

WOLSINGHAM & WEAR VALLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2009

Following , the dreadful rain and deluge we sustained in 2008 , the weather was more kind to us this year and attendance on the Saturday & Sunday returned to normal, not record breaking, but at least the turnout was good, and the standard of exhibits in all sections was greatly improved , both in terms of numbers and quality.

However the Monday gate , for what ever reason was the lowest recorded in modern times. The Show council have looked at all the evidence as to why this should be and have concluded that the Monday program will be deleted , meaning that the Annual Show will now be held on two days and not three.

All of the show program of events, attractions, income & expenditure , are currently being looked at, in more detail, to ascertain why the Annual Show is not “breaking even” financially. A small surplus each year helps to offset major setbacks as experienced in 2008, and the Show needs to move on, and become even better, and more to the point, a viable enterprise.

There is a need to increase the facilities on site, not least a hard road surface , which has recently been given planning approval.

In the near future there are also plans, to erect a building for storage and also to include on site toilet facilities, hard standing for a car park, and may be, a temporary platform for access to the Weardale Railway, as this appears to be going “full steam ahead”.

These additions and increased facilities all come at a cost , and we may be able to access funds from other sources, ie Lottery Fund , where ever the funds come from , we can only go forward with your continued support and we thank all subscribers, sponsors, helpers in what ever guise, and of course those that attend “Englands Oldest Show” in the first week end in September.

Together , working as a team, with enthusiasm , and dedication, our vision and aims will be realised. The Show Council is made up of, volunteers, not only from the farming community, but from a broad section, of the community, if you feel you can contribute to the future success of “Englands Oldest Show”, we would be only to pleased to have you on board.

At the A.G.M. held 19th January 2010 , the Society have reviewed entrance fees as follows : the admission charges, Adults £8, Senior Citizens £5 Children £3 no car park charge .

Annual membership to be £20 which entitles the subscriber to 2 adult admissions , 2 concessionary admission tickets and members car park facilities.

The Annual Show will now be held on Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th only.

The Assistant secretary has resigned , owing to work & family commitments and anyone interested in the position should contact the Secretary , H.G. Dobson tel. 01388 527862 for further details or write to :

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