



THE BOWYER FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST

'promoting excellence in the science of agriculture'

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I hope it is not too late to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Firstly, I must inform you of the resignations of both Michael Bowyer and Eileen Goddard as two of our Trustees. At the present time we shall not be replacing them and shall continue to run with the three remaining trustees. We also welcomed Mary Cripps-Warwick on to our committee, who I'm sure will be a great asset.

2005 was a very eventful year for the Trust, beginning with the death of Auntie Vera, and at the end of the year Henry Bowyer one of our original trustees; then seeing two major events come to fruition, our room at MERL and the final publication of the Wokingham Agricultural Association History Book written by Kerr Kirkwood, and then at the end of the year losing two of our long term trustees.

Also last year we have continued to support Berkshire Federation of YFCs, both as a whole and also Bracknell in particular, following an application from this small up and coming branch to help sponsor an educational weekend.

We have continued to support a young student on a 5 year course at a Somerset Agricultural College, and have agreed to support an older student on a 3 year degree course in Northumberland. As you can see from this we are just not getting the applications from Berkshire any more, probably because it is becoming less and less of an agricultural area.

We are only able to do this because we continue to get donations from the WRAA and Swallowfield shows, and earn income from the Trust's land for the Car Boot Sales, and agricultural rent from Thompson & Cripps, whose family are most helpful to the Trust in many ways.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Firstly to help sell the book (so we may have our dining room back by 2007!) They can be purchased from Book Ends, Wokingham; Grovelands Garden Centre, Spencers Wood, or Dorothy Cripps at Home Farm, Beech Hill - which are all cheaper than applying by post.

Secondly to help man our hospitality marquee at the following shows:

Berkshire YFC Country Fair - 4th June, 2006 at White House Farm
Wokingham Show - 3rd September, 2006 at White House Farm

Thirdly, **is there anyone who would like to join the committee of the Bowyer Family Memorial Trust** - we only have committee meetings about 3 times a year and help is required at just two events.