



# THE BOWYER FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST

*'supporting agriculture into the future'*

NEWSLETTER — January 2008

I know I said this last year, but it is sincerely meant— I trust this letter finds our friends and supporters at the beginning of a happy, healthy and prosperous 2008.

There has been no change to the internal management of the Trust—the registered trustees are:

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, and for another year Veronica Strangward, representing Berkshire YFC.

Unfortunately, last year we again lost one or two friends— most notably Kerr Kirkwood, the author of the book which we published, entitled Wokingham Agricultural Association 1835-1985 The First 150 Years.

The book is on sale at the local shows detailed below, or contact the secretary. The price is now £10 per copy.

I enclose again a leaflet about becoming a 'friend' of the B.F.M.T.

This year we propose to have a Bowyer Fun Fundraising Day on **Sunday 29th June 2008** at White House Farm

You could either come and support us on the day or send a donation with the leaflet.

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

Our income again has been from the car boot sales and agricultural rents, with the usual donations from Swallowfield Horticultural Society, and one or two personal individuals, but we have lost the £500 from WRAA because they no longer hold their show on our land, and also because of the atrocious weather this summer there weren't as many car boot sales held.

**So we hope you will bring along family and friends to the fundraising day.** We are involving Young Farmers and past recipients, and hoping to have various games which could include clay shooting and archery, and lots of stalls selling anything from home made jams and cakes, to books. If you would like to help in any way please get in touch. We shall be sending out invitations nearer the time when we have made decisions as to catering etc.

Again last year 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.

Early in 2007 most of the committee visited Brymore School for most of the day, having lunch in the school dining room. All of us were most impressed on how the school is run and the resultant students. Considering that 60% of their intake are special needs, they really do 'make a silk purse out of a sow's ear' as the saying goes, in most cases. So we are very pleased to

carry on supporting students there.

Also in 2007 we sent a final payment to a woman in Northumberland doing a BSc degree in agriculture, and who intends her future career to be in agricultural education.

One of the changes has been our new 'strapline' above, and soon you will see a new look to our website, thanks to one of our supporters working free of charge.



But some things remain the same, even on the new WRAA site 2007.

## **Events for 2008**

at White House Farm

Berks YFC Country Fayre

**Saturday 21st June 2008**

BFMT Fun Fundraising Day

**Sunday 29th June 2008**

Swallowfield Show

24th/25th August

and WRAA Show

**Sunday 17th August 2008**

at Lodden Court, Spencers Wood

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