THE NEWBURY & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

NADAS NEWSLETTER

November 2022

NADAS - Registered Charity (1003898) aiming to promote and enhance agriculture, horticulture, forestry, rural crafts and skills and to the benefit of the countryside and the general public.

With autumn closing and winter upon us, plans are well underway for next year's Showground events, especially Newbury Show which is scheduled for 16th & 17th of September 2023.

Last Monday our Chairman, Steve Ackrill, wrote to the membership explaining why we will not be embarking on a joint venture with SME/BBC Countryfile. We as a Board could not reach a financial agreement we were comfortable with and which is compatible with our aim of keeping the Society on a sound footing. Plans are now pushing ahead for our own Newbury Show, next September.

We have had a lot of very positive feedback from both members and the general public, many of whom would like to help.

If you wish to help or volunteer please send an e-mail to nadas@nadas.co.uk

Ploughing Match 2022

The annual NADAS Ploughing Match, Saturday 17th September at Rookery Farm, Curridge by kind permission of Dan Willis.

With wonderful weather we had 41 ploughmen enter from Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Hampshire. Our judges were faced with quite a challenge, looking for straight clean ploughing. Derek Turner from Andover was awarded the Mr and Mrs C Povey Cup for the Champion Ploughman. For the first time in several years we were able to award the Gerald Fisher Agricultural Machinery Cup for the best ploughing completed by a lady, won by Katie Bowsher.

As well as judging ploughing, there were various cookery classes to be tasted by our President, Clive Povey and his wife Merle, with cups being awarded to Angela Plank and Nicola Liddiard. Also judged were splendid entries from local schools with scarecrows and seasonal collages.

With the weather being so bright, we were really pleased to welcome plenty of spectators to the Ploughing Match who could watch the ploughing as well as looking round the trade stands, the steam engines and bygone equipment.

It was an excellent day which wouldn't have been possible without the help of all the volunteers, stewards and judges. We look forward to seeing you in 2023, the Ploughing Match will be on the 21st October.

New Trustee:

We are pleased to announce Paul Frankel has joined the Board. Paul lives locally, has extensive experience in property management and has been actively involved in the Show and Society business since 1987. For many years he's helped organise Stewards Training, Traffic Management, car parks and gates. Paul will be a great asset to the Board.

Finances continue to improve
With a surplus of over £50,000 anticipated for the current year to 31st December 2022, the Society's finances continue to improve and are now considered adequate to enable a Show to go ahead in 2023.

Showground Events:
Since our last Newsletter the Showground has hosted The Land-Rover 4x4 Spares Event, The Showman's Show, Illusion Fireworks and a Cross Country event. Coming up in November are two Young Driver events.
Details of all our events can be found on our website

Education:
Jan recently organised an Autumnal themed day for schools with the arrival of nearly 90 pupils from local schools to the Showground for a morning of apple bobbing, tasting apple crumble and pumpkin soup, tasting traditional varieties of English apples (Russet were a favourite), handling locally grown pumpkins and squashes and collecting a palette of natural autumn colours. 16 students from The Castle School went away with the prize for growing the heaviest pumpkin (just under 5 kg). A great time was had by all.

The Greenham Trust - Match funding for our Education programme:
The Society has been offered the opportunity to have fund raising for our Education programme for schools matched by The Greenham Trust, up to £5000. If you are able to donate to this worthy cause then donations can be made through 'The Good Exchange' website; look for Education.

Showground:
Mick Crockford and Linda Bowden have started tidying up the Showground ready for the new letting season and would appreciate some help with various tasks from gardening (pruning, laying turf), to decorating and collecting rubbish around the Showground. They also plan to catalogue the stored items (signs, equipment, etc), whilst sorting through what is and isn't needed going forward.
If you can help please email mickthepig@btinternet.com
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and they will respond with some proposed weekend and/or weekday sessions.

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