



SOCIETY MATTERS

NEWARK & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY



WELCOME TO OUR SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM SIMON ECCLESTON CEO

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this Spring edition of our Newsletter after a mixed first few months. So far, we have seen fairly warm but very wet conditions with six recorded storms that have affected the Showground in varying degrees, a resurgence of the pandemic, then a more rapid move towards normality and, of course, the very sad events taking place in Europe.

But we are looking forward with great anticipation, eager to deliver our full range of Charitable activities, and the year holds great promise for the Society.

SPRING EDITION

MARCH 2022



UPDATE FROM SIMON CONTINUED...

The new County Show has been confirmed for Saturday 14th May 2022 and, as you will see later on in this issue, it promises to be a fantastic celebration of rural life. The Trustees have used the enforced two-year break to re-define our objectives, focusing on core agricultural and rural activities and the key links to the villages, towns and people of Nottinghamshire. This year we are particularly pleased to be hosting the first County focused Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations so there will be an even wider range of activities for everyone to enjoy.

Discounted tickets (£10) are available on-line now and accompanied young people (16 and under) are free so I would encourage everyone to save the date and take the opportunity to invite relatives, friends and neighbours to the Show or, even better, to become Members and help support all of our events and activities.



Now that we can operate without restriction, the Showground is running at virtually full capacity and 2022 may well still become the busiest year we have ever had.

In addition to our own Shows, bookings include balls, festivals, weddings, dinners, concerts, many equine events (including the recently held National Shire Horse Show), dog shows, boxing, meetings, conferences, driving events and many more. The team is working hard, focusing on providing a warm welcome for all visitors.

Finally, the A46 dualling has moved a step forward and we are working with all parties to make the development as positive for all stakeholders as possible, including pushing hard for an additional access to the Showground site which will significantly improve traffic movement – fingers crossed.



Picture from the Yorkshire Post: The Countess of Wessex at the National Shire Horse Show



NFU EAST MIDLANDS FARM SAFETY EVENT ATTRACTS BIG CROWD

NFU FARM SAFETY

An innovative farm safety event looking to help improve agricultural accidents saw hundreds of farmers descend on the Newark Showground.

The free event, organised by NFU East Midlands, Wilkin Chapman LLP solicitors and Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society, was held at Newark Showground's Lady Eastwood Centre.

The interactive show featured live action demonstrations - like safe cattle handling and what to do if someone is trapped under a farm vehicle – as well as compelling talks and informative stands to give farmers and agricultural workers key tips to ensure they and their farms are as safe as possible.



"Farm safety is hugely important and we wanted to dedicate an event entirely to it," they said.

"To have more than 400 people attend and watch and take part in a host of great displays and talks was amazing. If just one person went away from the event promising that safety will be their top on-farm priority, then we will very happy.

"It was a fantastic event and the attendance figures show how seriously NFU members and farmers across the East Midlands take farm safety which was very encouraging."

One of the speakers, Wilkin Chapman senior solicitor Tom Hickingbottom, said: "It was a complete success. The crowd was double what we were expecting - beyond our wildest dreams.

"Safety is something the farming world is embracing – and not just the physical but the mental health side of things too. Coming along to an event like this is demonstrating to the people you know that you're taking this issue seriously."

NFU East and West Midlands regional director Rob Newbery said: "We are delighted with the reaction to this event.

"The turnout proves that people want to see a major improvement to the industry's safety record - and that starts with realising that there is nothing more important to a farm business than the people working there."



NNAS STAND

The Society were also pleased to support the event and have a stand showcasing membership and promoting our Shows. We were also pleased to support the awareness of this hugely important area which affects the whole agricultural community by providing the Lady Eastwood Centre free of charge.



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SHOW UPDATE

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!

As we near the return of the new Nottinghamshire County Show after a 2 year hiatus, we can't wait to welcome you back to the Showground. As you know, there is a NEW one day format to the Show on Saturday 14th May 2022 and we will be showcasing everything from livestock, equine, countryside and rural competitions with trade stands to local food producers and craft stalls.

We are very excited to let you know that ALL competitions entries and trade stand bookings are now open, and filling up! But we need your help with one last push, if you know of any companies that would benefit by having a stand with us at this years show please put them in contact with Francesca at francesca.hayes@newarkshowground.com

SPONSORSHIP

PLUS, don't forget we still have sponsorship opportunities available. This will not only drive your brand exposure but provide an enhanced opportunity to reach show visitors prior, during and long after the event and a chance for you to reconnect with our local community. We can also offer the opportunity for private sponsorship or donations from individuals and families.

Download our sponsorship pack now from: www.nottinghamshirecountyshow.com/sponsorship



AWARD NOMINATIONS

Long Service Single Farm Award and Service to Agriculture Medal is back, and we need your nominations. Do you know any one who has dedicated their life to agriculture and fits the criteria below? Download the forms from: nottinghamshirecountyshow.com/awards-grants and nominate them today!

The Long Service Single Farm Award are issued to those who have worked for a single farm or employer for 25 years, 35 years, 45 years and 55 years' service.

Service To Agriculture Medal are issued for 25 years, 35 years, 45 years and 55 years' service to those who have given outstanding service in support of our charity's objectives, which are to promote primary agriculture and related industries.



2022'S ACTION PACKED DAY
Rediscover your farming roots

Meet prize-winning cattle, sheep, goats and pigs, alongside equine competitions. PLUS live action displays, a showcase of the finest local producers and a host of new experiences. Make memories that will last a lifetime with a brilliant day out for all of the family.

Platinum Jubilee
Join us to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! Including best dressed stand competition!

Countryside Area
Entertainment and countryside activities for all the family to enjoy!

Festival of Food
Get your taste buds tingling with tastes of the countryside!

NEW for this year

- Rural Skills & Home Produce Show
- Fur & Feather Display
- The Hogg Show
- Family Fun Dog Show (enter on the day)
- ...and some surprises!

Competitions
Get involved and enter into one of our many competitions! Classes are available for all ages.

ENTER NOW AT
nottinghamshirecountyshow.com

Plus...

- Live entertainment • Shopping
- Traditional garden games
- Notts Young Farmers Club
- Lawnmower racing and much more...

Advanced tickets**
£10 (Gate £14)
16 & under go free!*

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NEW

*16 & under free of charge when accompanied by a paying adult.
**Advanced tickets are available until 23:59pm 6/5/2022. Thereafter, gate prices will apply.



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
COUNTY SHOW

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteer on the 14th May 2022

Love Horses, Pigs or Goats?

Love the Nottinghamshire County Show?

*We are looking for Stewards, if you are interested
in helping steward either Horses, Pigs or Goats*

please contact:

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG

www.rhs.org.uk/advice/in-month/march

Spring is finally here as daffodils and flowering trees start to bloom. It's an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and it's also time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts...

TOP TEN GARDENING JOBS THIS APRIL

- Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors
- Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses
- Keep weeds under control
- Start to feed citrus plants
- Increase the water given to houseplants
- Feed hungry shrubs and roses
- Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
- Prune fig trees
- Divide bamboos and waterlilies

Make a difference & support local farmers

Volunteer opportunities with
The Farming Community
Network



NNAS PRESIDENT'S NOMINATED CHARITY

President Professor Edward Peck has chosen the charity FCN to be supported at this year's County Show.

The Farming Community Network (FCN) is a voluntary organisation and charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community through difficult times.

FCN has over 400 volunteers, located throughout England and Wales, many of whom are involved in farming, or have close links with agriculture and therefore have a great understanding of the issues farm workers and farming families regularly face. Our volunteers provide free, confidential, pastoral and practical support to anyone who seeks help, regardless of whether the issue is personal or business-related.

FCN in Nottinghamshire, formerly NRS, has an active group of volunteers with a wide range of farming interests and specialisms. It has a twice weekly presence at Melton Mowbray livestock market and works closely with Notts YFC and students studying agriculture locally. In addition to local groups of volunteers, FCN runs a confidential national helpline (03000 111 999) and e-helpline (help@fcn.org.uk) which is open every day of the year from 7am-11pm.

FCN also provides practical and pastoral support to the agricultural community to build resilience and access help at difficult times. Visit our website at www.farmwell.org.uk for a wealth of free information about personal and business resilience, mental and physical wellbeing and successfully managing through change.

FCN relies solely on donations and grants in order to continue supporting the farming community. With British farming facing deep uncertainty in the coming years, the workload of FCN volunteers is expected to increase significantly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31 MARCH - 1 APRIL - ANTIQUES FAIRS

Newark International Antiques & Collectors Fair

6 APRIL - SPECIALIST

NHS Blood Donation

10 APRIL - AUTO

'Normous Newark Autojumble

10 - 11 APRIL - SPECIALIST

American Truck Driving Experience

22 - 24 APRIL - FAMILY

Newark Garden Show

23- 24 APRIL - DOG SHOWS

All About Dogs 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

Say hello to the newest member of the team... Francesca Hayes!



Francesca has joined the show team and taken on the role as Trade Stands and Sponsorship Officer. Francesca is joining us from Field Farm Tours Ltd where she has spent many years managing international travel and event services on behalf of business and societies within the agricultural industry!

Are you really as tough as old boots?



Stress, anxiety, loneliness, bereavement, depression, retirement, illness, family concerns, worries about the future...

We all experience these things at some stage in our lives.

If you need to talk, we're here to listen.

Call 03000 111 999

Email help@fcn.org.uk

We are farming people and we are here to help.

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