THE NEWBURY & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

NADAS NEWSLETTER

March 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.

This year's show season has begun and our showground is open again after the winter break with many events taking place throughout the year. The Newbury Show 2023 being the Societies main event of the year, with the Board, Staff and Volunteer Committees working hard to assure visitors and members have amazing day out.

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

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

Trade Stand bookings, advanced tickets and Sponsorship Packages all available on the website: newburyshowground.co.uk/newbury-show-2023.

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.

This year sees the 75th anniversary of Land Rover, the vintage area will show us a spectacular display of land rover through the year's along-side some outstanding vintage machinery. In the main ring we will see these vintage machines along with their modern counterparts in our machinery pageant.
The livestock area has undergone a change with all animals being housed in the society building. There will be Cattle, Pigs and Sheep competitions. Each vying to be crowned supreme champion of their section. They will then be led to the main arena for our daily livestock parade. Where during Sunday's parade the 3 supreme champions will compete against each other to be crowned best in show.
Unfortunately with the issues surrounding poultry and bird flu we are unable to have poultry classes but there will be the egg competitions within the education section. This will be where many classes will be available exclusively for the children from the many schools that our important education team connect with throughout the year.
The countryside area will again be full with old and new exhibits. The Axemen are returning this year to display their skills in the countryside arena. As well as a display from dogs for jobs where dogs will display the many jobs dogs are now used for from assistance dogs to search and rescue. Whilst we face a busy time ahead we look forward to welcoming you through the gates in September.

Other features will include:
Heavy Horse Village, Mounted Games, Cookery Demos, Countryside Area Displays, Village Green, Food and Farming zone, Local Produce and LOTS more.....

Showground:

A small team comprising Steve Ackrill, David Barr, Caroline Booth, Peter Mason, Steve Ormrod, Simon Pallett, Nina Speake, Brian Willis, led by Linda Bowden and Mick Crockford, with refreshments provided by Kim and Paul Frankel have re-decorated the interior of the Motorway toilets block, re-varnished benches, cleaned signs and stored them neatly away. Cut down and cleared away rotten Fire Lane posts and rails, cut down overgrown shrubs around the Chapman building. Tidied the Trencherwood entrance and area around the office building. Steve has pressure washed the floor of the Society Building. Mick and Linda have had numerous large bonfires of woody material. Nearly 50 bags of litter have been picked up. Dave Cole helped by Brian have repaired a roof sheet, manhole covers, fencing and gates. A large skip has been filled and a second recycling skip is nearly full with broken metal items.

Did you volunteer to help and have yet to do so? Help is still needed Saturday mornings 1000-1300 in many areas - if you have a head for heights, we have gutters and downpipes to repair and clean out on the older buildings. If you have time and would like to volunteer all help is very much appreciated: mickthepig@btinternet.com ljbowden883@gmail.com

Our Headline Sponsor

We are thrilled to announce that our Headline Sponsor for this year's Newbury Show will be Ramsbury Brewing & Distilling co Ltd!

"We are delighted to be the headline sponsor for the Newbury Show at Newbury showground in September this year. Being a major rural business in the area, Ramsbury looks forward to supporting the show, which in turn will showcase all aspects of farming & rural life in the area. Crops, agricultural technology, animals, artisan products, rural education, country pass-times and many other facets of country life will all be on display.

We wish the organisers all the best in re-launching this iconic show which last took place in 2019."

Alistair Ewing Group Manager

Education:

The last two months have seen some exciting initiatives for the education program at the society.

In February three teams came together at Kennet School for the first round of a debating competition for local schools with the theme of 'Climate Change'. The two higher scoring teams then debated themes around the Environment. Kennet School were the winners, with Little Heath being runners up.

March provided the perfect opportunity for five primary and special schools to come to the showground for the 'planting day' of the annual Potato Challenge. The children also heard the story of how crisps were invented, they decorated potato cakes and tasted potato salad and chocolate potato cake. The day was then repeated at Colleton Primary School.

Looking ahead, the finals are shortly approaching of the 'Design, Make and Market Challenge' for secondary schools. Also we have the Agricultural Challenge for Special Education, which is well attended and provides a great learning experience for all those involved.

On Farm Competitions:

The On Farms Competition committee have been very busy and have had a great response for sponsorship from many local firms, particularly Dyson Farming who provide excellent accommodation for the judges during the main judging week in June. The schedule and entry forms will shortly be available on our website.

We would very much welcome more entries in this year's Best Farmed Farm category. The committee would be very keen to speak to anyone willing to drive, join or indeed just get involved. Please direct inquiries to the committee Chairman Andrew Chandler andrew.chandler@carterjonas.co.uk

Showground Events:

Due to our present winter 'closed period' we cannot have events before April, as we are all aware amending this anomaly is a priority for the society. However we are looking to an exciting April of events:

Publisher Group Land-Rover Spares Day – 2 April
Glorious Gravel – 8 April– Cycling event
Spring Vehicle – 10 April – Car show
Aztec All About Dogs and Newbury Flower show – 15/16 April
Wallingford Dog Show – 22/23 April
Agility 4 All Dog Show – 28 April – 1 May
Vine Agility Dogs – 1 May

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