

# WHAT TO SEE AND DO AT THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW

*10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010*

A visit to the **FARMING AND WILDLIFE AREA** is a must and this is where many school parties begin their day at the Show. There are many interactive displays and demonstrations including Huxley's Birds of Prey, sheep shearing, Storyteller, pond dipping, fly-tying and hurdle making. Timings for these demonstrations will be displayed within the Farming and Wildlife Area.

Whilst in the Farming and Wildlife Area be sure to check out the '**KNOWLEDGE BOX**' the Society's Education marquee which this year – the International Year of Biodiversity - is featuring '**Sustainable Methods of Land Management and Food Production**'. Find out how farmers can encourage biodiversity on their farms. Spot the wildlife in the hedgerow, find out how field margins can benefit biodiversity and how beetles can help the farmer with pest control. The **Children's Activity Area** will feature a large countryside mural that children can populate with bugs and beasties and put leaves on the trees. Make a bug house from recycled materials. Try the floor puzzles and find out about insect lifecycles. Create an attractive Hay Hat to wear at the Show.

Buttercup, our very well behaved cow, will be back by popular demand – try your hand at milking her. See how much a dairy cow eats in a day and how many litres of milk she can produce.

Entries for the **Schools Competition** will be on display – all schools are welcome to take part (see entry form attached). Also on display will be entries from the Jim Green Memorial Competition which was judged earlier in the year along with reports from land-based colleges that have received grants from the Society. The Countryside Foundation for Education (CFE) will also be represented and information on how the countryside and farming links to the National Curriculum will be available.

There will be plenty of livestock on show including **CATTLE, PIGS** and **SHEEP** (between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street), **GOATS** (off 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue), **HORSES**, and **HOUNDS** (near the Norfolk Pavilion). The Fur and Feather Marquee is located on 6th Avenue close to the Abergavenny (cattle) Building where you can see an extensive display of **POULTRY & RABBITS**.. The Abergavenny building, housing the cattle, is open to the public but Health and Safety Regulations require it to be closed when cattle are being moved. The Grand Parade of Prize Winners and other livestock takes place daily in the **ARDINGLY (main)** Ring. We would remind you that after touching any animals all members of your party should use the handwashing facilities provided.

**SHOW JUMPING** takes place in the **BALCOMBE** Ring. **MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND PONIES** are judged in the **CUCKFIELD** Ring.

The theme of this year's **MEET THE FARMER BARN AND BLUE GATE FARMYARD** is 'Food for Thought' and well worth investigating.

The **FARRIERS** demonstrate their skills near the Equestrian Rings and the competition and display by the **WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF BLACKSMITHS** is located on 2nd Avenue

A magnificent display of **FLORAL ART, FRUIT and PLANTS** can be found in the **FLOWER TENT**. Find out more about **BEES and HONEY** in their own special marquee on 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Look out for the **RURAL CRAFT Marquee** on Central Avenue as the exhibitors have much of interest on show. The **HEART OF ENGLAND CRAFT WORKERS GUILD** has working demonstrations in their marquee on 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

The display of entries in the prestigious **YOUNG CRAFTSMAN OF THE YEAR** competition is located on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue. Very high quality work in ceramics, wood, metal and textiles from young craftsmen is on display.

**Modern Farm Machinery** can be seen at a number of locations. **The South of England Agricultural Contractors and the Vintage Farm Machinery (SEVAC)** are on Main Street and Horsham Historics can be found in Block 10 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

The **FOOD FAIR** and **FESTIVAL OF FOOD** provide for a variety of tastes. You can sample and purchase drinks, cheeses, pies, ice cream, bread, sausages and more, many of these are locally produced.

Don't forget to go and meet the **YOUNG FARMERS** at their stand on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**TRADE STANDS** - numbering several hundred - offer information on a variety of topics and cater for many needs and interests.

**A PICNIC AREA** is provided near the Princes (main) Gate

**LOST CHILDREN** will be directed to the *Church Tent* situated on 8<sup>th</sup> Street where they will be looked after until collected.