



THE BOWYER FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST

'promoting excellence in the science of agriculture'

NEWSLETTER — January 2007

I trust this letter finds our friends and supporters at the beginning of a happy, healthy and prosperous 2007.

To update you on the internal management of the Trust—the registered trustees are now:

David C Bowyer

Guy Charrison

Richard Dadley

Mary Cripps-Warwick

Our working committee is made up of the above four plus Brian Warwick, Mark Hathaway and Maureen Bowyer, plus for one year Veronica Strangward representing Berkshire YFC.

Events for 2007

We shall have a small presence at

Berks YFC Country Fayre

Sunday 3rd June 2007

at Englefield Estate, Theale

Also our usual stand at:

WRAA Show

Sunday 19th August 2007

at Lodden Court, Spencers Wood

(please note new date and venue)

Please see the enclosed leaflet about becoming a 'friend' of the B.F.M.T.

As from 2008 we hope to have a yearly fund raising event, so we really need your support.

This year we intend re-designing our publicity literature and our website.

Now I turn to what has happened during the past year:

Our income again has been mostly from the car boot sales and agricultural rents, with the usual donation from Swallowfield Horticultural Society, but personal donations are few and far between.

We have supported local agricultural shows by taking out full page advertisements in their various programmes.

We have given another substantial donation to Berkshire Association of Young Farmers Clubs.

We supported for the second year running, a weekend educational camp for YFC members—it was good to see they had fun as well as learning.



For the third year, we have supported a pupil at Brymore School in Somerset, and we are thrilled with his progress and change in attitude. He has excelled in blacksmithing



Also in 2006 we sent a second payment of three, to a woman in Northumberland doing a BSc degree in agriculture, and who we considered was deserving of this as she intends her future career to be in agricultural education.

Again from Northumberland we have supported a single man on a Diploma of Agriculture course, but the course is at Hartpury College in Gloucestershire.

As you can see we are supporting more and more applicants outside the county of Berkshire and last year we made our first donation to a charity in South Africa. Please be assured though that one of our trustees had visited the charity and its working members and we are confident that our money was put to good use, which unfortunately can be one of the down sides of sending donations abroad.

I think you will see many changes in the Bowyer Trust in the near future and I hope that as many of you as possible will become a 'friend' of the B.F.M.T. For just a few pounds or your help with fundraising you will be able to become involved in what we do, and have your say.

Also don't forget to tell everyone about the book which we published, entitled Wokingham Agricultural Association 1835-1985 The First 150 Years. On sale at our stand or contact the secretary for your local stockist:

Secretary to the Trust

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