

## **The County Show Newsletter**

**Dear Member,**

**Where does the time go? The year just seems to be flying past, it doesn't seem long ago that we all seemed to be growing webbed feet with all the rain we seemed to be having. Now we seem to be veering from high temperatures to howling gales and yet more rain, still at least we shouldn't have to deal with another hosepipe ban this year!!**

**Our flagship event, the County Show is well underway with entertainments booked, one of my personal favourites, The Sheepshow returns along with his Racing Sheep, a new addition for them. Other attractions include Adam's Axemen, Wight Wizards dog Agility & Flyball and for the adrenaline junkies of you a motorbike and quad bike display called The Adrenaline Show.**

**This of course is alongside all the usual attractions of the livestock which this year sees the return of pigs after an absence of several years, the Equestrian side has some new driving qualifiers, tractors, Parade of Hounds, Craft Marquee, Food Hall, Terrier Racing, gosh the list just goes on and on. Schedules for both the Equestrian and Livestock sections are out at all the usual outlets or from the Office, or you can download them from the website.**

**Returning this year as well is the Horticultural Marquee complete with a Garden Show (schedule enclosed), also in here will be the Photographic Competition (schedule enclosed).**

**Keep an eye on the local press for more details as I just haven't got room to list everything here! I really look forward to seeing you all up there let's just hope the weather is kinder to us this year.....!!!!**

**Sharon Peach Chairman RIWAS**

# **PLATE SMASH!!**

**EXPRESS YOUR FRUSTRATION...  
EVEN MORE CROCKERY NEEDED FOR THIS.  
WE CAN COLLECT IF NECESSARY  
JUST LET THE OFFICE KNOW 826275**

## **GARDEN SHOW**

**CLASSES FOR EVERYONE  
INCLUDING CHILDREN**

**Why not bring your hanging basket or tub along**

**Schedule enclosed  
or contact David Groves with any queries  
07860 301899**

# **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

**SCHEDULE ENCLOSED  
COME ON ALL YOU  
BUDDING DAVID BAILEY'S  
HAVE A GO!**

## **DOG SHOW**

**TERRIERS, LURCHERS AND LONG DOGS  
ON THE SATURDAY.  
ALL BREEDS, TYPES AND FUN CLASSES  
ON THE SUNDAY  
SCHEDULE ENCLOSED**

# **FARMING THROUGH THE AGES**

**The loan of materials for this display is needed, we had a small display in the Members Marquee last year and we would like to expand it this year, so if any of you have anything you would be willing to loan us for the weekend please let any committee member know or phone the Office (826275).**

**Collection can be arranged if necessary.**

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

**THESE ARE NOW OVERDUE AND IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE. ALSO YOU WILL NOT GET ANY PASSES FOR THE SHOW ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, BE ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCED ENTRY FEES IN THE EQUESTRIAN SECTION, NOR WILL YOU BE ABLE TO PURCHASE THE DISCOUNTED WIGHTLINK FERRY TICKETS AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS**

## **NEWS**

**Our thoughts go to Jim Toogood, who most of us know as our lovely electrician, who for years has made sure we are all safe and that everyone that needs power has it.**

**Jim recently very sadly lost his wife, who he was devoted to. He has also had a spell in hospital, but says he is now recovering and looking forward to seeing us all again soon.**

**Best wishes to you Jim, our thoughts are with you.**

**Congratulations to Mark Couch & Chris Baylis on your recent wedding, may you have a long and happy marriage.**

# **GARDENING HINTS & TIPS**

- 1. To sow small seeds in a seedbed mix them with four times their volume of silver sand, then sprinkle over the compost as normal.**
- 2. How deep to sow? As a general rule of thumb, cover most seeds with about their own depth of soil or compost.**
- 3. When is it worth soaking? The only advantage in soaking the seeds of peas and beans is to speed up germination.**
- 4. Where do I sow Hardy Annuals? Sow straight into open ground, provided the soil is right.**
- 5. Damping off, how do I stop emerging seedlings damping off? Pay extra attention to garden hygiene.**
- 6. Coping with tiny seed. To get even germination of small seeds like Primulas use good seed compost and sow the seeds indoors.**
- 7. Why F1 seeds are ok. F1 vegetable and flower seeds are worth the extra money they cost because you get better germination and better end results.**
- 8. Tomato skin split. Splitting is usually caused by unsettled weather coupled with lack of regular watering.**
- 9. Runner Beans. Runner beans do best in a slightly alkaline soil that drains freely but does not dry out in the summer.**
- 10. Sow indoors or out? For early plants indoors is best. For late plants, sow outdoors**

**These hints and tips kindly provided by John Reynolds (President RIWAS)**