

EDENBRIDGE & OXTED

AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Celebrating the country way of life since 1837

Update for Members, June 2022

We hope you enjoyed the recent Jubilee celebrations and the long weekend. The next bank holiday sees us all coming together at the Showground once again! A big thank you to you for renewing your membership for this year.

Plans for the show are shaping up well, with competition entries and trade stand bookings coming flying in every day. We're working hard to answer demand for more premium clothing and garden stands and we're finding that a number of your favourite traders who weren't on the road last year after COVID are safely booked in to return.

Across all our sections, competition classes are well-supported with good numbers of entries, but the current economic climate is making it harder than ever for us to attract sponsorship for those classes. We really rely on sponsorship to help towards our costs and prize money and we offer super packages to sponsors in return. Sponsorship can be a fun gift for a loved one – they could be presenting rosettes to prize pigs or a brilliant bull! It can also provide great exposure for your business with tannoy announcements, banners on display, super photographs for social media and a fun day out for your invited guests. This year we still need a sponsor for our prestigious Supreme Horse competition, for showjumping classes, for our new Welsh pony classes, for Shire horses and for Veterans. There are opportunities to sponsor classes in Beef Cattle too – you could be in the ring presenting the cup to the prize Aberdeen Angus or Charolais cow! Sponsorship starts from just £150 and makes all the difference to our charity. To chat further please just call or email the office.

The showground is looking very lush and green at the moment with its new wildlife hedge taking root nicely

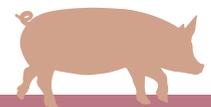


As a sponsor you could be presenting the prizes!

(see p4) and with all the redundant horsewalk fencing now removed. SEVAC have kindly taken charge of repairing the fencing around the vintage tractor area and our Country Sports volunteers are already working on site to make a truly first class gundog competition area. Gundogs will also be taking centre stage in the Main Ring this year with a world class demonstration from Philippa Williams of Castlemans Gundogs (see p3 for more).

As we begin the countdown to 28th August we rely increasingly on our showground team and on a huge band of volunteers to help us put the jigsaw puzzle together. Our grateful thanks to all!

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Join in with the competition fun!

You don't need to be a competition rider or a farmer to bag yourself a rosette at the E&O Show. Have you got some prize-winning potatoes? Trophy-winning tomatoes? Or perhaps some first-class flowers you'd like to show off? Then you'll be pleased to know that our Horticulture entries are now live!

Regular visitors to our show will know that the Horticulture Marquee is the place to go for vibrant colours, scents and creative displays. We offer the chance for amateur gardeners, florists and cooks to show off the fruits of their hard work in the garden and the kitchen before an esteemed panel of expert judges, with prize cards, prize money and trophies awarded for merit.

This year we're introducing our new House Plant category and we'll have all our favourites from last year including the 'Plot to Plate' fruit and vegetable classes and the NAFAS Flower Arranging Competition with the 2022 theme being 'Time to Celebrate'.

Boasting dedicated sections for Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, Fuchsias, Pelargoniums, Cacti and Succulents, all of which are affiliated to their relevant societies, the master gardeners are well catered for. We also have a whole host of classes for children, including the fun of the 'longest bean' and 'wonkiest veg' which means you really can get the whole family involved. Entry fees per class for members are just £1.50 – enter online through our website.



Guest and Junior Badges

If you want to bring day guests along or need to purchase a Junior badge then applications are now open. Guest badges are £21 each and Junior badges are £8 (required for 5-15 yr olds).

You can call us to buy over the phone with a card payment or direct debit payment (01342 832307), or you can buy these online through a members only link. All our members who receive electronic communications from us have had an account created for them on our website. To purchase online:

- Please visit www.edenbridge-show.co.uk and click 'Sign In' (top right of the page).
- Enter your email address and click 'forgotten password' to reset it to something memorable for you.
- Once logged in you can review and update your information and use these links to make your purchases:
Guest badges: <https://www.edenbridge-show.co.uk/products/23>
Junior Badges: <https://www.edenbridge-show.co.uk/products/24>
- Click on the shopping cart icon to complete your purchase with a card payment.

Please do not make a new account on our website with a different email address as it won't be linked to your membership in our system!



Charity Spotlight

Whilst the Edenbridge & Oxted Agricultural Show is a charity itself, did you know we support other charities too? We give grants each year to charities selected by our Honorary Almoner.

One of those charities to benefit this year is the Addington Fund, a UK farming charity that falls under the 'Farming Help' umbrella, helping farming families in their time of need.

Since 2001 the Addington Fund has provided disaster relief and houses for families in England and Wales who must leave the industry and therefore their home, through no fault of their own.

Initially set up to help farmers suffering with the consequences of classical swine fever and the Foot and Mouth outbreak, the charity operates at real scale, providing emergency support regionally and nationally when natural disasters occur or when housing needs become a major obstacle.

As one of the five national Farming Help charities, the support given by the Addington Fund is entirely unique and that's why we're donating £1000 to their cause. If you're looking for help, or want to find out more, you can call them on 01926 620135.

Another organisation that we're excited to support this year is the Cobtree Young Farmers.

Meeting every Saturday, members are between the ages of ten and 18 years old and help out with the feeding and cleaning of the Kent Life animals, as well as taking trips to other farms to learn about new farming systems and advances in agriculture.

Of course, the young farmers come and help out at the Edenbridge and Oxted Agricultural Show every year too – they help set up the pens and exhibit their livestock as well – so it's with our great pleasure that we have awarded them a grant of £500 this year.

Grants Awarded:

Young Epilepsy, Lingfield (for use on horticultural projects)	£1000
Addington Fund	£1000
Perennial Gardeners Society	£1000
Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance	£1000
Surrey RABI	£500
Farms for City Children	£500
Cobtree Young Farmers	£500
Surrey Docks Farm	£500
TOTAL	£6000



Come and see some of the most accomplished gundogs in the country as the Castlemans Gundogs take centre stage in the Main Ring at this year's Show.

Philippa Williams has been breeding and working Golden Retrievers, Labradors and Cocker Spaniels for the last twenty years, with an aim to produce dogs with excellent temperaments.

As a result of her training, the Castlemans Gundogs have retained the natural working ability, not only as a working dog but also for other sports such as agility and obedience, as well as making a fantastic companion for an active family and household – making it a 'must-see' event and one that is entirely new for 2022!

Member access to Stockman's Bar

Did you know that as a member you get access to the Stockman's Bar?

And we're not just talking about during the show either – you'll get to join the stockmen and women on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings when the bar stays open until midnight for anyone with a members' pass.

What's more, on Saturday and Sunday evening we'll have live entertainment with a DJ playing on Saturday and a live band performing on Sunday.

If you want to attend, please make sure you enter through the gate near the Red Barn off Tandridge Lane, as access on and off site is restricted after hours. You'll need to show your Member pass to Security to gain access.

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Meet the team!

Our Show Chairman for 2022 remains Louise Young in her third and final year in the role. Local dairy farmer, John Downing, remains our Show President. Our Vice Chairman position is shared between two of our trustees, Holly Taylor and Bill Peters.

Holly has been a part of the show since childhood, always to be found helping her mother Wendy take care of our Members' Marquee and organising the Show Ball. Becoming a trustee in 2010, Holly chaired our youth committee for eight years and now leads our new Members & Sponsors Committee. Holly's family have longstanding roots as farmers in Tandridge.

Bill Peters is well-known both locally and nationally in the farming world. He is Farm Manager for the Titsey Estate – responsible for their renowned pedigree herd of Sussex cattle along with management of the farm's arable cropping and a handful of pigs. Bill takes an active role in local NFU events, in breed societies and in judging various farming competitions around the country. He's been a trustee of our show since 2004.

Louise Young (above),
Holly Taylor (above
right)
Bill Peters (right)



The sun shone down on the Showground, as plenty of local families turned out on 10th April, armed with spades and trowels to help us plant trees for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and to take a look at the fantastic display of vintage tractors put on by the enthusiasts of South Eastern Vintage Agricultural Club (SEVAC).



Tractors & Trees

Planting 400 new saplings at the Showground, forming a new hedge in the field adjacent to Tandridge Lane, the local public have helped create a habitat that will encourage birds and other wildlife to nest and forage - increasing the biodiversity in the area.

Thanks to the generosity of their entrants and showground visitors the charity tractor run raised a grand total of £764 for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, which provides local support to the farming community across England and Wales.

"We were overwhelmed with the support we had from exhibitors, show organisers and the public," Anthony Bradford, SEVAC vice-chairman said. "There were many people who helped pull this together, so a big thank you to everyone who attended and to the landowners who let us use their fields."





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Main Ring Timetable

Sunday 28th August

Monday 29th August

Small Riding Horse (HOYS)	7.45am
Large Riding Horse (HOYS)	to follow
Riding Horse Championship	to follow
National Open 1.30m Showjumping	9.30am
Side Saddle Costume Concours d'Elegance	10.40am
Castlemans Gundogs demonstration	11.25am
Cavalcade of Footpacks	12.10pm
Mounted Fancy Dress sponsored by Toyland	12.40pm
Area Trial - 1.50m Showjumping sponsored by Jackson-Stops, Oxted	1.25pm
Osborne Refrigerators Double Harness Scurry Championship	2.35pm
Vintage Farm Machinery sponsored by Yeowart Agricultural	3.35pm
Castlemans Gundogs demonstration	4.15pm
Heavy Horse Turnouts (Pairs) sponsored by Longley Associates	5.00pm

Lightweight Show Hunter of the Year (HOYS) sponsored by The Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent Hunt	7.45am
Middleweight Show Hunter of the Year (HOYS) sponsored by The Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent Hunt	to follow
Heavyweight Show Hunter of the Year (HOYS) sponsored by The Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent Hunt	to follow
Show Hunter of the Year Championship	to follow
Ladies' Side Saddle Show Horse of the Year (HOYS)	to follow
Cavalcade of Fox Hounds	11.00am
Vintage Farm Machinery sponsored by Yeowart Agricultural	11.30am
Coaching Four in Hand sponsored by Longley Associates	12.15pm
Castlemans Gundogs demonstration	12.45pm
Grand Parade of Livestock, sponsored by Alex Jones Funeral Directors	1.30pm
Harwoods Accumulator Showjumping sponsored by Harwoods	2.45pm
Castlemans Gundogs demonstration	3.55pm
Supreme Ridden Horse Championship	4.40pm
Presentation of Winston Churchill Memorial Trophy	to follow
Foxhunter 1.20m Open Showjumping sponsored by Croydon Fireplaces	5.30pm

Fine local food and drink

With so much to see you're going to need some nourishment to sustain the fun, so we've been working to make sure that the food and drink on offer reflects what we know our members and visitors want - top quality food from local farmers and artisan producers at fair value prices.

You'll find biltong from Sussex, fresh cookies from Kent and gin crafted in the foothills of the South Downs. Wood fired pizzas, hand made pies, chutneys and cheese, smoked fish, fresh meat, oysters, bread and olives galore will satisfy even the most discerning of palates!

Local brewers are out in force with our Stockman's beer tent filled with local ales, ciders and wines as we seek to showcase the very best from Kent, Sussex and Surrey.



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