



## ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



### **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all at RASC**

RASC would like to wish all members, associates, trustees and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to an exciting 2018 with bi-annual Conference in November 2018.

### **Christmas message from our Press Secretary, David R. Alcorn**

As we bring you the last newsletter of the year, not only does 2017 draw to a close but so does the RASC's close relationship with the Royal Highland, which has serviced all of our administration needs for the past number of years. I must thank all of the staff who have been involved with the RASC during this time - both whilst I was Secretary, and before and after - as they work so hard to ensure RASC functions as well as possible. We are very much looking forward to 2018 when the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association take

over the reins and will become our Secretariat provider. Changes to contact details for the RASC are detailed further on in this newsletter.

I must thank those members, associates and friends who have sent me news recently - this is very much appreciated! The RASC considers communication between Commonwealth agricultural organisations of utmost importance, and we are pleased to be able to share your news with our other members, associates and friends. Keep it coming! Any news, no matter how small, photographs from your events, or anything you think may interest others in the RASC, should all be sent to [rascpress@outlook.com](mailto:rascpress@outlook.com)

Finally, I wish you all the very best for the forthcoming festive season, and that you enjoy a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017!





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### Crowds enjoy third Cornish Winter Fair

Over 6000 visitors headed to the Royal Cornwall Events Centre at Wadebridge on Saturday to attend the 2017 Cornish Winter Fair.

The event has become a firm favourite with exhibitors and visitors alike. The competitive sections were closely contested and entries, totaling more than one thousand, were up on last year.

Spectators surrounded the livestock judging rings as the winners were chosen, with seasoned observers and uninitiated members of the public rubbing shoulders.

Stewart Cornelius from Davidstow presided over a strong sheep section and picked Gwen Renfree's Beltex sheep as pair's champion. Miss K Rowe from Looe was reserve with a pair of Lleyn X Texel sheep. The champion single lamb was won by Graham Tucker from Lewannick with a Texel X.

Cheers greeted the selection of the best beast in the cattle section after judge Colin Hutchings from Dulverton built up the atmosphere ahead of naming 'Chocolate', a Limousin X Steer, owned by Nigel & Liz Bunkum from Merrymeet, Liskeard the champion. Kian Frain, Tregadillett from Launceston with a Limousin X British Blue Heifer took the reserve title.



It was double success for the Bunkum's who also secured the young beef champion with South Devon Bull 'Tregarrick Hamalton'. Mr P Richards of Hayle was the reserve in this class with a Limousin Heifer.

The produce section saw giant vegetables, inventive handicraft examples and mouth-watering cookery entries.



The children's section was crammed with colourful creations and saw Henry James from Hayle pick up the trophy for accumulating the most points. Wadebridge Primary Academy took the award for the most successful school this year.

Wadebridge Young Farmers' Club topped the YFC points competition and St Kew WI came out on top among within the Women's Institute classes.

Farming minister and Cornish MP, George Eustice, was the event's president this year and presented awards to the many winners.

Visitors also enjoyed browsing more than 100 trade stands which included local food, drink and craft producers. Traders enjoyed a busy time with reports of strong sales.

Bethany Harrington of Truly Cornish Cupcakes said:

"Being a new exhibitor we weren't too sure what to expect but we had a fantastic day and met some great Cornish suppliers and lots of customers.

"The Cornish Winter Fair promotes and celebrates the best of Cornwall and local agriculture and we were delighted to have been a part of it.



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## Tom Tudor becomes the 2018 President

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Renowned and highly respected farmer, Mr Tom Tudor MBE FRAGS, Llanerfyl, Welshpool, has officially been elected as the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society's President for 2018, during Montgomeryshire's Feature County year.

"Our year has arrived and we look forward to working with everyone involved with the Royal Welsh over the next 12 months. Montgomeryshire is a great county and we aim to make the most of the opportunity to get together, have fun as a community and raise funds for the society."

## 28<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Agriculture Conference, Canada

The next Commonwealth Agriculture Conference will take place in November 2018 at Northlands, Canada. Please stay tuned for more information about booking for this exciting conference.



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Further information can be found on their website:

[www.rasc2018canada.com](http://www.rasc2018canada.com)

## RASC Secretariat in 2018



As you are aware RASC administration will now be undertaken by the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association with effect from 1 January 2018.

As such, there will be a number of changes taking place and we will endeavor to keep our members, associates and friends up to date with all changes applicable to them.

A reminder of the change of address and contact details for RASC next year:

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Dereham Road,  
Norwich,  
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RNAA have advised that the point of contact in the first instance will be **Freya Carter** who can be contacted by telephone on **01603 731977** or by email [freya.carter@rnaa.org.uk](mailto:freya.carter@rnaa.org.uk)

As membership subscriptions become due in January, Royal Norfolk will be contacting all of you to let you know the amount due, and where it should be paid. If your account is normally paid automatically (by standing order or similar), please ensure this is put on hold until you are advised of the new details.