



# SOCIETY MATTERS

NEWARK & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



WELCOME TO OUR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR SHOW PRESIDENT

MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR EDWARD PECK

It was a genuine honour to preside over this year's County Show, finally returning after a two-year break. The Show was a great opportunity for the agricultural and farming community to come together and visitors were treated to some fantastic livestock displays and equine performances, as well as the majestic fly-past of the World War 2 Lancaster Bomber. I was delighted to see so many people visiting and enjoying the Show and celebrating everything that agriculture and farming have to offer.

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Each year, the President selects a charity and for the 2022 Show, I chose The Farming Community Network (FCN) . It provides face-to-face support and guidance to the sector in an era of unprecedented change. Through our shared endeavours, over £650 was raised in support of its vital work in the Nottinghamshire area.

I was also delighted to announce Andy Guy, NFU County Adviser for Nottinghamshire, as the winner of the President’s Award. The award is given to someone who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the farming industry. Andy has played a key role in the sector most recently driving the sustainability agenda in both agriculture and food production.



Pictured: Presidents Lady and President

So, overall, the Show was a spectacular return to in-person agriculture and rural events within the East Midlands, I am sure that it will continue to go from strength to strength and I wish it well for the future.

Professor Edward Peck CBE DL FAcSS PhD.



Pictured: President and Farriers

The Show would not be possible without the work and dedication of a network of staff, volunteers, and stewards. They work tirelessly to plan, deliver, and manage the Show. I would like to reiterate my thanks to all of those involved in making the event such a success. They made me even more proud to undertake the role of President.



Pictured: President and Members

## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT

As part of our charitable objectives, the Society recognises the key role of education and offers support to people starting off their careers in the agricultural industry.

One way we do this is by offering Nottinghamshire based students, studying in the agricultural field, a grant of up to £500 to help with a particular aspect of their studies. This year, we were pleased to announce 12 students were successful in receiving grants which were awarded at the County Show.



Pictured: 2022 Grant award winners and Professor Edward Peck



**RICHARD SHELDON,  
SHOW CHAIRMAN  
SHARES DELIGHT**

It was so good to be once again welcoming exhibitors, competitors and visitors to our Showground for the County Show on the 14th May. As the car parks rapidly filled from early in the day it was soon very clear that our visitors were as eager to be back as we were to see them. In fact it was almost as if the missing shows of the last two years were no more than a distant memory as the avenues filled up very quickly and everyone went about their business with real enthusiasm and excitement.

With the new one day format, there were always going to be some changes and variations, but if ever there were any doubts as to whether they would work or not, they were very quickly laid to rest. Yes, we were extremely fortunate to have such wonderful weather, but to see so many people really enjoying themselves, nobody could ask for more.

Apart from the big decision to reduce to a one day Show, the decision to refocus on the basics of farming and food production was fully justified. People are now starting to realise just how important it is to have the security and availability of high quality home produced food.

There were so many positives of which we should all feel very proud. From a standing start the show team did an excellent job in putting it all together. The highest ever sale of pre-show tickets augurs really well for next year after visitors had such a good experience this year.

Brilliant support and involvement from the Young Farmers. With everything from student stewards, to great exhibits in their own marquee, to the highly entertaining

lawnmower racing. We were delighted to see them all and let us not forget that they are our future.

With the experience we have gained from this year, we have a brilliant basis to move forward and have started to plan an action packed show for 2023.



**DO YOU HAVE ANY  
BOWLER HATS?**

**Here at the Society we are  
looking for bowler hats for our  
student stewards. If you have  
any spare and would like to  
donate, please get in touch:**

**01636 705796**

**If you see any out and about for a reasonable  
price please let us know or purchase on  
behalf of the Society and contact us for a  
reimbursement**



# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SHOW SET TO STAY AS A ONE-DAY EVENT

## SATURDAY 13TH MAY 2023

The Nottinghamshire County Show will return as a one-day event again next year after its new format and a return to focussing on its rural roots brought a bumper crowd flocking through the gates.

The NNAS saw the show attract more than 14,000 people in total thanks to its mixture of competitions, trade stands, animals, music and entertainment – helped by a timely spell of hot sunny weather.

The attendance is in line with the combined total that the show would have been expected to attract over the course of its previous two-day format, and figures show that there was a significant increase in the numbers of people aged under 17 – by 30% - attending the show compared to previous years.

This is being put down to a rise in the numbers of families attending and the organisers’ efforts to engage younger people in countryside living.

Elizabeth Halsall, Show Manager said: “We have had a great deal of tremendous feedback from visitors and competitors over the past couple of days saying how much they enjoyed and preferred the new one-day format and the attendance figures certainly supported the decision to switch.

“The turnout beat all of our expectations and there is no doubt that returning the show to its agricultural roots was the right decision, especially since it gave a new generation of younger visitors a glimpse into rural life.”






CONNECTING WITH OUR FARMING COMMUNITY IN LEICESTERSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

## FARM UPDATE Evening

**Thursday 7th July 2022**  
7 for 7:30pm

- ▶ **TB Overview** - Sarah Tomlinson TBAS
- ▶ **Options for Catchment Sensitive Farming support and grants** - Bob Marsden
- ▶ **Leicestershire Police update** - Rural Crime Team
- ▶ **Animal Health and Welfare Board** - Charles Sercombe

Refreshments available

Melton Livestock Market,  
Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray  
LE13 1JY

BOOK YOUR PLACE, CONTACT

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# AWARDS GIVEN AT THE COUNTY SHOW

At the Nottinghamshire County Show we had the great pleasure of recognising those who have dedicated themselves to Agriculture, Rural Life and the Agricultural Industry. We are very pleased to present the Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society "Service to Agriculture Award" to five very deserving individuals.

## **Robin Hall**

Robin is recognised for his service to agriculture. He has a long family history in supporting the Nottinghamshire County Show, dating back to the 1930's where Robin's father was a member and steward, along with his brother David and other family members. Robin has been a Trustee of the Society for many years and has served on just about every committee there is!

## **Roma Wright - Smith**

Roma first visited the Newark Show, as it was called then, with her father - when she was in a pushchair! She is also very keen on helping to promote the Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show, pitching in and helping the team do whatever is needed.

## **Stephen Baugh**

Stephen has worked in the farming industry for over 45 years and is receiving this Service to Agriculture Award in recognition of his life-long contribution.

## **Professor Jenny Saint**

Jenny has been associated with the Society since she joined the team at Nottingham Trent University. Starting in 1977 at Brackenhurst College, as a Lecturer in Rural Home Economics, ultimately becoming Dean of the School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences.

## **Michael Hart**

Michael has been a keen supporter of the Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show since it started. In addition to the Tractor Show, Michael has also been a long-standing exhibitor of the County Show, and had his own trade stand here for 16 years selling Manitou telehandlers.



Pictured T-B: Robin Hall, Roma Wright-Smith, Stephen Baugh, Professor Jenny Saint, Michael Hart

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SHOW



## LANCASTER BOMBER

RAF's pride of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight wowed the crowds at the Nottinghamshire County Show.

The stirring sound of the engines powering the RAF's only Second World War bomber took to the skies when it thrilled the crowds with a stirring fly-past.

A single Avro Lancaster, made famous by Lincolnshire's Dambuster heroes of Squadron 617, was performed by the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

It was a reminder of the history of the showground itself, which formerly operated as RAF Winthorpe and was used as a training base for pilots learning how to fly Lancaster's ahead of taking part in bombing raids over Germany during the war.



## NOTTS YFC LAWNMOWER RACING

Wild and wacky lawnmower race staged by the Nottinghamshire Young Farmers Club.

Ready, Set, Go! The highlight in their calendar is the YFC lawnmower racing competition which took place in the Main Ring with Brackenhurst Club taking the 2022 trophy! A noisy, action packed spectacle for all to see and watch.



## RURAL SKILLS & HOME PRODUCE

New for this year was the Rural Skills and Home Produce Show – featuring budding growers, gardeners, bakers, preserve makers, woodworkers of all ages including age specific children's classes.



## DOG SHOW DEBUT

Pets make prizes as the show brings dogs back to the ring

The dog show was one of the most popular events on the day and included a number of fun classes, including Handsomest Hound, a Dog Fancy Dress and Gorgeous Golden Oldies for dogs aged seven and over to encourage owners to give their pets a taste of glory. They were also able to put their skills to the test in an all-comers agility and fly-ball competition.



# EVENTS SET TO BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY

Newark Showground once again sponsored and hosted the prestigious Newark Business Awards in June as event bookings return to pre-pandemic levels, cancelling out an uncertain New Year.

Further welcome news is that many new and returning events support the local economy by pushing custom back into local accommodation providers, campsites, restaurants and shops. Two new festival-style corporate events alone, in June and July, report booking 1,100 beds in 20 local hotels.

In addition to a solid base of regular and repeat events, Newark Showground has secured brand new bookings from national-standing shows and events throughout 2022, ranging from the National Shire Horse Show in March to the National Rabbit Show, Cactus World Live and the Focus Christian conference which will bring 8,000 visitors in over one weekend.

We are also seeing the return of several events heavily associated with the Showground a few years ago. Americana International, the Kit Car Show and the Great British Koi Show are all returning in new formats to fill large gaps left in their respective markets after a long time away. National Hamfest also returns after a three-year absence while several music festivals showcasing heavy rock, tech metal as well as separate Country and Western and Hoedown weekends - as well as RetroFest - will attract thousands of specialist music lovers back to Newark.



Three exciting new two-day corporate events plus two rail and logistics industry team-building days promise to make June and July exceptionally busy months, and the

Showground's appeal for niche events also remains strong: five wargaming and table-top gaming events will take place here this year.

Sales and Marketing Manager Paul Sparks says: 'It's reassuring to see strong enquiry levels again, a bulging order book and to be able to rebuild our teams ready to drive business forward again.'



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**5TH & 6TH NOV 2022**



**Entries now open!**  
[newarkvintagetractorshow.com](http://newarkvintagetractorshow.com)

**We are celebrating a number of anniversaries:**

- 70 Years of the new Fordson Major E1A (Produced 1952 - 1958)
- 75 Years of the David Brown Cropmaster
- 50 Years of Massey Ferguson 1200
- 75 Years of Series II Field Marshall

**Plus...**

- A celebration of "Nicholson's of Newark" machinery
- A celebration of Ruston engines from Lincoln

**New Classes For Commercial Vehicles:**

- British manufactured commercials
- Non-UK manufactured commercials
- Pre-1950 British commercials



## WINTHORPE WORLD WAR TWO AIRFIELD HONOURED

The Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust (ABCT), the world's first national airfield charity, was pleased to honour Winthorpe Airfield with what is ABCT's 192nd memorial on Sunday 29 May 2022, the granite stone being unveiled at the entrance to Newark Showground.

Among attendees were representatives of the Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society, which kindly allowed ABCT to have the memorial erected, and Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council. Everyone present clearly appeared to be extremely happy with this example of ABCT's main force full-sized standardised memorials.

Winthorpe Airfield dates back to September 1940. Initially used during the first half of World War Two by operational bomber aircraft, following the construction of concrete runways during the majority of 1942 it then saw No 1661 Heavy Conversion Unit (HCU) be present from January 1943 until the end of the conflict. Advanced heavy bomber aircrew training was mainly carried out with a mixture of Avro Lancasters and Short Stirlings, Winthorpe without question playing a major part in the war effort.

Following the end of World War Two, this airfield continued to serve its country to further excellent effect in various other RAF support roles. Transport Command units made use of it in the late 1940s, as did Maintenance Command into the 1950s.

The Central Servicing Development Establishment (CSDE) notably arrived in February 1953 from Wittering, an important unit which co-ordinated servicing procedures for RAF aircraft. After CSDE moved to Swanton Morley at the beginning of 1958, Winthorpe closed the following July, though RAF married quarters accommodation at the airfield remained in use by the RAF into the 1960s.

What is today the home of Newark Showground was acquired in January 1962, although agricultural displays had taken place at Winthorpe since the spring of 1949. Further aviation connections arose with the arrival during the mid-1970s of the Newark and Notts Gliding Club, whose sailplanes used this airfield until the club departed in 2006. The control tower and three hangars have sadly all gone but the three runways and perimeter track still survive to some degree.

For more information about Winthorpe Airfield see the Airfield Finder page of ABCT's globally extremely popular 3,500 pages website <https://www.abct.org.uk/>.

We cannot remotely afford to lose our airfields - whether active or disused - in so many ways, therefore please do all you can to support them.

Accredit to ABCT/Ed Andrews  
 Pictured: Paul Smith - Chair Winthorpe Parish Council, Charles Lawrence - NNAS Trustee, Kenneth Bannerman - Director General ABCT, Bob Sheldon - NNAS Trustee, Clive Applewhite - NNAS Trustee. Also in attendance Des Allen - NNAS Trustee





## SWEET SUMMER TREAT

[www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/strawberry-shortcake-slice](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/strawberry-shortcake-slice)

## STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SLICE

### Ingredients

- 600ml double cream
- 1 tbsp vanilla bean paste
- 1 tbsp orange blossom water
- 125g icing sugar , plus 2 tbsp
- 500g shortcake biscuits , plus 3 crushed
- 350g strawberries , sliced

### Method

#### STEP 1

Line a 20cm cake tin or dish (either a square or rectangle works well) with cling film, leaving an overhang. Whip 500ml of the cream, the vanilla, orange blossom water and 125g icing sugar with an electric whisk until thick and billowy.

#### STEP 2

Add a layer of biscuits to the tin, and spoon over some of the cream, about 1cm thick all over. Add a layer of strawberry slices, then repeat with the cream, biscuits and strawberries until you fill the tin, finishing on a layer of biscuit. You'll have some strawberries left over to serve. Press everything down well so every biscuit is covered in cream. Cover and chill overnight.

#### STEP 3

To serve, flip the tin onto a serving plate, and remove the cling film. Whip the remaining 100ml cream with 1 tbsp icing sugar and dollop on top of the cake, swirling it around. Top with the remaining strawberry slices in lines, sift over the remaining 1 tbsp icing sugar, and sprinkle the biscuit crumbs in between the rows of strawberries. Cut into slices to serve.

# SAVE THE DATE

## 16TH & 17TH NOV 2022

## BOOKINGS NOW OPEN:

[www.midlandsmachineryshow.com](http://www.midlandsmachineryshow.com)

CONNECTING WITH OUR FARMING COMMUNITY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

## DEAN HALL Farm Walk

**Wednesday 6th July 2022  
5:30pm**

This summer evening is a relaxed opportunity to see at first-hand how a farm purchased in 1998 has developed its milk and electricity production.

You will see and hear about;

- a modern anaerobic digester
- inside a large wind turbine
- dairy cows and calves

Afterwards, a complimentary BBQ.

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 JULY - SPECIALIST  
NHS Blood Donation

15 JULY

Professional Boxing – English Title  
Fight

16 JULY - SPECIALIST  
Young Driver Training

17 JULY

'Normous Newark Autojumble

23 -24 JULY

Newark Kit Car Festival 2022

4 AUGUST - SPECIALIST  
NHS Blood Donation

For more event information in August and  
September, go to:

<https://www.newarkshowground.com/whats-on/>

## 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](http://www.nottinghamshirecountyshow.com/membership)



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## STAFF NEWS

As we said goodbye to Paul Lillicrap, we say hello to the newest member of the sales team... **Roberta Hall**



Roberta Hall is our newest member, joining the Sales Team as an Event Sales Development Officer. Roberta, brings a wealth of sales experience to the team having worked in sales for over 20 years covering many sectors from financial services, food to fashion!



After 28 years Paul has decided to start a new chapter in his life. We would like to thank Paul for his service, assistance and wealth of knowledge. We wish you all the best!

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24/08/22	06/09/22	21/09/22

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