



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 2012.

Again I apologise for not getting this newsletter out in January, this time because of our move to Devon and all ensuing projects which are still ongoing!

We have changed our AGM to July in 2011 as it is an easier time of year for our Treasurer. There were no alterations to our committee except that we made Mr Brian Warwick a Trustee as he is a most devoted member of 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.

In 2011 we received £225 from individual donations, and I wish to thank you all for this.

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

What happened in 2011

Brymore– this year we had three very worthy applicants in April and so it was decided to support all 3 boys @ £2,000 each.

Sponsorship – We have paid out even more individual sponsorships this year, and unfortunately have turned down just as many!

We are sponsoring a young lady each year for her 3 year degree course at Reading University who is aiming to be involved in the new 'Farm to Fork' policy which of course we are happy to support.

We are now sponsoring the ex Brymore Headboy on a 2 year course at Cannington College.....A young lady in her final year in a degree course at Harper Adams College.....and an ex Berks YFC member doing a short course on Repair & Maintenance of farm machinery, to mention but a few.

Again we are supporting Agricultural Associations and Berks YFC by paying for adverts in their schedules, and at the same time advertising what we do. Also donating £1,000 again to Berks YFC to benefit all members, usually being used to pay part of the affiliation fees.

Visit to Brymore

Although Brymore was still going through major building works in March Maureen & I visited to meet the new Headmaster and our 'boys'. We were made to feel most welcome and various teachers remembered us and stopped for a word. We were escorted by the Headboy (one of our 'boys') who has turned out to be a very likeable and well mannered young man, and we felt like proud parents. We were introduced to the 'new boys' from Sept.2010, one being rather shy and the other more of a character! But we talked about homesickness, what was most interesting at Brymore and their future aims, and they were both enthusiastic.

Swallowfield Show –

Our fourth year at this show and again we increased our profits to an amazing £1,200, plus a personal £100 donation who we wish to thank again – you know who you are!

As can be seen from the photos above we went bigger and better with a large marquee to have our stalls down either side and an area at the back for hospitality. We sold our usual cakes, jams, chutneys, home made crafts and knitting, and in addition we started secondhand costume jewellery which went very well. Also the secondhand books sold well - - so we need more stock for this year of all of the above, which can be dropped at White House Farm any time and we will store until August.

Of course going bigger we need more assistance and we thank all those who came to help us – **we need you again this year please.**

History Books –although sales are still slow, we did sell 2 at Swallowfield and 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.

Dates for 2012

Sunday 27th May – Berks YFC Country Fayre at Englefield Estate

Saturday 9th June – we are having a stand at MERL's Jubilee Fete – any volunteers to help would be welcomed.

Sun/Mon 26th/27th August – this year's Swallowfield Show.

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