

# THE BOWYER FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST

*'supporting agriculture into the future'*



NEWSLETTER – January 2015

*From your chairman  
David Bowyer*

Maureen and I wish you a very Happy & healthy New Year, which is all we can wish for when getting older!

Our AGM in 2014 was at White House Farm in July and we all sat outside, very pleasant. There were two people attended in addition to the committee.

I would like to thank our committee and also one or two 'friends' of the Bowyer Trust for all their help at events last year.

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. You will find the necessary forms on our website [www.bfmt.org.uk](http://www.bfmt.org.uk) also up to date information and lots of photos.

During 2014 we received less than half the private donations for 2013, amounting to £120. We received a £1,000 donation from Swallowfield Horticultural Society, but we did not have nearly enough Car Boot Sales so our income was down there too.

However we had made donations of nearly £10,000 to March 2013 because we had had £2,000 returned from previous year when a boy did not stay at Brymore, and followed this up with support for two more boys at Brymore School and two other grants to older boys at colleges.

We also continue to support other Agricultural Associations by paying for an advert in their schedules, and Berkshire YFC received another cheque for county wide use in addition to BFMT sponsoring rosettes for their County Fayre 2014.

### **What happened in 2014?**

#### **Brymore**

New committee members Tim & Linda Chambers joined David & Maureen Bowyer on a visit to the school in June, and I quote some of their report: '3 of our sponsored boys, Triston, Harry and Callum were very proud to show us around the school, even though they had only been there from the previous September they answered all our questions. We were most impressed with the walled garden from which the college use produce for the dining room and we also got involved with soil analysis which some students were in the process of doing with the tutor. The boys took us back to the Headmaster's study for lunch with him and the master in charge of the boarders. Then after lunch the boys showed us around the metalwork, woodwork and farm. All in all a wonderful and impressive day.'

#### **Berks YFC Country Fayre - 2014**

A few of the committee attended with a promotional stand within the Clubs stand, and also had decorating a gingerbread man for the children. We might

only have made £32 but some good 'networking' went on.

#### **Swallowfield Show – 2014**

As can be seen from the two photos above the Sunday was a splendid day both for weather and subsequent sales, but Monday was as predicted VERY wet, the wettest the show has ever known.

Some brave souls did brave the weather and two of our helpers took a tray with cakes around the other marquees, more than once, and managed to sell everything.

Unbelievably we made £87 more than last year - £1,320.

#### **2015 Berks YFC Country Fayre**

##### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

##### **At White House Farm**

In addition to sponsoring the rosettes again, we are having a small marquee at this event and have decided to run a tombola in aid of BFMT.

We ask for donations for the tombola to be taken to White House Farm and also helpers to man the stall for the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Also we ask for willing volunteers to man the stalls at Swallowfield Show, and also request items such as, cakes, jams, chutneys, home made crafts and knitting, secondhand costume jewellery. Also the secondhand books sell very 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.

#### **Dates for 2015**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Berks YFC Country Fayre at White House Farm.**

**Sun/Mon 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> August – this year's Swallowfield Show.**

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