



THE BOWYER FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST

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First of all, as your Chairman for the second year, may I wish all of you a healthy and prosperous new year.

Unfortunately last year we lost another member of our committee, Jim Joel, due to his many other commitments, **we need new members on our committee**, but may I take this opportunity of thanking our committee members for their help during the past year.

During the Year 2000 we helped several students and again Berkshire Young Farmers.

The Family Fun Day at White House Farm was very successful, especially having a bar-b-que and 'bring your own food' which seemed to work quite well, so perhaps we shall do the same again.

The Wokingham Show was again a lovely day weatherwise, before the onset of a very, very wet Autumn, and was a very enjoyable day. This is our main 'shop window' for the Trust, and it is important that we have more members attend, either to help or just to represent us.

Unfortunately Reading University refused our offer in the later stages of negotiations, so the pictures for the foyer will not now materialise. However the prints kindly donated by the artist, Alex Williams, were sold by silent auction at the Fun Day and Wokingham Show and made several hundred pounds for our charity.

Our latest project – Kerr Kirkwood has written 'The First 150 years of Wokingham Show' which has taken him several years, being all hand written. The committee felt, bearing in mind the long association of the Bowyers with the show, that this should at least be put on a word processor and made into a readable format. WRAA have agreed to share this initial cost, which is being undertaken at this moment in time. We hope that this will be completed before the end of the year, and perhaps consider some kind of publication in the future.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 17th June, 2001 - Family Fun Day, this year returns to Michael Bowyer's at Oak Tree Farm, Binfield

Sunday 2nd September, 2001 - Wokingham Show – we are going to have our own marquee again, so please come and enjoy our hospitality. We need your help and support.

Have you any views on our activities, as members you are invited to express them.

Please contact us before our next Committee meeting which is on Wed. 21st February, 2001.