



THE BOWYER FAMILY MEMORIAL TRUST

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

Our AGM in 2015 was at White House Farm in July again and although 3 members of the committee gave apologies, there were two guests attended.

As I said before, we are all getting older on the committee and I'm afraid we felt it during the 2015 Swallowfield Show (see below)

I again urge you to become a friend of the Trust. You can either give a one off donation, or make it a regular thing, especially if you are a tax payer. You will find the necessary forms on our website www.bfmt.org.uk also up to date information and lots of photos. I would like to thank those of you are regular donators.

During 2015 again we received just £120 private donations, with only £500 donation from Swallowfield Horticultural Society. Because of the dreadful wet day again, they had lost money. But it is not all bad as our main income is still from the Car Boot Sales and future increase in land rent.

However we have made donations of £4,000 (in total) to three boys going to Brymore School. Also £600 (in total) to two older recipients.

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 2015, and sponsoring their Year Book.

Berks YFC Country Fayre - 2015

As the show was held at White House Farm last year, we had a small marquee to sell paperbacks and run a tombola. It was a lot of work for just one or two people and the profit was £251.

Swallowfield Show – 2015

“As can be seen from the 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.” These words are the same I wrote last year! So the second wettest the show has ever known!

I was asked to open the show and as you can see Sunday was a lovely day (another of our Trustees showed his tractor in the ring too)

Unbelievably we still made a profit of £1,113.

But after very hard work from just a few members of the committee and volunteers we have decided not to use the very large marquee with ten sales tables ever again, we just cannot cope.

We propose a much smaller marquee (as we used to have for the Wokingham Show) with hospitality and time to talk to people about what we do, with perhaps just one sales table and the usual tractors outside, plus a demonstration.

We would love to hear if anyone has some ideas about a demonstration.

We need new members of a younger age group to join our committee – please get in touch.

It is not very onerous as we only have three meetings in the year, the 2 day Swallowfield Show and perhaps a presence at the Berkshire YFC Country Fayre each year.

Dates for 2016

Sunday 29th May – Berks YFC Country Fayre at Englefield Park.

Sun/Mon 28th/29th August – this year's Swallowfield Show.

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