

# **FERMANAGH COUNTY SHOW 2010**

**Show Dates : Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

The 175<sup>th</sup> Fermanagh County Show takes place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August and hosts a wide range of Livestock, Home Industry, Pet and Schools Classes. The popular Miniature Horse Demonstration will also include showing classes for the first time. The Local Food Festival is running again this year supported by Fivemiletown Creamery and the Northern Ireland Regional Food Programme. An extended Cookery Demonstration marquee sponsored by Safefood will host demonstrations throughout the show using the new RUAS food demonstration unit. There will be a vast array of trade exhibitors and with unprecedented demand for trade space this year there will be something of interest to all members of the family.

## **LIVESTOCK CLASSES**

Livestock classes take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August and provide exhibitors with a varied selection of classes for cattle, sheep and rare breeds. This year, sponsors have yet again been generous with their support across the sector. The Society welcomes renowned judges from England, Scotland, the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

### **Cattle Section**

In such a challenging year, the show is delighted to announce that both Northern Bank and Erne Veterinary have increased their support by sponsoring the Pedigree Simmental and Hereford Sections respectively. The Fermanagh Simmental Breeders have also stepped up their sponsorship for Fermanagh exhibitors in the Simmental section which is also kindly supported by the Northern Bank.

The National Hereford Show is being hosted in Fermanagh this year and the Show Society looks forward to welcoming Hereford exhibitors from across the province to Fermanagh for their flagship event.

The “Ivomec Super” Simmental Pair of the Year will take place at the show along as part of the excellent range of classes for pedigree and commercial beef cattle. Also in the beef section are classes for pedigree Limousins newly sponsored Gordon Robinson Property Sales and the Aberdeen Angus section sponsored by Nixon Meats and Riverside Quality Meats. The Ulster Bank Charolais classes and Acheson and Glover Other Pedigree Beef classes complete the Pedigree section which culminates in the L.A Richardson & Sons Supreme Beef Championship. The Interbreed Beef Championships are supported by John Thompson & Sons, Belcoo Pharmacy and Brian Keys Tractors. The ever popular Commercial Cattle Classes include Vaughan Trust sections for Fermanagh exhibitors and Commercial Cattle Exhibitors Club sections. The Supreme Commercial Championship is supported by Teemore Engineering and Easyfix Slat Rubber.

In the Dairy classes, Fermanagh County Show is pleased to host The Semex Dairy Cow or Heifer Championship. This year the competition is a direct entry class at Fermanagh Show and has attracted strong entries. The prizemoney of £400 for the best cow and £300 for the best heifer will ensure a high standard of competition. The Pedigree Holstein section has been sponsored by Fivemiletown Creamery. The All Ireland Championship Classes carry valuable prizemoney thanks to sponsorship from ADSA, Ulster Farmers Mart Co. Ltd, John Thompson & Sons Ltd. and United Feeds. The All Ireland Dairy Championship sponsorship has been renewed by Fane Valley Feeds and the Glanbia Milk Dairy Heifer Championship will also take place at the show.

### **SHEEP CLASSES**

The sheep classes at Fermanagh County Show have something for all sheep enthusiasts. Sections are held for Texel, Suffolk, Beltex and other Pedigree Breeds along with classes for Crossbreds. Section winners will go forward to compete for the Champion Sheep of the Show. The Vaughan Trust has continued their sponsorship of prizemoney for Fermanagh farmers. The sheep classes have received continued support from Three Valleys Veterinary, Osmonds Animal Health Products, Warren Kerr Farm Supplies, Farmcare Products and RW Loane Tyres. This year sees the inauguration of

the Knox Memorial Cup for the best Greyface Sheep in the show. It has been kindly donated by Mrs Cecil Knox in memory of her late husband, Cecil, who served for many years on the Show Committee.

### **YOUNG HANDLER CLASSES**

Young handler classes for sheep and cattle are a vital part of the show. Not only do they provide young people with an opportunity to play an active role and compete in the show but they ensure that there will indeed be a vibrant show for many years to come in Fermanagh. Young handlers will be able to demonstrate their skills in cattle and sheep handling with additional sections available in the Rare Breeds Classes for sheep, cattle and pigs.

### **POULTRY CLASSES**

R T D Crawford Ltd, Lisbellaw are again the sponsors of the Poultry classes. This year a wider selection of classes will be available to reflect the renewed interest in this section. The highest placed bird in each class exhibited by a Fermanagh Exhibitor will go forward to compete for the Vaughan Trust Fermanagh Poultry Championship. There are Irish Shows Association qualifier classes for Large Fowl and Bantams with prizemoney in the finals at Tullamore and Swinford Shows of €500 and €355 respectively.

### **RARE BREEDS CLASSES & DISPLAY**

**...including an alpaca shearing demonstration!**

The Northern Ireland Sperrin & Lakelands branch of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust will be putting on a display of rare breed livestock again this year to run alongside the Rare Breed classes. A display of Alpaca shearing on Tuesday night is sure to draw a crowd. The Pig judging will take place on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm beside the main Mart Building and will include a Young Pig Handler class. Rare Breed Cattle classes are to be judged on Wednesday in the Showgrounds. There are new classes for Rare Breed Sheep and Young Handlers. A hog roast in the Local Food Festival Area will allow visitors to sample the quality of produce available from the growing rare breed sector.

### **VAUGHAN TRUST SPONSORSHIP**

The Vaughan Trust has provided sponsorship and support throughout all sections of the show for the Fermanagh rural and agricultural sectors. There are awards in livestock, home industries and schools classes with additional prizemoney confined to Fermanagh exhibitors.

### **LOCAL FOOD FESTIVAL**

Thanks to support from Fivemiletown Creamery and assistance from the Northern Ireland Regional Food Programme the Local Food Festival has been developed further this year. Local food will be showcased in the Foodhall area with produce of all kinds available for sampling and purchase including the Mash Direct Bus, Cherry Tree Bakery, Fivemiletown Cheese and Pheasant Hill Hog Roast. The ever popular Cookery Demonstrations will take place in the new demonstration unit which has been made available by the RUAS and this year Fermanagh County Show is delighted to welcome on board Safefood as sponsors of the Cookery Demonstration Marquee. Demonstrators include Liz Moore and Naseem Booth from Belle Isle School of Cookery and chefs from the Ulster Pork and Bacon Forum.

### **SCHOOLS SECTION**

The Impartial Reporter has very generously sponsored the School Section again this year. A large number of entries have already been judged, and children throughout the county have again excelled themselves in the standard of work being entered. Over 1700 individual pieces of art, craftwork and writing will be judged for the show. Fermanagh Show is proud to have one of the best supported schools sections in the province and the displays provide a wonderful attraction for both the children and their families over the course of the show.

### **HOME INDUSTRIES**

The Home Industries Section has a wide range of classes for all members of the family. The resurgence of home grown produce has revitalised the fruit and vegetable section and there are classes to cater for all shapes and sizes of produce. There are also classes for eggs and honey. The ever popular cut flower and floral exhibit classes display the talent of local flower enthusiasts. For those of a culinary inclination, the cookery and jam section allows entrants to demonstrate their finest wheaten bread, scones and jams.

The art and photography classes are sure to have a wide selection of entries again this year and although the snow and floods of the winter seem a distant memory, there will no doubt be many stunning images on display to remind us of them.

Fermanagh County Show is hosting qualifiers for The Irish Shows Association competitions in Home Cooking – The Odlums All Ireland Home Cooking Championship, The Chocolate Cook of the Year, The Bridge House Collection of Vegetables and the Bord Bia Potato Championship. Qualifying entrants at Fermanagh County Show go forward to the Final held at Shows later in the season.

### **DOG SHOW**

For those with canine companions, the popular dog show will take place on Tuesday evening at 6pm with entries taken on the field. Thornhill Country Club & Kennels have continued their sponsorship this year and Mackle Dog Foods will present feed prizes on the day.

Fermanagh County Show this year will host a qualifier class for the €500 All Ireland Gain Dog Food Championship Class.

### **AGRICULTURAL VINTAGE DISPLAY**

The Agricultural Vintage Display and subsequent parade will take place on Wednesday in the Show Grounds. There will be a £100 prize draw for exhibitors and also a “Guess the original registration date – Vintage Competition” with a prize of £50. Exhibitors will receive complimentary entry and refreshments.

### **DONKEY DERBY**

Following its success last year, the Donkey Derby will again take place on Tuesday evening in the showgrounds. The event is staged and sponsored by local enthusiast Liam Leonard from Irvinestown and Redmills Feeds have come on board this year by donating feed for prizewinners on the night.

### **Miniature Horse Display & Show**

The display of Miniature Horses sponsored by the Fermanagh Herald has attracted a great following at the show and for the first time there will also be showing classes for miniature horses on Tuesday night in the showgrounds. The three highest placed entrants in selected

classes will qualify for the Miniature Horse of the Year Show in Arena UK in October.

### **Trade Exhibits**

A wide range of stands catering for all ages and interests will be on display throughout the show. The support from local businesses has been even greater than usual and visitors to the show can expect a wide and varied selection of goods and services on offer. Children will have plenty to keep them occupied with plenty of outdoor entertainment and facepainting on offer. There is also a pet and rabbit show to view in the mart building.

### **Band**

Letterbreen Silver Band will be playing on Tuesday evening at the show.

### **Animal Weight Judging Competitions**

This year, there will be two weight judging competitions on offer to those with a good eye for cattle. On Tuesday, the Irish Aubrac Cattle Breed Society will run a competition in the mart auction ring and on Wednesday The Ulster Farmers Mart, Enniskillen have sponsored generous prizemoney for those who can successfully guess the weight of a Pedigree Aberdeen Angus animal kindly supplied by the Aberdeen Angus Society.

### **Most Suitably Dressed Competitions**

sponsored by new sponsors Graham Menswear & Graham Womenswear, Enniskillen.

### **Free Prize Draw in the Show Catalogue**

### **Fermanagh Young Farmers**

The Fermanagh Young Farmers will compete in "It's a knockout" on Tuesday evening. The Show Princess will be selected during their Show Dance at the Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Music on the night will be by Fantasy.

## **Buses**

A free shuttle bus will operate along the Tempo Road for visitors to the show sponsored by Graham Tours. There will also be a Show Bus departing from the car park opposite Iceland at 6.30pm and 7pm on Tuesday evening and returning at 9.30pm and 10pm. Visitors are encouraged to make use of the shuttle bus services.

## **Tickets**

Tickets for the show are available from a number of local outlets for advance purchase at a reduced rate of £5. This represents a significant saving compared to the normal rate of £7 at the gate for adults. Children are admitted free and youths are £3 at the gate.

Outlets:- NFU Office Enniskillen, Dowlers - Lisnaskea and Enniskillen, Erne Veterinary – Lisnaskea and Enniskillen, Liam Leonard – Irvinestown, Tom Read Menswear- Irvinestown

## **Website**

Show information is accessible on the website,  
[www.fermanaghcountyshow.org.uk](http://www.fermanaghcountyshow.org.uk)

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