

EDUCATION UPDATE

An education update from Jan Murray, our Education Officer

There definitely seems to be more confidence with schools at present regarding outside visitors going in – long may that continue!

I now have a stack of Covid lateral flow tests thanks to the government so can test myself regularly which is reassuring for me – and the schools.

Partly due to bookings that have been rescheduled from the second and third lockdowns, I find my diary completely full for this half term. with 14 breakfast workshops, visits with Buttercup, Clover and Rasher and Cookery School sessions.

I am already taking bookings for after half term and expect that to be busy too.

The final of the Agricultural Challenge for Special Schools is happening virtually and has 6 confirmed participants with a 7th pending.

There are four schools/colleges entering the Design, Make and Market Challenge and again the final will be held virtually.

Pam Hillier-Brook assisted by Nellie Redmond and David Bruce are going to judge both competitions and I hope to hold a Zoom call with the Special Schools to announce the results, as requested by them.

Looking ahead to the Autumn term, I have had huge interest in the Autumn Harvest Celebration Days, held in October and November on the showground and at Wellington College.

The showground has had more interest than can be accommodated in one day, so this year a second day is planned. So, after a year of being mostly furloughed, it is going to be quite a change!

Best wishes,
Jan



LONG SERVICE AWARDS

We are delighted to share news of the winners of the Long Service Awards for which nominations were asked, late last year.

CONGRATULATIONS!

NICHOLAS RAMPTON

Of Stratton Farms

Nick's wealth of knowledge of arable matters cannot be measured, and we are pleased that we will continue to benefit from his experience on an ad-hoc basis for the foreseeable future.

Nick's father worked on the farm, as does one of Nick's sons, so it has been very much a family concern, and it would be very nice to see Nick receive a well-deserved long service medal.

COLIN (FRED) CHARLES HAYES

Of Rowles and Folly Farm

Colin joined the family farm in 1970 when he was 16 years of age and he retired in September 2020.

He has been a much-valued member of the Carlisle family for the last 50 years.

