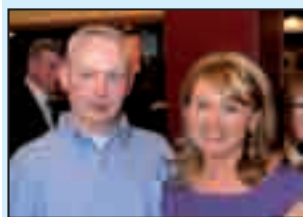


16th Annual Co. Roscommon Ploughing Championships & Field Day



Padraig and Frances Greene

Greene family delighted to host ploughing event

Padraig Greene told guests at the ploughing launch in The Birchgrove that the family are delighted to be hosting the County Roscommon Ploughing Championships on Sunday next, April 4th.

"It's a great honour for us and we hope it will be a great family day out, with many items of special interest. We want to thank Roscommon Ploughing Association for choosing our farm and hope they don't find too many big stones!"

Concluding, Mr. Greene also thanked all their neighbours and friends for all the time and effort they have put into preparing for the ploughing championships. He also thanked Jimmy and Irene Kenny for their fundraising and help and noted that Jimmy had even organised a fine day for the event!

He recalled as a young man watching his father making new socks for ploughs or working to extend the life of socks on ploughs and looked forward to a good day's ploughing in Moore on Sunday.



Members of Roscommon Ploughing Association at the launch of this year's Ploughing Championship which will take place at the farm of Padraig and Frances Greene, Earlsparck, Ballydangan, Ballinasloe on Easter Sunday, April 4th.



Hard working local organising committee with hosts Padraig and Frances Greene at the launch of this year's Roscommon Ploughing Championship, which will take place at Earlsparck, Ballydangan, Ballinasloe, on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Pic: Mick McCormack.

Sponsors thanked

Treasurer of County Roscommon Ploughing Association, Tim Foxe told guests at last week's launch of the annual ploughing event in The Birchgrove that events such as Sunday's Ploughing Championship in Moore cost €30,000 to stage.

Such a show is only put on in two counties in the country, Roscommon and Longford. On a good day, four to five thousand people will attend the event. Expenses include prize money and travel expenses for competitors coming a long distance.

"In the present economic climate we cannot expect them to travel that distance without getting remunerated, especially the people involved in the vintage events. Also, if you keep horses for the year and travel the country with them, it costs money and that's the reason why we have the big turnout of spectators."

He said that organisers of this year's event were delighted to welcome Supermac's on board as sponsors and he noted that local people are also putting in a big effort. "Over the years we have a large number of very loyal supporters, no matter what part of the county the ploughing is in, they support it. Once again, sincere thanks to the main sponsors and all the local sponsors," concluded Mr. Foxe.

Speaking later, he noted that the event usually features about 40 trade stands and the businesses involved do quite a bit of business on the day. He said that trade stands are available at a very nominal fee for local businesses and it provides them with a gateway to showcase their wares. Anyone wishing to have a trade stand at the event should contact any committee member.

Supermac's on board as main sponsors

Main sponsors of Sunday's County Roscommon Ploughing Championships in Moore will be local business Supermac's.

Speaking at the launch in The Birchgrove, Jarlath Connolly of Supermac's said that the Supermac's team is delighted to be main sponsors of the event and said that they looked forward to meeting everybody on the day.

Mr. Connolly noted that Supermac's started in Ballinasloe in 1958 and over the years has sponsored many events, primarily sporting activities, but because of the local nature of the event to Ballinasloe, they decided to get involved and were delighted to be on board. "Looking at the crowd here and the commitment of local people, I'm sure it will be a great day. See you on the day and hopefully you'll all be keen for burgers and chips!" concluded Mr. Connolly.

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