



SOCIETY MATTERS

NEWARK & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, PATRICK WHITE

Patrick, who heads up a family partnership running a pig and arable enterprise near Balderton, was honoured to take on the role of Nottinghamshire County Show president. With a remarkable attendance record at the Show spanning over 70 years, Patrick joins the esteemed individuals who have filled this position before him.

'In the midst of farming challenges and a pressing food and cost-of-living crisis, it is an interesting time to be president and it was an opportunity to demonstrate the County Show isn't just about entertainment; it's a platform for the farming community to discuss their vital role in food production.'

As a witness to the agricultural and food supply revolution, Patrick said 'I am grateful for the Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society's dedication to showcasing the significance of agriculture. It has been a truly eventful and exciting time to have been involved in this wonderful industry.' Patrick extends his heartfelt appreciation to all those who made this year's event possible – competitors, visitors, traders, members, sponsors and staff alike.



President, Patrick White

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SHOW'S "HUGE SUCCESS" WILL HELP SUPPORT LOCAL FARMING COMMUNITIES

Here at the Society, we are delighted to say Nottinghamshire County Show was a huge success – and will help us support regional farmers whose work puts food on families’ tables across the UK.

More than 15,000 people attended the one-day event in May, drawn by its mix of animals, entertainment, food, music and competitions.

It was the 138th time the show has been held and among the highlights of the day were a performance from the Barlow Red Barrows, a bumper turn-out in the livestock competitions and a fly past from a Spitfire and Hawker Hurricane from the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. There was also food and drink on sale from local suppliers, live farriering competitions and the return of the Young Farmers’ Clubs’ popular lawnmower racing.



- **730 livestock, 663 horses, 79 rabbits onsite**
- **96 flower creations & 138 cakes, bakes and produce were judged**
- **Over 2000 rosettes were awarded**
- **Up 45% on competition entries compared with 2022**
- **20 students awarded educational grants**

Elizabeth Halsall said: “Everyone is thrilled with the success of this year’s show and hugely grateful for the tremendous support we received from everybody who took part, whether as volunteers or stewards or competitors and exhibitors, as well as the wonderful crowd who came along.

“Everybody knows the issues that are currently affecting our food industry and so to receive such a high level of interest in the show at a time when agriculture has never been so important to us all is extremely encouraging.

“Our Society works hard all year round to support the industry and there is no doubt that the show’s success will give us a strong platform for us to continue that work during the next 12 months.”

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SHOW - CHANGE OF REIGNS

Richard Sheldon, steps down after 25 years in the role of Nottinghamshire County Show Chairman.

Richard, who fulfilled his duties as chairman for the last time at this year's show, says the Society's work has never been more important than at this time of rising costs and labour shortages, which have affected food production and led to supply issues in the nation's supermarkets and the Show is an opportunity for the region's agriculture industry to showcase itself to thousands of people across the day.

Richard has been associated with the County Show for many years and remembers the halcyon days when its livestock competition involved many hundreds of cattle and sheep vying for the top prizes. Richard, who will be replaced by incoming chairman and local farmer Des Allen, said: "I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chairman of the Show committee, but I feel it's right that I hand over the reins to someone else and I have no doubt that Des is the perfect person to take the show forward.

Richard has been an integral part of the Show's success, dedicating his time and efforts to ensure that the annual Show runs smoothly and efficiently. And here at the Society, we would once again like to thank him for his 25 years of being Chairman.



A warm welcome to Des Allen, the new Nottinghamshire County Show Chairman.

We would like to welcome Des Allen as the new Show Chairman, with an impressive 63 years of attendance under his belt, Des first visited the Show way back in 1960. He's a true agricultural enthusiast, having served as the Young Farmers Chairman for several years and as chief pig steward for 30 years at the Show and has recently taken over as chief steward for the sheep. In more recent years, Des served for two years as the NFU Chairman for Nottinghamshire.

With his wealth of experience and passion for farming, Des will bring his knowledge and experience to the Show Committee. This change of reigns marks a new chapter for the Show and with Des at the helm, we look forward to continuing to watch the Show thrive.



"Last year's event was a tremendous success and this year's has been even better. It's very clear how the emphasis of the Show has changed over the years to one that promotes local food production and the importance of the farming industry to the general public. Along with the events, competitions and fun on the day, these are the kind of issues that we can talk about at the Show so that consumers can better understand the issues that surround the food they buy."



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Exchange insights and ideas with demo farmers in farmer discussion groups

Host demonstration events for wider farming community (you receive support with this)

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This project has received funding from the Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement No. 101060202.



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE "NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SHOW"



COMMUNITY ZONE

The Community Zone brought together Nottinghamshire communities closer together including Newark and Sherwood District Council, Notts County Council and Portland College, along with many others, to celebrate their fantastic services, hubs, clubs and things to do in the County.

This zone was interactive, full of action, and included a performance area that formed the heart of the activities featuring County wide groups, performers, bands and musicians to entertain visitors throughout the day.

This area celebrated the power of community and all the incredible things that Nottinghamshire has to offer.



GROWING HUB

Community gardeners and local food and drink suppliers shared their passion for growing and producing. The Growing Hub encouraged visitors to grow their own fruit and vegetables by offering them advice, plenty of tips and fun and games along the way.

Huge thanks to Sue Goodman and Miles Harriman, local allotment owners and community gardeners, who helped to organise the Growing Hub. They joined forces with a host of volunteers to teach skills such as planting seeds, making a window herb garden, building a bird box and making compost.

Visitors were also able to learn more about Newark and Sherwood District Council's 'Crop Drop' scheme, where local allotment owners such as Sue and Miles donate extra produce to local good causes such as food banks.



HAWKER HURRICANE AND SPITFIRE

A flypast from the Hawker Hurricane from the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, with a surprise appearance from a Spitfire, adding to the already spectacular Show.



HELP SUPPORT 'THE SHOWBOATERS'

The Society is looking forward to taking part in the Newark Dragon Boat Festival on the 17th September, raising money for the Children's Bereavement Centre and Beaumont House Hospice. We are hoping to raise money for these local causes and avoid a swimming lesson in the Trent!

If you would like to donate please see the link here:
www.newark-dragon-boat-festival-2023.raisely.com/t/theshowboaters

MEMBERS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO NNAS MEMBER, KATE THOMAS

In May this year, Kate was honoured, by Newark Rowing Club in their 150-year Celebrations by having a boat named after her. Kate said 'This was undoubtedly a great privilege of which I was somewhat taken aback by. I have been a member of Newark Rowing Club for over 21 years and during that time have held several positions within the club officer framework. I have been and still am an active rowing member and held the positions of Women's Captain, Membership Secretary, and am still at present Facilities Manager looking after Club functions and booking and Club Treasurer. I have represented the club home and abroad and have coached new members for many years now.'

'The club has named a racing quad crew boat after me, 'Kate Thomas'. It has been performing well in the racing circuit with our talented young rowers, securing several wins. I hope to have a chance to row in it once the National Racing slows down. I am still actively rowing and occasionally participating in races. Recently, I competed in the British Master Championships in June at Holme Pierrepont.'



SUMMER SUNSHINE FOR SHOWGROUND EVENTS

Sunglasses, sunhats, and ice creams from Tastes Ices have been in abundance as we welcome the sunshine here at the Showground for the Summer outdoor events season!

After the County Show, which was the headline event in May, without pausing we hosted a further 58 events. Which included the Boden clothing sale, Horse Shows, IACF Antiques Fair, AEC Rally, Partizan Games, a Koi Carp Sale, the Newark Business awards supporting and commending the fantastic local businesses in the area and we hosted The Big Rail Diversity challenge for a 2-day team building with over 1000 people for two days.

Looking forward to the remainder of this year's summer we see the return of many favourite events but also welcome an eclectic array of new music events - Save The Rave, Electronic Music Festival, The Look alike Festival, Dr Dre orchestral rendition.



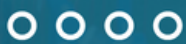


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8 & 9 November 2023
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STUDY SEEKS UK FARMERS' FEEDBACK ON IMPACTS OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

New research by national charity The Farming Community Network (FCN) seeks to better understand the impact of bovine tuberculosis (bTB) on UK farmers' health and wellbeing.

The study is exploring the emotional, financial and physical impacts of bTB and the long-term ramifications these may have had on the farmer, farm family or farm business.

The researchers are also hoping to hear about farmers' experiences of government policies to control and eradicate bTB.

As part of the research FCN is running a survey that will help the charity to better understand how farmers and farm families perceive the threat of bTB – helping to improve its support to those at risk or affected by a bTB breakdown.

The survey, which is open for responses until mid-August, is available here: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3HG5YFG
It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

Farmers who have experienced a bTB breakdown are being encouraged to fill the survey in and to share their experiences.

MEMBERS PICTURES

CAUGHT ON CAMERA





A message from our CEO,
Simon Eccleston

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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!

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OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15 JUL - BOXING

UWCB Lincoln

22 - 23 JUL - AUTO

Newark Kit Car Festival

6 AUG - ANTIQUES

The Newark Arms, Armour, Medal & Militaria Fair

10 - 11 AUG - ANTIQUES

Newark International Antiques & Collectors Fair

13 AUG - AUTO

'Normous Newark Autojumble

18 - 20 AUG - FESTIVAL

Shayde Fest - Electronic Music Festival

Please visit newarkshowground.com for more information.

COMING SOON...

We've got some exciting news to share... With the help of some Members, we've been working hard behind the scenes to develop new Society branding and we can't wait to share with you!



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STAFF NEWS

We would like to wish Paul Sparks all the best, as we say our goodbyes!



LOOKING TO NEW HORIZONS

After almost 11 years in post, Paul Sparks, Sales & Marketing Manager of the trading company decided to retire from full-time work in May to pursue a range of other interests. He leaves the busy sales department in the hands of Leanne Woodward and Harriet Claypole supported by an interim sales manager Roberta Hall.

Paul said: "I'm leaving the trading company in a good position. We've a strong team in place, 2023 bookings will exceed budget and a rolling twelve-month forecast is giving every indication that the trend will continue into 2024 and beyond. We have a small, hard-working team here delivering a huge number and range of events and I'd like to thank and pay tribute to them all for the way they look after our customers. It's one of the key reasons why we have so many repeat and longstanding events. I'll certainly miss the banter and sheer variety of the 500 events that take place here every year. It's been hard work but good fun, and I wish everyone well."

As well as getting a few holidays in over the summer, enjoying the garden, reading books that have been piling up and a lot of walking, Paul's immediate priority will be running the second Lincoln Jazz Festival in Newark Cathedral over the weekend of July 14-16. "It would be fantastic to see a few familiar faces there," he said.