

DORSET COUNTY SHOW

National Blacksmiths Competition

7th and 8th September 2024
www.championblacksmith.co.uk



Blacksmiths Stand Management

Merv Allen FWCB: 07979 597 431

Doug Campbell FWCB: 07547 091 314

Judge: Melissa Cole FWCB

Chief Steward: Don Mallett LWCB AWCB 07907 456 014

H&S Officer: Martin Feeney 07922 443 569

SPONSORS



DS & MAP
Charitable Trust

**DORSET
COUNTY
SHOW**
7 & 8 SEPT 2024



www.blacksmithsguild.com

THE BLACKSMITHS' GUILD AT THE DORSET COUNTY SHOW - 2 DAYS OF BLACKSMITHING EVENTS

SATURDAY 7th and SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2024

THIS YEAR'S FINAL ROUND OF THE NATIONAL BLACKSMITHS COMPETITION

www.blacksmithscompetition.com

Entries via The Dorset County Show www.dorsetcountyshow.co.uk

Framed Certificates kindly donated by The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths

www.blacksmithscompany.co.uk

THE BLACKSMITHS GUILD LIVE FORGING COMPETITIONS

A Decorative Nail (20 mins.) Toasting Fork * (60 mins.) Knife, Fork and Spoon (60mins.)

Open to all but note * Competitors with less than 3 years experience

Farriers Tongs 2 -Classes Open to Professional and Apprentice Farriers

Entries on the day. Further details at www.blacksmithsguild.com

THE FRANK DAY TROPHY

Open to anyone with less than 3 years experience. Awarded for the best piece of work from the winners of the Frank Day Trophy competition class at shows supported by the NBCC. This is in addition to a call for entries to be judged at the Guild's AGM. The Trophy, which is retained in the safe keeping of the Guild together with a cash prize of £250 will be presented to the winner at the WCB Awards Luncheon in London

PUBLIC 'HAVE-A-GO' SESSIONS 60 mins. ONE TO ONE WITH A SKILLED SMITH

DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDING:

HORSESHOE FORGING BY THE BRITISH FARRIERS AND BLACKSMITHS ASSOCIATION

www.bfba.co.uk

STALLS INCLUDING FORGED ITEMS FOR SALE

PUBLIC VOTE FOR A FAVOURITE SHOW ITEM. VOTING SLIPS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR A ONE DAY INTRODUCTION TO BLACKSMITHING COURSE.

THE MAKER OF THE SELECTED PIECE RECEIVES A CASH PRIZE

MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS INCLUDING:

The Dorchester Agricultural Society

The Eldridge Pope Trust Fund

Simon Grant-Jones - Blacksmith

Syd Blackmore - Roofing

The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths



THE NATIONAL CHAMPION BLACKSMITHS' COMPETITION

www.championblacksmiths.co.uk

Conditions Governing the Blacksmiths of the Year Competitions

1. The awards will be given annually.
2. Only Shows authorised by the NBCC are permitted to hold qualifying heats. At present these are:-

Hereford NBCC Judging Seminar
Devon County Show
Royal Three Counties
New Forest & Hampshire Show
Dorset County Show

North Somerset
Royal Cornwall Show
Royal Welsh Show
Edenbridge and Oxted

3. Shows taking part in the qualifying heats must select at least one Judge from the current official list of accredited Judges issued by the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths. That Judge will act as the final arbiter of the winners of the qualifying heats for both awards.
4. The marking system and cards issued by the NBCC in conjunction with the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths must be used by all Judges when assessing competition entries.
5. Points will be awarded at each of the authorised shows as follows:-

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Winner of Championship | 10 points |
| Runner up (Reserve Champion) | 4 points |

Competitors may enter more than one piece at a show, but all the entries must be judged and marked individually. Marks for several entries cannot be averaged or aggregated.

6. The Blacksmith resident in the UK gaining most points in the Static competitions will be declared 'National Static Champion Blacksmith'. The blacksmith gaining the most points throughout the year in the live forging competitions will be declared 'National Live Champion Blacksmith'.
7. Competitors may enter pieces for more than one show. It is not necessary for the same piece to be entered for each Show, but entries must not have won an NBCC award in previous years.
8. In the event of a tie, after all the qualifying shows have taken place, the Blacksmith gaining the highest number of first prizes at the approved Shows will be declared the winner.
9. The Champion Blacksmith of the Year (Static and Live) will be awarded a challenge trophy, which they hold for one year and a plaque. The WCB will make equal payments to both Static and Live competition champions and equal payments to Static and Live Reserve champions.

The National Static Champion Blacksmith and the National Live Champion Blacksmith of the Year will be presented at the Awards Lunch of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths.

The Trophy for the Blacksmith of the Year must be returned to the Clerk of the WCB by 1st October of the year following the one in which the awards are made.

10. Organisers of the authorised Shows must return the official form provided by the NBCC giving the names and addresses of the Winner and Reserves of the competitions as soon as possible after the Shows to:-

The Secretary of the NBCC, Mr. Keith Mahoney, 43 The Pound, Bromham, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN12 2HF.

Photographs of the winning piece in these competitions and of the piece made by the runner up should be sent to the secretary of the NBCC with the forms or as soon as possible after the event.

DORSET COUNTY SHOW 2024

NATIONAL BLACKSMITHS COMPETITION SCHEDULE

www.championblacksmiths.co.uk

Judge: Melissa Cole FWCB

STATIC CLASSES

CLASS 1: An Item of Ironwork suitable 'For the Home'

Prizes: 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10

The first prize winner will be awarded the Leslie Phillips Trophy

CLASS 2: An item of Ironwork suitable 'For the Garden'

Prizes: 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10

The first prize winner will be awarded the Kingston Maurward College Trophy

CLASS 3: An item of 'Contemporary Ironwork'

Any construction method may be used however, preference will be given to forged methods

Prizes 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10

The first prize winner will be awarded the Eldridge Pope Trophy

LIVE CLASSES

CLASS 4: Time allowed 30 minutes

A saleable item produced to the competitor's own design using their own materials

Prizes 1st £25, 2nd £15, 3rd £10

CLASS 5: Time allowed 60 minutes

An item associated with the garden on the theme of 'Autumn'. Competitors to supply their own materials

Prizes 1st £40, 2nd £20, 3rd £10

WCB Certificates will be awarded to the Static and Live Show Champions and Runners Up together with £250 for the Static and Live Show Champions and £125 for the Runners Up

Entry Fee: £6 Per Item per Class see National Blacksmithing Competition Entry Form

REGULATIONS

1. The Judge's decision will be final
2. Competition entries must not be removed from the showground before 1700hours of the final show day
3. Every consideration will be taken by the organisers to protect the Competition entries from loss, damage or theft. However, the organisers will not accept responsibility for the items whilst they are in their possession or protection
4. The Dorset County Show operates a strict Health and Safety Policy. Correct footwear and eye protection must be worn when live forging. Health and Safety notices will be prominently displayed and Risk Assessments available
5. Previous prize winning pieces at the Dorset County Show will not be accepted for entry to the Competitions although any item may be entered free of charge for exhibition or sale in which case the Chief Steward should be notified

Schedule Contact:- Merv Allen, 07979 597431 metalwizard@btinternet.com

DORSET COUNTY SHOW 2024

ENTRY FORM FOR THE NATIONAL BLACKSMITHING WROUGHT IRONWORK COMPETITION www.championblacksmiths.co.uk

Entry Fee: £6 Per Item per Class - One entry for the Live Competitions

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

| CLASS | No. OF ENTRIES | DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY | FEE |
|-------|----------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1 | | | £ |
| 2 | | | £ |
| 3 | | | £ |
| 4 | 1 | | £ |
| 5 | 1 | | £ |
| | | TOTAL FEE | £ |

Please state preferred day and time for the Live Classes (4 and 5). Note that the Live Competitions will end at 1500hours on the Sunday

Saturday AM or PM

Sunday AM or PM

Entries may be delivered between 1400 and 1800hours on the Friday before the Show or between 0700 and 0815 on Saturday 7th September. Entries received after 0815 will not be judged

Closing date for Static entries is 0815 on Saturday 7th September. Live Class entries can be entered on the day subject to a time slot being available

PAYMENT METHODS

BACS: Sort Code 40-51-62 Account 88495803 The Dorchester Agricultural Society
CHEQUE: Payable to The Dorchester Agricultural Society. Please return with this completed Entry Form to:- James Cox, The Dorset Show Office, Agriculture House, Acland Road, Dorchester, DT1 1EF

Competitors with 2 or more entries are allocated 2 x one day tickets and vehicle pass. Extra tickets can be purchased from the Show website www.dorsetcountyshow.co.uk or phone 01305 264249

Free shared sales table for competitors. Donations to The Blacksmiths Guild welcome.

For enquiries concerning the competitions contact

Merv Allen 07979 597431 or email metalwizard@btinternet.com

DORSET COUNTY SHOW GROUND

Show Office: 01305 264 249

**COKERS FROM
DORCHESTER
DORSET**

What 3 Words: [says.ballparks.convey](https://www.says.ballparks.convey)



Blacksmiths Guild courses for beginners and the more experienced are offered locally at Kingston Maurward College and MOD Lyneham Metalsmiths Training Centre.

Full details can be found below.

