

## R.D. Ploughing

The Royal Doulton Ploughing series was introduced in 1915 and it had been withdrawn by 1949. It is not recorded who designed this classic from the Rural England school of series. I have always had an affinity for this particular series. It reminds me of my father; Pat was born in 1919 in the back blocks of New Zealand and I was reared on my fathers stories of the years during the depression that he spent on the back of stock horses or working horse teams. I remember going down the farm with my mother to where dad was working the paddocks and having picnic as the sun set. Dad always wore a old hat similar to the men depicted in Ploughing scenes; he used to use an old neck tie as a belt. This was in the 1960's and Dad did his work with a tractor, but I guess the lessons of the depression where not easily forgotten. This page is dedicated to memory of my father

William Pat Nichol (Pat) 17th March 1919 to 25th August 2013

Royal Doulton Ploughing Sandwich Tray; D.5650; dated August 1936; 28 cm (11") long To date I have identified 8 scenes, the first 6 bear the names that Louise Irvine gave them, the last 2 (scene 7 & 8) were named by me, both of these scenes I found on the side of a salad bowl with the pattern number D4934, but I have since found them on other items.

There are 4 pattern numbers registered against this series; D.3827 introduced circa 1915 D.3854 " " 1915 D.4934 " 1929 D.5650 " " 1936 1. "Pair of horses pulling plough with farmer steering." Scene taken from Race Plate; D4934 2. "Ploughman going home with three horses." Scene taken from Teapot; D5650 - date coded for 1937 3. "Ploughman adjusting his plough." Scene taken from square cake plate - impressed date April 1937 4. "Pair of horses pulling plough, one with head drooping." 5. "Ploughman with 3 horses in harness another pair in the background." 6. "Side view of ploughman with his pair of horses." 7 "Ploughman bent over plough, back view side angle" 8 "Ploughman setting plough, horses at rest" Shapes

Joan Teapot

D4934; production era 1936 to 1939

Teapot Unnamed Shape

Teapot (unnamed shape); D.5650; dated 1937 18.5 cm (7.25") outer edge of handle to lip of spout Open sugar bowl (unnamed shape); D.5650; 12.5 cm (5") across including handles New Barton Hot Water Pot; D.5650; 18.5 cm (7.25") tall dated 1937 Minature Vase (shape 7015) pattern D.5650; 6 cm (2.75") tall production era 1936 to 1949 Minature Vase (shape 7019); pattern D.5650; 7.5 cm (3") tall production era 1936 to 1949 Vase shape (7995); D5650; 20 cm (8") tall Vase shape 8025A (impressed); D.6550; dated 1937; 19 cm (7.5") tall Astor Celery Dish; pattern D.4934; 33 cm (13") long production era 1932 - 1948 Dorothy Desert Plate Octagonal Bowl; D.4034; 25 cm (10") diameter dated September 1931 Leeds Fruit Bowl; D5650; 24 cm (9.5") diameter production era 1936 to 1949 Leeds Fruit Bowl; D5650; 13cm (5.25") diameter production era 1936 to 1949 I am actively seeking more shape examples and close up photos of the scenes I only name, but have no photos of. If you have example you would like to share please submit the pattern number and any other information off the base so we can grow our knowledge of this magical series.