THE NEWBURY & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

NADAS NEWSLETTER

May 2023

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.

As we head through the spring and looking to summer, everything has certainly picked up a pace. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Emily Moore, she has joined our staff in the office and is proving an invaluable help as we look forward to the upcoming Show.

The Newbury Show: Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September 2023

Opening Times: Saturday 16th 9am – 6pm, Sunday 17th 9am – 5pm

Tickets:
You can save now by purchasing advanced tickets online: Adults £20, Children £5, Family £44, Under 3's and Carers Free. This year tickets will be sent out electronically, so please make sure we have your current up to date email address. A voucher will be issued which can be exchanged for Member's badges at the Membership Tent on either show day.

The Show remains true to its roots, showcasing all aspects of farming & rural life in the area, with a Local business, Ramsbury Brewing & Distilling Co. Ltd, supporting as the headline sponsor. Crops, agricultural technology, animals, artisan products, rural education, country pastimes, local produce and many other aspects of country life will all be on display.

With hours of entertainment for both young and old alike, Newbury Show is a great day out combining main ring displays, excellent shopping, an unsurpassed food hall experience, craft marquee, rural crafts, have-a-go activities plus all the traditions of a county show including agricultural machinery, vintage displays, Mounted Games, Scurry Racing, as well as the hugely popular Grand Parade of Livestock and much more....

Sponsorship:
If you would like to kindly offer sponsorship to the show or any particular part of the show, we would love to hear from you! It's a wonderful opportunity to get a greater profile and be part of an exciting weekend.

Trade stands:
The Show offers our exhibitors and traders a wonderful platform to promote, sell, raise profile and meet customers over two action packed days in September every year. Don't miss out, book now!

New for 2023 - Local Producers:
Set in a designated area with other local producers. Open space grass plots are available at a discounted rate of £300 + VAT. Plots are a fixed size of 3x3m.

Trade Stand bookings, advanced tickets and Sponsorship Packages are available on the website, so please come, join us and get involved. Our trade stand bookings are now open with a range of spaces available to suit any business. It's easy to book, just head over to our on-line booking system:
https://showingscene.com/events/newbury-show-2023-sep-2023
Or visit our website to find out more:
https://newburyshowground.co.uk/newbury-show-2023

Email: nadas@nadas.co.uk

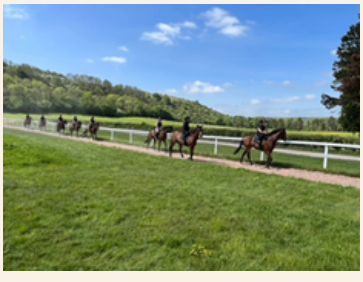
New Trustee:

We are delighted to announce Simon Pallett has joined the Board. Simon has been a long standing friend of the Society, with active involvement over many years. He will be bringing a huge amount of experience with a particular interest in governance, property, planning and finance.

Member Events:

The Baldings: Kingsclere Stables

On the 24th of May members attended a tour of Kingsclere training stables kindly hosted by Andrew and Anna-Lisa Balding. We met in the glorious sunshine next to Andrew's pride and joy, the cricket pitch. After refreshments we took a trip to the the gallops to watch Horses being ran around the course. This was followed by a visit to the Colour Room and a talk from Andrew on the history of the building from its early years as a chapel to the room where the famous Mill Reef was operated on to the present day colours rooms. We then saw the historic stable blocks followed by a visit to the modern facilities. The society wishes to thank Andrew and Anna-Lisa for the fantastic opportunity for us to visit one of the country's leading training facilities and of course a thank you for a few subtle tips!



Ramsbury Brewing and Distilling Tour – Thursday 29th June 6pm.

The tour includes tasting beers and spirits and will be approximately one and a half hours. It's £20/person. Address: Stockclose Farm, Nr Marlborough, SN8 2NN: Please book as soon as you can, places are going fast! Email Emily at nadas@nadas.co.uk

The Showground:

Thanks to our small team of hard working volunteers, work to the Chapman Building is almost complete which has freshened up the toilets and reception offices. Fence lines and trees have been sprayed around to save ongoing strimming - this also protects these items from damage. Many rabbit holes have been filled.

We are now planning the work required in the run-up to the Show and are hoping that those who attended meetings over the winter months and volunteered their help will come forward.

More help required!

If you are able to help in any way you would be most welcomed, there's always plenty to do large and small with cleaning and sorting trade stand posts into numerical order, painting of (sign) posts and cattle breed board posts - generally all the work which will make the show site look fresh, clean and cared for. Some of these jobs are mundane, few are physical and most can be done weekdays, evenings or weekends.

Please liaise with Mick Crockford - mickthepig@btinternet.com mobile: 07768 515454 or Linda Bowden - ljbowden883@gmail.com mobile: 07850 643952 if you are able to help. Alternatively email nadas@nadas.co.uk or call the Show Office: 01635 247111

Events:

May has been a busy month for lettings, we ended April and started May with two dog shows, Agility 4 All and Vine Agility which took place side by side on a couple of days.

Once those were done we moved straight into the Young Farmers Show which was a great occasion and included an evening of music in the Society Building. (See pictures to the right)

On 19-21st May Warner's Southern Motorhome Show, took place. Reading and District Kennel Association show takes place on 31st May, also we're in the build-up phase of the Southern Counties Canine Association show, which takes place over the first 4 days of June.

We are also hosting the Newbury Radio Rally, one of the biggest radio rallies in southern England at the end of June.

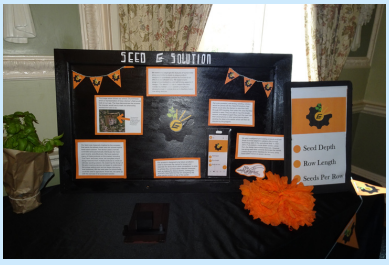
Save the Date:

This year's AGM will be on the 6th July, 7pm in The Society Building with refreshments. More information to follow.

Education:

May is the month of the challenges we run for schools. First came the Agricultural Challenge for Special Schools which saw teams from 5 schools come together at The Arlington Arts Centre with evidence of the projects they had chosen to work on from a given list. The judges had to look at collages, recycled bird feeders, scarecrows and botanical book marks amongst other things. The standard was very high and after much deliberation Mary Hare Primary was announced as the overall winner. The students were all very excited to be there and the staff appreciated the opportunity to network.

The Design, Make and Market Challenge final was held at BCA and saw two new schools enter alongside some regulars, with a total of 8 teams. Again, a very high standard, Kennet School took first place with their design for storage containers that could be taken when shopping. One school commented it was their favourite competition!



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