

## SOCIETY MATTERS

## NEWARK & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR SHOW MANAGER, ELIZABETH HALSALL



November will soon be upon us, and with that comes the much-loved Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show and the Midlands Machinery Show.

Please join us for the weekend, as we celebrate the Vintage Tractor Show's 20th anniversary on the 4th and 5th of November. The Society has been involved with the show since its launch in 2003, and it is a wonderful opportunity to showcase tractors and equipment from a bygone age which have shaped agriculture today. We look forward to welcoming vintage tractor and machinery enthusiasts and many visitors from across the country.

Just three days later, with a very quick turnaround (plus praying for dry weather), we have the Midlands Machinery Show. At the other end of the farm machinery spectrum, this show features the very latest new products, technology and innovation for today's modern farming business. With over 200 exhibitors, a wealth of experts on hand and two day's worth of demonstrations and ride and drive experiences, we are going to be busy!

Don't forget, as members of the Agricultural Society, you have free access to both shows. We look forward to welcoming you!

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### 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEWARK VINTAGE TRACTOR & HERITAGE SHOW

This year on the 4th and 5th of November at Newark Showground, we are celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show, entries are now closed and we are delighted to say we have received them for over 1,000 Vintage tractors, implements and commercial vehicles from across the UK.

This year's show promises to be even more special than before as we celebrate our 20th anniversary. Perhaps you were at the first show? As members, we'd love to hear your memories of the Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show, so get in touch with us!



We have some special anniversary classes and a display reviving some of the first-ever exhibits. This year we are also celebrating:

100 years of Row Crop tractors



Marshall Sons and Co. 175th Anniversary



**60** years of New Performance Fordson Range



75 years of Land Rover Series 1



90 years of ERF Trucks



90 years of Atkinson Trucks

Plus, here's a glimpse of what to expect when the doors open on 4-5 November:

- Health Hub Bassetlaw Action Centre will be on hand both days of the show to provide tailored mental health support.
- Kids Toy Tractors this year kids will be able to have a go, in our small play area!
- Notts & Derby Living History Group living history display.
- Returning Favourites Lincolnshire Remote Controlled Truckers.
- Revive Your Vintage Tractors! With top tips from restoration expert, Michael Duncan – 1pm daily in the George Stephenson Exhibition Hall.
- Service of Remembrance on Sunday at 10:45am.
- A Fantastic Line Up of Steam Engines new feature!
- Saturday Auction & Sunday Sortout Book your slot via the Vintage Tractor Show website now. Browse and bid on all things tractors, vehicles, implements and spares.
- Vintage parts, memorabilia and many more trade stands!





## SUMMER EVENTS AT THE SHOWGROUND

As we move into Autumn we are reflecting on the summer events hosted here at the Showground and it was busy - with over 40 large events between July and September! These have included (to name a few) festivals, multiple blood donor sessions, The Great British Koi Show, IACF's International Antiques Fair, JDM Japanese Car Show and the Stonedead Festival.

Here at the Showground we are keen supporters of the NHS and were a key vaccination centre during Covid. We were delighted to host one of our biggest conferences for the NHS. During the event they successfully transformed the empty George Stephenson building into a large conference space for 1,000 people.

Winter shows no signs of events slowing down at the Showground, as we look forward the return of Partizan Games, Bird Breeders, Pure Spirit, The Wedding Show, Festive Food & Gift Fair, Future First Expo, numerous dinners and our very own Christmas Party evenings "White Christmas." Far too many to list.

The trend of booking in advance continues with bookings secured in our Calendar as far forward as 2027!

However, if you're thinking about booking a space it's not too late, with space still available for any size of event. Just give the office a call on 01636 705796 and the sales team will be able to help!

### FARMING RESILIENCE FUND-FREE BUSINESS ADVICE FOR YOUR FARM!

The Farming Resilience Fund provides business support to farmers and land managers in the first few years of adapting to agricultural transition.

If you currently receive direct payments, you can receive this FREE support. It is designed to help you make the right business choices for the future and includes:

- One-to-one consultations
- Farm visits / Networking opportunities
- · Reports with recommendations

For more information visit:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/get-free-business-advice-for-your-farm





## MIDLANDS MACHINERY SHOW BOOKINGS FLYING IN!

Midlands Machinery Show bookings, held on November 8th and 9th at the Newark Showground, are flying in with over 200 exhibitors so far!

The Show will be a great two day event for everyone involved within the industry. We have a full complement of big tractor and machinery brands on display, with new suppliers offering precision farming kit, environmental solutions, security, tools, low-energy lighting, and add-ons to machinery.

Among nearly 30 new entrants are: Slanetrac, an engineering company based in Ireland that makes a range of mini-digger attachments in-house; Sencrop, offering precision weather data; and the Forestry Commission.

In addition to this influx of fresh exhibitors, there are some fantastic stalwarts who have exhibited at the show since it started eight years ago. Hannah Setchfield of RC Setchfield, a family-run agricultural engineering business from Grantham, says the equipment they bring to the show has evolved with the challenges in farming.

"Particularly now, farmers need to do more with less, so investing in the right equipment is essential," she explains.

Green themes will also be centre stage at the show, reflecting the growing interest in agricultural sustainability with the range of exhibitors booked.

Visitors will have plenty of time to browse exhibits that continue the 'green' theme. This includes electric vehicles, minimum tillage and precision application technology, nutrient and water management, energy generation, waste reduction, and monetising carbon and biodiversity net gain.

Plus, for the fourth successive year, the event will also be hosting the NFU's East Midlands Environment Conference on the Wednesday. For the full list of speakers and how to register, please visit: midlandsmachineryshow.com

Registration and parking at the show is free but preregistration is required:

midlandsmachineryshow.ticketsrv.co.uk/tickets/visitor.



# 'THE SHOWBOATERS' PADDLED THEIR WAY TO VICTORY (WELL... 23RD)

Thank you, to those who supported our Dragon Boat Race Festival on the 17th September! Together, we've raised a whopping £1,410 for Beaumond House and Children's Bereavement Centre - two great charities!

The Showboaters may not have clinched the top spot, but we paddled our way to 23rd out of 36, which isn't too shabby for our first try!

We are also pleased to say that none of the team fell in, which is impressive in itself!



#### **MEMBERS NEWS**

CONGRATULATIONS TO NNAS MEMBER MARY BROWN'S GRANDDAUGHTER, DAISY HAIGH!

We are pleased to say Daisy, who has previously benefitted from the society's Agricultural Educational Development Grant, has now been shortlisted for the 'British Farming Awards 2023 - Agricultural Student of the Year.'

This is a great accomplishment as she is in the final 4 out of over 100 entries!

Studying agriculture at Nottingham Trent University, she received first-class marks for her dissertation: The Effects of Oestrus Synchronisation on Conception Rates in Dairy Maiden Heifers.

Building her knowledge around cattle and genetics is clearly where her passions – and strengths – lie.

Daisy was also awarded the NFU Training Award for the top student on the BSc (Hons) Agriculture course 2022-2023; one of her proudest moments.

Here at the Society, we want to pass on our congratulations and we hope you win!



## CEVAS TRAINING AT NEWARK SHOWGROUND



CEVAS (Countryside Educational Visits Accreditation Scheme) training is a nationally recognised accreditation, giving farmers the tools, knowledge and practical guidance needed to host safe, fun and memorable farm visits.

Newark Showground are host to a CEVAS Education course on 6th & 7th February 2024; this course is aimed at farmers and farm educators wishing to work with groups of school children from ages 3 to 19.



It covers school visits, supports you in reaching schools, provides practical activity ideas and how to link visits to the national curriculum.

Find out more and book: <a href="https://visitmyfarm.org/cevas-booking/newark-showground-lincoln-road-winthorpe-newark-nottinghamshire-ng24-2ny">https://visitmyfarm.org/cevas-booking/newark-showground-lincoln-road-winthorpe-newark-nottinghamshire-ng24-2ny</a>

# NEW BRANDING FOR THE SOCIETY

Get ready for the big reveal! The highly anticipated Society re-brand is coming in November.

After countless months of hard work, we are thrilled to announce the official launch of our fresh and exciting NNAS branding, coming soon. You might have already caught a glimpse of it in the Southwell Ploughing Match show guide.

We would love to hear your feedback so far on the new NNAS branding, get in touch!





We would also like to thank all the Members who helped in the re-brand process and attended branding workshops. Your contribution throughout has been invaluable and your insights steered the consideration and helped us make the final selection.



A message from our CEO,
Simon Eccleston

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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### YOUR CHARITY NEEDS YOU (



"Your support is crucial, and we would love you to join our team. Whether it's volunteering at our Shows or throughout the year in various roles like office administration, gardening, painting, maintenance, or whatever you could turn your hand to, we would welcome your help. Your time and effort will make a real difference."

If you're interested, please get in touch!



### OTHER DATES FOR **YOUR DIARY**

15 OCT - ANTIQUES

The Newark Arms, Armour, Medal & Militaria Fair

22 OCT - AUTO

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23 OCT - ANTIQUES Runway Monday

28 - 29 OCT - FAMILY

**Newark Festive Gift & Food Show** 

4 - 5 NOV - AGRI

Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show

8 - 9 NOV - AGRI

Midlands Machinery Show

### Become a member of the NNAS

Our Members are vital to the lifeblood of our Society and by becoming a Member you'll be supporting our charitable objectives - to promote, celebrate and champion agriculture across the Midlands region.

Check out the benefits of becoming a member by visiting:

www.nottinghamshirecountyshow.com/ membership

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#### **STAFF NEWS**

#### Staff Training

October is a busy month for the staff at the Showground as we kick off our training sessions!

First up is the management team, who have recently completed 'Major Incident Training' alongside NCFA Fire and Rescue Services.

The wider team then completed 'Action Counters Terrorism' training on the 9th of October.

This important issue will be the focus of further planning and training for staff and volunteers over the coming months and at our Shows.

#### NEW WEBSITES FOR OUR SHOWS

We're thrilled to announce the launch of not one, not two, but THREE amazing websites! For the past 6 months, we have been working hard on relaunching new websites for our society shows; Midlands Machinery Show, Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show, and the Nottinghamshire County Show.

If you haven't already seen them, please see links below: VTS - <a href="https://newarkvintagetractorshow.com/">https://newarkvintagetractorshow.com/</a>

MMS - <a href="https://midlandsmachineryshow.com/">https://midlandsmachineryshow.com/</a>

NCS - <a href="https://nottinghamshirecountyshow.com/">https://nottinghamshirecountyshow.com/</a>

