

# 16th Annual Co. Roscommon Ploughing Championships & Field Day

## Sheepdog trials

Sheepdog trials will be ongoing all day on Sunday next in Moore as part of the 16th annual County Roscommon Ploughing Championships.

Con McGarry outlined what will be involved to guests at last week's launch of the County Roscommon Ploughing Championships. "It's a great spectacle for people to watch and kids get a great kick out of it," said Mr. McGarry.

"Every dog gets four fresh sheep, so there's no stress on the sheep. It's set up to enhance the handling of sheep by the border collie." He said that in cold weather it may be easy to gather sheep using meal, but that's not the case in the months of June and July, when the assistance of a good border collie is required.

On Sunday next the sheepdog trials will start at 9 am and will go on all day until daylight fades and there will be competitors from every county in Ireland.

## Local pubs to feature in tug-o-war

Tug-o-war will be another feature of Sunday's Roscommon Ploughing Championships in Moore.

Michael Stapleton of the Connacht tug-o-war team outlined details of the event at the recent launch of the ploughing championships. A novice category featuring eight men with a combined weight of less than 700 kg, is expected to attract much attention, as will the events featuring local pubs. It is hoped to start the tug-o-war event at approximately 2 pm and the event will be refereed by Gerry Ferguson, who has won medals at several different levels, including national and world titles.

## Ollie Turner to compere Rose of the Plough

Ollie Turner from Galway Bay FM will compere the Rose of the Plough event in Moore on Sunday.

The winning Rose, chosen from 15 contestants, will go on to represent Roscommon Ploughing in the Rose of Roscommon. Organiser of the event, Frances Greene thanked Cllr. Jimmy Kenny who is sponsoring first prize of €200, Cllr. John Naughten who is sponsoring second prize of €150 and Cllr. Paddy Kilduff, who is sponsoring third prize of €100. Crystal for the event is being sponsored by Cllr. Ollie Moore and the Irish Machinery Valuation Company.

Ballinasloe Vintage Club has offered to ferry the Roses from Pearse's Clubhouse to the ploughing site on Sunday and Mr. Greene thanked them for their co-operation. All funds raised by the Rose event will go towards the paediatric unit in Portiuncula Hospital.



Mary Conry Candler, Secretary, Roscommon Ploughing Association, John Hanley, Chairman, Roscommon Ploughing Association, Padraig and Frances Greene, hosts of this year's Ploughing Championship, Tim Fox, Treasurer, Roscommon Ploughing Association, Padraig Nolan, Roscommon Ploughing Association and Willie John Fitzmaurice, PRO, Roscommon Ploughing Association 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.



Ploughing Association members from Earlsparck, Ballydangan and Moore 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.

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