



THE BOWYER FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST

'supporting agriculture into the future'



From your chairman
David Bowyer

Maureen and I wish everyone a rather belated Happy New Year for 2011.

Only excuse for this newsletter being late is the fact that the snow came December so January has been playing catch up, trying to fit in extra days shooting and other things that had been cancelled!

There have again been no resignations or additions to our committee.

I again urge you to become a friend of the Trust. Either come and support us by helping or buying something from the stall at the Swallowfield Show or send us a donation, and this time I enclose our Gift Aid Form.

Last year we received £205 from individual donations and £750 from the Swallowfield Show, and I wish to thank you all for this.

2010 was quite a quiet year for the BFMT –

Brymore– 2 applicants were approved in March 2010 who were starting at Brymore in September 2010 – they received £4,000 between them. Other good news was one of the boys we first sponsored some three years ago had been asked back for a further year at Brymore to take AS levels and become Head Boy -



what an achievement, so we sponsored him another year.

Sponsorship – we have also sponsored a young YFC member on a short tractor course, which he wrote and said had come in very useful when only a short time afterwards he had started holiday work on a farm.

A third and final payment to an ex Brymore boy who is now in his final year of a degree course at the Royal College of Agriculture – who has spent his 'out' year in China advising on the growing of sugar beet – again what an achievement.

We again donated £1,000 to Berks Federation of YFCs to benefit all Berkshire members, and also paid for adverts in 3 country show schedules as our support.

History Books – sales have now slowed to a trickle although we continue to take some to every event either under the BFMT banner or the Royal Forest Agricultural Association. Our best retailer of the books continues to be Streets Garden Centre, Aborfield.

We also give a book as a raffle prize at various events which all adds to our PR.

Berks YFC - we did not have a presence this year at the Berks YFC County Rally at Newbury showground, because everyone on the committee was too busy to man the stand.

New website - I hope everyone has been able to look at our new website. You may be wondering who the two men in the photo above. Through the website and contact with Maureen they are Gavin and Adrian Bowyer who were researching the Bowyer name, and travelled a long way to visit us at the Swallowfield Show – welcome to the Bowyer family in Berkshire, and I'm sure we will meet again.

Swallowfield Show –



Our third presence at the 2-day show brought back customers from the year before yet again, and we completely sold out of fresh produce on both days and yet again doubled our income from the previous year adding £734 to our funds. It was hard work but with extra help from Gordon & Sarah Carter, Mary (being in the country) this year and again Mrs Dorothy Cripps it was an enjoyable weekend all round, and we all got time off.

Everyone enjoyed the tractors, as can be seen above.

Again, apart from the donations already mentioned our main income has come from the Car Boot Sales.

In 2011 we shall concentrate on the 2-day Swallowfield Show as our main fund raiser, please note the dates:

Sun/Mon 28th/29th August 2011

But please let us know any suggestions you may have for future social or fund raising events.

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