-level and will need considerable cultivation to improve. The fields are not ploughed—they are eco tilled.

There are also many cow paths due to the passage of livestock through the grounds.

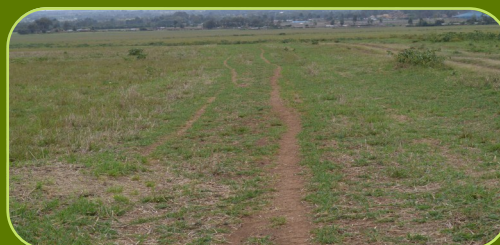
Ploughing will be challenging and plots will not all be the same so the expression “the luck of the draw” will definitely be true in Kenya.

The practice and ploughing ground will be alongside and located approximately 3 km from the accommodation and Marshalling Yard.

The road leading to the ploughing ground is very rough but the local government have committed to upgrading.

Early Practice should be available on Egerton Farm.

Freight Forwarding and Port Clearance is complex and WPO advise that all countries use the same company for co-ordination and monitoring. The Kenyan Government are considering providing a police escort for freight to Nakuru. This would require teams to forward equipment on a specific timeline for convoy. WPO are also asking about port storage for machinery while waiting.



In summary— preparations for Kenya are well advanced, if this continues and if WPO approved contractors are used, if all aspects of the programme are carried out as advised by WPO — KENYA 2017 should be a great event.