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150 years in 2010

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The newsletter from the Royal Agricultural  
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## Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

With compassion and discretion we provide welfare advice, care and financial provision to those in the farming community suffering need, hardship or distress.

Through our volunteers and supporters we raise the funds to maintain and develop a cost effective service capable of meeting their welfare and well-being needs.

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Welly tractor pull at Bicton College  
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# Times change ... needs don't

By December 1859 John Joseph Mechi had successfully canvassed the great and the good of the land, gaining their support for his proposed charity to help retired farmers. But it was the yeoman farmers of Britain, in their hundreds, who followed the example of the landed gentry and ensured not only the establishment of the Agricultural Benevolent Institution in 1860 but that it is still going strong.

The past 150 years have seen many changes both in the farming world and in RABI, as it keeps pace with the requirements of the industry it serves. There have also been considerable changes in its funding. The annual subscription – originally a guinea (£1.05) – has given way to voluntary donations and fundraising, but the bulk of our support continues to come from the farming community.

Even the progressive John Mechi, who was laughed at when he predicted that one day machines would replace the horse, would be amazed by many of the changes. Some things, such as the role played by computers in agriculture and commerce alike, would be unimaginable but others, like disasters on the farm or collapses in the money market, would be only too familiar.

However much the world is changing, the need for support when things go wrong and the need to help those suffering the consequences, will always be with us. People's requirements will change and RABI will continue to adapt to meet them but as long as there is a need to provide help it will continue to do so.

To have given unbroken support for 150 years is an achievement of which to be proud and worthy of celebration. Nevertheless we must not lose sight of our objectives – to provide financial support for those for whom there is little to celebrate. It is fitting, therefore, that events marking the anniversary throughout 2010 will also be fundraising occasions.

It is also appropriate that many of the church services will be acts of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for those pioneers who established the charity and gave RABI its sound foundations; thanksgiving for the thousands who have supported it over the years; and thanksgiving for all those who currently give of their time, their expertise and their donations. They are ensuring that we can continue to improve the lives of those in need.

To help us celebrate and raise awareness you are invited to join in as many of the 150th events and activities as you can. As well as the list on page 16 you can get details and keep up to date with any changes and additions by visiting the website – [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk)



**Nicholas Bond**  
*Editor*

# Bank's charity of the year

Dick Mason, senior agricultural manager Lloyds TSB Agriculture, visited Shaw House in October to announce that the agricultural division of the bank, together with AMC, the agricultural mortgage division, had selected RABI to be their charity of the year for 2010. He also took the opportunity to tour the building, meet staff and learn how RABI operates.

Speaking about the decision to choose RABI in its anniversary year, he said: "It's so easy for all of us to forget those less fortunate than ourselves. Thankfully RABI doesn't. One hundred and fifty years of providing help and support to the farming community is a fantastic achievement. We know that the money we raise will make a real difference to a lot of needy people in our industry, what could be better?"

Welcoming the announcement, RABI chief executive Paul Burrows said: "We are delighted to have the support of a national financial business with so many links to the farming industry. Obviously we look forward to the fundraising possibilities which such an association will bring but equally important will be the opportunities to build awareness of the support that is available to those in need in the farming community."

Lloyds TSB Agriculture and AMC join a number of other companies and organisations, including several county agricultural societies, which have selected RABI as their charity of the year or have pledging their support for the 150th anniversary activities. A full list will be published in the



Dick Mason sharing a joke with Trish Pickford, head of welfare

next issue of R.A.B.I. News. It will be available, and updated, on the website - [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk).



## Anniversary calendar

The much-admired annual RABI calendar has a new format for 2010. To mark our 150th anniversary the 'Times change ... needs don't' calendar compares farming activities then and now. It also includes information about how RABI provided help over 100 years ago and how it is supporting those in need at the present time.

Colourful, informative and with plenty of space to write appointments, reminders and notes, it will enhance the kitchen or the office and, at only £8.50 – including postage and packing, it makes an inexpensive present. Thanks to the support of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, all the proceeds from the sale of calendars will go to helping those in need.

A donation form is enclosed or you can contact the fundraising, marketing & communications department on 01865 724931.

## Annual hamper campaign

It is that time of year again when we launch the annual RABI Christmas hamper campaign.

This campaign has gone from strength to strength since it was first launched six years ago and we are hoping that 2009 will not be an exception.

The hampers bring Christmas cheer to many people who receive very little of the things many of us take for granted during the festive season. We know from the many letters and calls received by the welfare department just how greatly the hampers are appreciated. This does come at a cost so the more we raise towards these the better.

A donation form is enclosed or you can contact the fundraising, marketing & communications department on 01865 724931.

## Classic tractor for RABI

In recognition of our 150th anniversary, Tractors Ancient and Modern, a small group of vintage enthusiasts, are fully restoring and raffling a classic 1965 Ford 2000 tractor and donating the proceeds to RABI.

The Ford 2000, which was launched at the 1964 Smithfield Show had a limited production life, quickly being superseded by the 3000 and 4000 so this early example is expected to attract a lot of interest. Having been donated by Peter Godwin from Bicester, it is currently on a journey back and forth across the country with the engine being reconditioned in Cheshire, the body sand blasted and sprayed in Lincolnshire and various parts being donated from different parts of the country.

Tickets will be on sale in the new year, at £1 each, and it is hoped to take the restored tractor to as many events as possible during 2010, starting at LAMMA in January, although it may not quite be fully restored by then, and finishing at the Tractor and Heritage Show in November when Lord Plumb will be drawing the winning ticket.



The RABI tractor waiting for its make over!

## Win a holiday and help a filmmaker support RABI

Nick Jones is an emerging young filmmaker who understands farming and the countryside. He grew up on his father's farm in the west midlands and his family have farmed for many generations and are still doing so.

Nick is currently making a film to "highlight the plight and struggle of British farmers and the rural way of life". He has the support of both the NFU and the Countryside Alliance and plans to donate any profits from the film to RABI.

In order to help fund the venture he has organised a prize draw for a holiday in Spain, VIP West End theatre tickets and hotel, and over 20 other tempting prizes. Tickets, costing £10 each, have been limited to 2,000 and it is planned to hold the draw in January. Full information and tickets are available online by visiting [www.grassrootsmedia.co.uk](http://www.grassrootsmedia.co.uk) or from Grass Roots Media, 9 Abberley Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire, DY13 0NZ.

*Sadly, we have to report the recent deaths of three stalwart supporters of RABI, each of whom had contributed to the growth and development of the charity in very different ways. Their contributions will not be forgotten.*

### John Ainscow

John Davenport Siddeley Ainscow, who died in September, aged 79 after a long illness, was one of the last RABI trustees able to serve for an unlimited time. A partner with the firm of Warwickshire accountants Burgis & Bullock, he became a trustee in 1970, and was appointed honorary treasurer in 1974, a post he held for 23 years. He remained a trustee until 1998, stepping down after 28 years of dedicated service, when RABI was restructured, limiting the time that a person could serve as a trustee and reducing the size of the council from 21 to 12. In 1990-91 he served as High Sheriff of Warwickshire.



John Ainscow waiting to greet the secretary of state for agriculture to the RABI Royal Show stand in 1998

### John Howell

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of John Howell at the age of 73, following a lengthy illness. *Erys Hughes writes:*

I had the privilege and pleasure of knowing John for almost ten years, initially as vice-chairman of Carmarthenshire RABI committee, then chairman and latterly president. He was not only a gentleman but also a very kind and gentle man who was much liked and respected by all who knew him.

There were many important factors in John's life, none more so than his family, of whom he was very proud and devoted. He was also committed to his church, which played a very important part in his life. He had always worked in and lived for the agricultural community, not only in Carmarthenshire but also much further afield, and farming always remained very close to his heart. He was dedicated to RABI, which was an important part in his life and for which he had worked unstintingly for numerous years; this service was recognised two years ago when he received the special RABI Trustee Award.

Our thoughts, naturally, are with Margaret and the rest of his family at this difficult time, and I feel sure that those who knew him would wish to share with me in expressing our sincerest sympathy.



John Howell in front of the camera during the filing of the RABI 'Help for all seasons' DVD

### Norman Painting OBE

In his life-long stage persona Norman Painting was probably the best known family farmer in the country, yet in real life he had neither a farm nor a family. While a nation of Archers fans mourn the demise of 'Dan Archer', at RABI we lament the death of a long-time supporter and vice-president.

In 1966 he was invited to launch the Farmers' Favourites cookbook on the RABI stand at the Royal Show. He spent an hour signing copies of the book, compiled by Sally Mitchell (then a RABI trustee), and he became a supporter of RABI.

In October 1999, as part of RABI Awareness Week, Norman made a BBC Radio 4 appeal on our behalf which raised over £38,000 - an amount, which that year, was second only to the annual Radio 4 Christmas appeal. The following year he was again on the RABI stand at the Royal Show, on this occasion to receive a citation for his support and to acknowledge his appointment as an RABI vice-president.



Norman Painting (left) with John Wallis (then RABI chairman) at the Royal Show in 2000

## Staff news

### Something to shout about

*Emma Gibson, head of HR and administration, writes:*  
Very occasionally, in R.A.B.I. News, you will read that a new staff member has joined our team. You may be interested to learn that RABI actually employs 120 staff, the majority of whom work at our two residential homes.

We have 22 staff who have completed 10 years or more service with RABI, that's nearly 20% of the workforce! Not many organisations can boast such statistics.

Our longest serving staff members work at Manson House, our home in Bury St Edmunds. They are Marion Bryant, 31 years (of service), followed closely by Sylvia Smith, nearly 27 years and Jennifer Baker, 22 years. At Beaufort House, in Burnham-on-Sea, Jane Cockerell and Tana Burnett both celebrated 20 years this year; while Alison Payne and Sandra Slade have been with us for 18 years; and Julie Redman and Diane Long for 16 years.

By comparison, at head office we are spring chickens! In the welfare department Trish Pickford has clocked up 16 years, closely followed by Christophine Goss with 15 years. Head of finance Colin Cooper, who also has 15 years service will complete his 180th payroll in December: thank you Colin!

It proves that not only does RABI do fantastic work for those who need our support it is also a very good employer.

Next year R.A.B.I. News plans to give these staff the recognition they deserve.

### News from Canada

In the previous issue of R.A.B.I. News we recorded the departure of regional officer Fay Dewey, who had followed her heart to Canada. We can now report that she has caught up with it. The announcement of her engagement to Scott Kelman, on Halloween weekend, was received with great delight by her friends and colleagues at RABI. We await details but rumour has it that there could be a Christmas wedding in Hawaii!

## Christmas Cards

Demand has been high for this year's designs. Already two, the Angel Triptych and Christmas Eve, have sold out.

At the time of going to press supplies of the other five designs were still available, so if you have not bought your cards yet there is still time but you are advised to place your orders quickly.

Details of the cards and an order form can be found on the website - [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk). To place an order call 01948 831060 or email [RABI@rightsorth.com](mailto:RABI@rightsorth.com) or for more information contact fundraising, marketing & communications on 01865 724931.

# A week in Lincolnshire

Each September the welfare department takes a group of beneficiaries with companions or carers away for a week's holiday. For a great many of them this can be the first holiday they have had for years and in some cases the first one ever.

This year 29 beneficiaries, accompanied by Trish Pickford, head of welfare, and Christophine Goss, welfare manager (north), were taken to Lincoln, staying just outside the city at the Bentley Hotel, South Hykeham.

With activities and games planned for each day they were busy and entertained as these extracts from Christophine's web diary (for a fuller account and more pictures - visit [www.rabi.org.uk/about\\_rabi/BeniHolidays](http://www.rabi.org.uk/about_rabi/BeniHolidays))

**Saturday.** Brilliant sunshine. Everyone arrived at various times throughout the day, depending on their mode of transport. We held a drinks reception in the bar that evening, followed by a delicious three-course meal. Everyone retired early to bed.

**Sunday.** A day of rest. Time to recover after our travels and explore the local area. A few guests took advantage of the hotel's leisure facilities and chose to go for a swim, or use the sauna and steam room. After dinner, Christophine hosted a quiz with each member of the winning team receiving a goody bag.

**Monday.** Visited Lincoln Cathedral. After lunch in the Cathedral Centre there was a guided tour, which included an insight into some of the legends and fables, especially those concerning the Lincoln Imp. In the evening singer Claire Elise entertained everyone.



Learning about the cathedral

**Tuesday.** A trip to Normanby Hall, to explore the gardens and visit the hall and farming museum, with lunch in the Regency Suite. The evening entertainment was a beetle drive.



All together outside Normanby Hall

**Wednesday.** A day spent discovering Lincoln, visiting shops and cafés before enjoying singing and entertainment by Brother Crew in the evening.

**Thursday.** Off to Newark Air Museum for a guided tour of over 73 aircraft as well as displays of aviation memorabilia. Some took the opportunity to venture into one of the aircraft for a look around. Lunch in the Dambusters Hut. Golden oldies in the evening with Richie Richards and his keyboard.



Plane spotting

**Friday.** A beautifully sunny day for the visit to Woodside Falconry and Conservation Centre. As well as an entertaining falconry display there was the opportunity to handle snakes and other reptiles, such as a Bearded Dragon, a "first" for many of the group. The last evening was one of party games.

**Saturday.** A day of mixed emotions after a really good week. It was difficult to say goodbye, but many exchanged addresses and the memories will be etched in all our minds for years to come.



Making friends at the falconry Centre

## Celebrating 100

On 5th October Beaufort House resident Mrs Amy Matthews celebrated her 100th birthday.

To mark the occasion a party was held, with a musical afternoon, champagne and a beautiful 100th birthday cake made by relief cook Becky Simister. Amy was

presented with a bunch of flowers from all at Beaufort House and she took particular delight in her birthday telegram from the Queen.

Amy, who was born into a large family of 12 children, was the daughter of a farm worker. She also married a farm worker and was kept busy raising her two stepsons.

Making the birthday cake was Becky's last activity at Beaufort House before moving to Scotland. She had become renowned for her baking skills; last year she made an outstanding cake in the shape of a boot that raised £53 for Welly Week. Everyone at Beaufort will certainly miss her and we wish her well in her new home.

(Beaufort House is RABI's residential home in Burnham-on-Sea. To find out more about RABI's residential homes in Suffolk and Somerset visit [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk))



Becky Simister (left) presenting Mrs Amy Matthews with her birthday cake

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## Breakfasts and cream teas in the north east

We have had an excellent year this year. Despite the current economic climate we seem to still have the usual enthusiasm for fundraising! I am really looking forward to our 150th Anniversary year and hope that the north east can show 'em how it's done! We are making sure that there are special events going on in each county including church services, dinners, crazy Welly Week antics, luncheons and concerts.

What I would like to concentrate on are two easy things that everybody can get involved with - they are Farmhouse Breakfasts and the Cream

Tea Week. If you would like to organise a breakfast or a cream tea, either just inviting your friends round and asking for a small donation or organising one in your area please let me know. They are quite easy to do and great fun! Keep your eye on local press and of course our website for details of what is happening in our area. The first 2010 dinner we have is on 26th February at the Black Sheep Brewery, Masham. Let's kick the year off in the way it deserves - I'm really excited - I love parties!!

**Sally Conner**

## Musical Melodies in the region



Ken Jackson singing to a member of the audience in County Durham

Two members of the now famous Singing Farmers group, Ken Jackson and Tony Richards, have been out and about entertaining for RABI. There was an audience of 90 for the evening of Musical Melodies organised by the County Durham committee at Witham Hall, Barnard Castle. Together with income from the Eggleston Show, the committee raised £800.



Enjoying a pie and pea supper in East Yorkshire

The East Yorkshire committee organised a similar evening at Holme on Spalding Moor, which included a pie and pea supper. The evening raised more than £740.

## School harvest festival for RABI



Middleham School in North Yorkshire raised funds for RABI at their Harvest Festival with produce brought in to the school by parents. This was sold by a silent auction after the

service, raising £230.50. The cheque was presented to Sally Conner by Kyle, who had won second prize in the RABI decorated welly competition at Masham Sheep Fair. The school also wrote a Welly song (see Welly Week round up on page 14) which they sang at their harvest festival.

## YFC support in Northumberland



RABI was one of four charities to benefit from the £3,000 raised for charity at the Northumberland YFC county rally which was organised by Tritlington YFC. Picture shows members of Tritlington YFC with representatives of the four charities; the others being Ward 9 (stroke ward) Wansbeck Hospital, the Bobby Robson Foundation Freeman Hospital and Great North Air Ambulance; which each received £750 at the club's annual general meeting.

## Dolls Houses in Bedale



Mrs Jean Longstaff, a volunteer helper at the Dolls House Fair, with one of her five dolls houses and David Burke, North Yorkshire RABI chairman

The second annual Dolls House Fair, organised by the North Yorkshire chairman David Burke and his committee in Bedale High School, was a great success. As well as attracting exhibitors from across the UK, with dolls houses and miniature accessories to suit every taste, the attendance was well up on last year. In the words of regional officer Sally Conner: "It was a long day, from 6am to 8pm, and hard work as we do all the refreshments but it was enjoyable and very worthwhile".

## RABI cup for young shepherd



As well as having a stand at the Eggleston Show, County Durham, RABI also awarded a cup for the young sheep handler competition winner. The picture shows the cup being presented by the Hon Harry Vane with Sally Conner.

## A year to remember in the north west

There is never a dull moment in the life of an RABI regional officer! One minute I am shaking hands with royalty, the next I'm clinging onto a rock halfway down the River Eden (see Welly Week round up on page 14), and then watching camel racing in Yorkshire! What an exciting autumn it has been with highlights coming from all counties!

2010 is going to be a year to remember for all those involved with the charity and I am very much looking forward to the fantastic selection of events and celebrations throughout the north west (and beyond if I am invited!). Farmhouse Breakfast Week will no doubt be a hit again in Cumbria. Cheshire will be hosting a birthday party to remember, featuring the very popular Handbags of Harmonies ladies choir plus birthday cake and party bags for all! Lancashire have a band night and dinner dance to look forward to and we will be donning black ties in Kendal in April. Keep an eye on the website for updates on all the events in the north west and I look forward to seeing you all there!

Finally, thank you to all our wonderful committee members for their support this year, I can't do my job without you! Have a restful Christmas and New Year.

**Georgina Lamb**

## Carrs Milling spectacular

Carrs Milling came up trumps once again with a spectacular event at the Garden At Eden. In luxurious surroundings, 337 guests enjoyed fabulous food and a whole host of tempting auction lots. Top price of the evening was £2,000, for a box at Manchester United with a special guest appearance from Michael Owen. Many thanks go to Chris Holmes and his staff for their continued support which, as Georgina points out, really does make such a difference.



Keen interest in the auction as Georgina Lamb displays a crystal glass jug, donated to the auction of promises by Carrs Milling at their RABI fundraising event, while Ian Powley and Chris Holmes spot the bids

## Camels and Herefords at Penistone



Camel racing certainly drew the crowds to the Penistone Show, as did the good weather. The West Riding committee did a fantastic job selling a record number of Christmas cards. Thanks also to the NFU, who provided drinks and cakes and collected donations totalling £234. Meanwhile in the show ring committee member Heather Whittaker had considerable success with her prize winning Hereford cattle.

## Royal visitor at Sheepdog Trials

Georgina Lamb had the privilege of meeting the Princess Royal when she visited the RABI stand at the International Sheepdog Trials at Lowther Park in Cumbria. Georgina discussed her role as regional officer and the Princess spoke very highly of RABI. The three-day event enjoyed good weather and Cumbria committee members were busy selling Christmas cards in blistering sunshine!

## Lancashire praise and lunch

Lancashire enjoyed what was described as their best Songs of Praise service yet. Held at St John the Baptist Church at Burscough, over 100 people enjoyed hymns, prayers and poems in celebration of harvest time. The collection raised £480, thanks to all those who helped make the evening such a success.

The Lancashire Sunday lunch was also very well attended, with over £1,000 banked as a result of excellent ticket sales by the committee.

# Down to earth in the East Midlands

You can all breathe a sigh of relief – I am back on solid ground in one piece having survived the skydive in wellies! And they stayed on! Thank you to all of those who sponsored me and to those who supported us at Hinton in Hedges airfield on a dreary September afternoon. It was one of the most surreal experiences in my life, which I can now cross off my 'things to do before I'm 30' list! (see Welly Week round up on page 14)

It has been an incredible year, with many great events run by the East Midlands committees. A big thank you to everyone who has supported me throughout the past year – county committees, young farmers, NFU officers, colleagues, friends and family - without you all we would not be

able to achieve half as much as we have.

Looking forward to next year there are many anniversary celebration events being planned in the region. Arrangements are well underway for a ball at Belvoir Castle, a cocktail party at Welbeck Estate, a full day's clay shoot and dinner in Derbyshire, and a grand dinner in Northamptonshire! Two agricultural societies, the Newark and Notts and the Lincolnshire, have chosen RABI as their charity of the year.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and prosperous year in 2010.

**Milly Wastie**

## Northants reception



Enjoying a drink on a fine Sunday afternoon in September at the Northamptonshire harvest reception

Over 100 people gathered in the gardens of Flore Fields, by kind permission of Lady Morton, to enjoy drinks and canapés. A raffle made £400 and, thanks to Heygates and Fisher German who sponsored the food and drink, around £1,000 was raised overall.

## Harvest goes to town

Leicestershire committee member Simon Packe Drury Lowe once again organised a harvest festival service at St Giles in the Fields, London. This year a Case tractor took pride of place outside the church, bringing the countryside into the city. Simon also arranged a post-service supper with cheese and bread sponsored by Quenby Hall (Stilton), Sparkenhoe Farms (Red Leicester) and Geary's Bakeries, and the wine provided by the church.



The Ven Dr William Jacob (Archdeacon of Charing Cross), Charles Blessley (Case IH), Simon Packe Drury Lowe and the Right Revd Anthony Footit (formerly Bishop of Lynn) outside St Giles in the Fields

## Calendar girls



Following last year's welly calendar fundraising effort, which won them the RABI YFC Cup, the girls of Rearsby YFC recently presented the proceeds, a massive £3,435.47, to RABI regional officer Milly Wastie

## Sleaford cheque



Sleaford NFU branch in Lincolnshire have donated the £800 raised at their annual dinner to RABI and Lincolnshire Rural Stress Network. Present at the recent cheque presentation were (from left) Alison Twiddy (LRSN); Mark Talton NFU branch secretary; Chris Godson branch vice chairman; Andrew Baxter branch chairman; and Milly Wastie.

## Lincoln harvest service

Regional welfare officer Jill Line (second from left) with RABI beneficiaries who enjoyed tea and cake in Lincoln Cathedral following the annual NFU harvest festival service. Milly Wastie was also present, with a stand promoting RABI, and the collection from the service will be shared between RABI and Lincolnshire Rural Stress Network.



# A big hello in the west midlands

Since I joined RABI as the "new girl" for the west midlands on 1st September, it has been a busy few months getting to know RABI staff and my committees. I've travelled to various events including a fun ride in Warwickshire, RABI committee meetings, the Dairy Event at Stoneleigh, Shropshire's Blackberry Fair, several YFCs to talk to members, Herefordshire's Rural Hub AGM, Welly Week activities, and plenty of dinner dances, to mention just a few.

There is a lot to learn about RABI as the charity helps such a wide range of cases and offers varying support for beneficiaries. It was extremely worthwhile to be able to visit some of our beneficiaries with regional welfare officer Mel Jones, as it made it very clear why the charity exists.

One key point that has become evident is the continued dedication to RABI of its many supporters - these helpers and volunteers are a real inspiration to all.

I am so very pleased to have joined RABI at this exciting time, as our 150th anniversary is in sight. RABI's national race day will be taking place in our region, at Ludlow Racecourse on Thursday 1st April, so with preparations well underway, race-goers at the ready and the support of our invaluable county, regional and national volunteers, I know it will be a successful day.

**Kate Roberts**

## Warwickshire fun rides



Following last year's cancellation due to heavy rain, the Stratford-upon-Avon NFU's annual fun ride took place at its new venue - Orchard Hill Farm on the outskirts of Stratford, courtesy of John and Peter Lea. Despite the recession hitting similar events in the area it attracted over 100 riders on a wide range of horses, ponies and an ass!

The money raised, £1,800, was presented to Kate Roberts at the NFU branch dinner held in Stratford Cattle Market by branch chairman, David Hodges.



Kate also visited Stratford & Studley YFC where she received a cheque for £1,500 from the club chairman, George Dancer, which they had raised at their very successful annual fun ride in the spring.

## Worcestershire dinner

Held at the Pear Tree Hotel, Worcester, this year's Worcestershire RABI/NFU Dinner attracted 180 guests. They were entertained by guest speaker Andrew Densham, RABI national chairman, and auctioneer Clive Roads, who raised £2,760 from the charity auction which included a tour around the House of Lords, a trip on a long boat, and a balloon flight. Worcestershire RABI chairman, David Glover, described it as "a very successful event, raising £5,407. We received several large donations on the night, plus a selection of excellent auction and raffle prizes. Huge thanks must go to all those involved".



Andrew Densham (RABI chairman), David Glover (RABI county chairman) and Howard Aucote (committee member) at the Worcestershire RABI/NFU Dinner

## Pies, peas and auction lots in Staffordshire

The Sneyd Arms, Whiston was heaving with local farmers and their families for the Staffordshire committee's pie and pea supper, with traditional apple crumble, followed by the auction of 100 lots kindly donated by local people and businesses. The items for sale ranged from bags of dog food and a large bird table to homemade cakes and tool sets. The evening raised £2,612 plus £750 in match funding, generously donated by Barclays Bank's regional agricultural division.



Bidding at the pie and pea supper

The committee are now preparing for their next event, the annual dinner in March, when they will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary with BBC Countryfile presenter Adam Henson as the guest speaker.

# Planning for 2010 in the east

Autumn has always been a busy time within agriculture and it is no different for RABI and its supporters. There have been many successful and varied events in the region thanks to all those who have organised and supported them.

It was very good to join Sally Hubbard, our regional welfare officer on her visits to some of our beneficiaries in Essex and Suffolk. It is both useful and encouraging to see how we help.

Over the past few months I have given several talks to WIs, YFCs, faith groups and the English Speaking Union. It is always rewarding when members of the audience come up to you afterwards and suggest that

they know someone who might benefit from a call from RABI.

There will be a series of RABI county committee meetings before Christmas to finalise some of the activities being arranged for the 150th celebrations next year (see dates for your diary on page 16 or keep up to date by visiting [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk)). We hope you will be able to join us at the various regional events marking this milestone in RABI's history.

If you would like to help with our fundraising activities please contact me on 01366 385388.

Happy Christmas to you all.

**Bob Archibald**

## Manson House hog roast



James Stamper, ably assisted by Brian Carless, carving at the hog roast

As always, the annual Hog Roast at Manson House was a great success. With the sun shining, some 250 family and friends enjoyed the roast in the colourful gardens, with wonderful salads and desserts prepared by the Manson House staff. Head of home Carole Smith said: "It was wonderful to see so many friends and families of the residents and the weather has again been good to us. The staff at the home worked hard to provide a tremendous salad bar and sweets table, and James and Brian did an excellent job carving the pigs. Thank you to all who helped and attended".

## China talk in Suffolk

A Farming Help charities joint fundraiser was held at Athlington Hall, Horam, thanks to Peter Havers who provided the venue. An attentive audience of 60 people heard Suffolk RABI committee member James Stamper and Bob



Archibald's double act, showing slides and talking through some of the highlights of the RABI Great Wall of China Trek. They also enjoyed a fine hog roast produced and cooked by Peter Havers and, thanks to an anonymous person paying for the pig, the event raised £920.

## West Norfolk ride

The third annual West Norfolk horse ride attracted 45 riders. They had a choice of five-, eight- or 10-mile rides in glorious weather round the wonderful setting of the Pykney Hall Estate, by kind permission of Mr Anthony Duckworth-Chad.



Riders in one of the many Green Lanes on the ride

The local branch of RAYNET together with St John Ambulance provided radio links and emergency cover (which thankfully was not required) for the day.

## Good day at Cambridgeshire show

Members of the Cambridgeshire committee were busy selling Christmas cards and tickets for the summer draw at the 107th Annual Gransden Show



on a day when the perfect weather drew large crowds. Thanks to the Gransden and District Agricultural Society for again allowing us to attend the show free of charge and to the members of the Beds and Cambs Rural Support group for their help on the day, particularly at busy times.

## Pymoor presentation

Arthur Gee, chairman of the Cambridgeshire RABI committee (right) receiving a cheque for £2,000 from Brian Hobbs, chairman of Ely NFU branch at the Pymoor Show presentation evening. This followed the very successful show in July from which RABI was yet again one of the show committee's main charities to receive a donation from the event.



# South east up and running

Central heating on and Christmas approaching rapidly, the warm summer sun has disappeared and winter is upon us!

The last few months have, as usual, been a hive of activity with shows, ploughing matches and events. A big thank you from me to everyone for their help, support and all their hard work in the region to increase the profile of the charity. We now have a full house of very active committees,

with all nine counties up and running.

With 2010 on our doorstep, let's all celebrate this remarkable milestone and have some fun!

Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year and 2010.

**Sally Field**

## Kent Harvest Supper

The annual harvest supper in the Amos Hall, Ashford Market, attracted 150 people who enjoyed excellent food



and a good array of auction lots. Organised by David Chantler and family, David Brummell, and the Kent RABI committee, the evening raised over £4,000.

## Ploughing round the region

Autumn in the southeast is a time when the regional officer, accompanied by the RABI tent, spends a lot of time providing support for county committee members at ploughing matches across the region. As well as those that have regularly invited RABI to attend, this year there have been one or two new ones.



It was the first time that East Sussex RABI committee was invited to attend the Laughton Ploughing Match at Barcombe, near Lewes. As well as raising awareness about RABI, money was raised through the sale of Christmas cards.

## Name the cow in Hampshire



Sonja Porter, the new chairman of the Hampshire RABI committee, receiving a cheque from NFU group secretary Richard Buer (left), with committee member Denys Ryder

A presence at the Alresford Show proved to be a successful first event for the revamped Hampshire committee. A 'guess the name of the Highland cow' and the sale of Christmas cards raised over £400.



A milking cow display caused considerable interest at the annual Petworth & District Ploughing Match. Next to the eye catching display, the RABI stand did a steady trade in sales of tea, cakes and Christmas cards.

Other ploughing matches attended were Loseley in Surrey; the Weald of Kent; the East Kent, where a hamper kindly provided by Angela Hurst raised over £180; and West Grinstead in West Sussex.

## Lots happening on loW stand

The RABI stand at the annual Isle of Wight County Ploughing Match gets busier every year. This September there was a good trade in the Jolly Jars (homemade preserves); lots of raffle ticket buyers for the pedal tractor; plenty of competitors in the 'hit the nail on the head' competition; and steady trade in Christmas



Drawing the pedal tractor raffle

cards. Our thanks to the CLA director David Langford for organising tractor and trailer rides and a cake raffle for RABI, raising £200, and to NFU's Matt and Karin for their help and support. Overall more than £800 was raised on the day.

## Busy Bucks show

Another stand that gets busier every year is the one at Bucks County Show. Those running the stand, Alan and Janice Read and members of the Bucks RABI committee, together with regional welfare officer Sara Garner and Sally Field, were well looked after



Ready for business at Bucks show

with refreshments by NFU branch secretary Virginia Stollery. As well as Christmas cards, a crowd puller was the hamper raffle provided by Hunters farm shop (thanks to Anne and Andy Hunter), which raised £415.

# Tireless endeavour in Wales

As we near the end of another year, I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the conscientious and hard working members of our voluntary committees. Their commitment and tireless endeavour never ceases to amaze me.

This year has presented an even greater challenge as we rapidly approach a major landmark in our history. There will be many exciting events taking place during our 150th anniversary year, which I hope will

be supported and enjoyed by all. Let's hope that in the years ahead we will be able to say, "I was there".

I will be keeping an updated diary of Welsh events and activities on the RABI website, so please visit it regularly.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and enjoyable New Year.

**Erys Hughes**

# Ymdrechion diflino yng Nghymru

Wrth inni agosáu at ddiwedd blwyddyn arall, hoffwn fanteisio ar y cyfle hwn i ddiolch yn fawr iawn i holl aelodau gweithgar a chydwybodol ein pwyllgorau gwirfoddol. Mae eu hymrwymiad a'u brwdfrydedd diddiwedd yn fy synnu o hyd.

Mae eleni wedi bod yn fwy o her na'r un flwyddyn arall, gyda blwyddyn hollbwysig yn ein hanes ar y gorwel. Cynhelir lluo o ddigwyddiadau cyffrous yn ystod 2010, i ddatlu ein pen-blwydd yn 150 oed, a gobeithio y caiff pawb gyfle i'w mwynhau a'u cefnogi. Yn y

blynyddoedd sydd i ddod, gobeithio y byddwn yn gallu dweud "Roeddwn i yno".

Byddaf yn cadw, ac yn diweddar, dyddiadur o ddigwyddiadau a gweithgareddau trwy Gymru ar wefan RABI, felly cofiwch edrych yn rheolaidd i weld beth sydd ar y gweill.

Hoffwn hefyd gymryd y cyfle hwn i dymuno Nadolig Llawen iawn a Blwyddyn Newydd hapus, iach a phleserus i chi a'ch teuluoedd.

**Erys Hughes**

## Pigs raise funds in Monmouthshire

Pig racing at the Monmouthshire Show in August was not only great fun and a wonderful crowd pleaser but it also brought in much needed funds for RABI, which is the show's charity of the year. The picture shows Monmouthshire Show committee chairman Ann Herbert presenting a cheque for £325, the proceeds of the betting on the pig racing, to Erys Hughes at the show's management meeting in October.



## Welsh Dairy Event visitors



RABI joint-vice chairman Julian Sayers at the Welsh Dairy Event with Carmarthenshire RABI committee chairman Mansel Charles (right) and Erys Hughes. Later, that evening, Julian was guest of honour at the committee's AGM and speaker at the annual dinner.



During the show they welcomed members of the Allen & Partners veterinary practice who had cycled to the event from their practice in Whitland. This was part of the XLVets' marathon cycle relay linking the group's practices across Great Britain and raising funds for RABI and Farm Africa. On route they had called in to Whitland Mart and raised £233.30 towards the funds. Unfortunately the cyclists were unable to ride into the show but they came suitably attired.

## Chairmen's conferences



There were good attendances and interesting discussions at the two RABI chairmen's conferences, held in north and south Wales, this autumn

Pictured at one of the conferences, from the left, are RABI chairman Andrew Densham with FUW president Gareth Vaughan, Erys Hughes and RABI chief executive Paul Burrows



## Ready for 150th in south west

Well, 2010 is very nearly upon us, so as you settle down for a well earned Christmas break after another successful year of shows, events and awareness-raising here in the south west please remember that it all starts again very, very soon! Devon leads the way with the fourth annual Burns Night on 22nd January, followed by members of the committee hosting a series of local farmhouse breakfasts at the end of January. There will be two major cathedral services of thanksgiving, at Exeter and Truro cathedrals, and we mustn't forget the 150 years of farming spectacular at the Bath and West Show and

the national Anniversary Challenge in Dorset. (See dates for your diary on page 16 for all the south west events so far).

Thank you to all of the hard working committee members and other supporters across the region who have done so much to help RABI during this difficult year. The south west remains one of the top regions in terms of beneficiary numbers and it is only through your continued efforts that RABI can continue to help those families in need. Have a great Christmas, and I hope to see you at many fantastic events next year!

**Nick Toms**

## Three peaks challenge



Weather conditions on Ben Nevis were particularly challenging

An intrepid team from Smiths Gore in Taunton decided to swap their office for the demands of the Three Peaks Challenge. Simon Derby, James Dennis, Alastair Deighton, Alex Johnston and Lucy Back started with Ben Nevis at 8.55am on a Saturday, in weather conditions that were particularly challenging - steady rain changed to snow and near blizzard conditions at the summit. They then successfully scaled Scafell Pike and made it to the summit of Snowden by 6 am on the Sunday. Having celebrated on the summit of each peak with a bottle of champagne, which apparently assists the descent!, they completed the event in 23 hours 9 minutes, raising £1,114 in the process, which has been shared equally between RABI and Children's Hospice South West.

## Cornish Ball

The second County Farmers' Ball held by the Cornwall RABI committee in the members' pavilion on the Royal Cornwall Showground attracted 88 guests who enjoyed an excellent meal and auction. Among the many lots auctioned were a VIP day out with the Kings Troop, Royal Horse Artillery; tea on the terrace of the House of Commons; and a guided tour of a local vineyard. Thanks to the sterling efforts of Chris Riddle and his office staff, who made the evening a success, nearly £3,500 was raised on the night.

## Wadebridge YFC

Wadebridge Young Farmers have had an exceptionally successful year of fundraising in 2009. With many events spread over the year they ended up with £5,000 to give to charities of their choosing. Subsequently, RABI and the Cornwall Air Ambulance received £2,500 each at their AGM in October.

## News in brief....

### Hunter trial promotion

RABI was prominent at the Holderness Hunt Supporters Club's hunter trials at Rise Park, East Yorkshire, thanks to Jenny Sleight, the East Riding YFC Membership Development & Training Officer, who sponsored a RABI banner at a prime site on the course.

### Hull dinner

The annual Hull Corn & Feed Trade Association's dinner, held at Willerby, attracted over 200 people and raised £1,000 (see welly week round-up on page 15).

### North Yorks Clay shoot

A clay pigeon shoot organised by North Yorkshire RABI committee treasurer, David Anderson, and his son Tom at the Thimbleby Shooting Ground raised over £550 for RABI.

### Gardening in Suffolk

A variety of plant and gardening problems were discussed, and hopefully sorted, at the popular Gardeners' Question Time held at Easton Farm Park, Suffolk, thanks to the Kerr family who hosted the evening.

### Essex ride

The Essex county committee organised a very successful horse ride at Burnham on Crouch. Some 50 riders were able to enjoy riding on tracks and land which normally have restricted access.

### Oakcroft Farm B&B weekend

Mr and Mrs Rogers of Oakcroft Farm, Devon, raised the sum of £70 for RABI by raffling off tickets for a weekend break in their new B&B. The lucky winners of the draw were Mr and Mrs Elliott, from Somerset. Congratulations to them and we hope they have a great weekend away.

### Vintage in West Sussex

Vintage tractors and machinery were put through their paces on a sunny weekend in September at Harvesting the Old Fashioned Way, at Lavant near Chichester. Proceeds from the event were shared between RABI and Macmillan Cancer Support.

# Welly Week round up

These are just a few of the numerous and varied 'welly' orientated activities that took place during the second national RABI Welly Week in October. With reports and donations still coming in it is too early to give final totals but more 50 events from across the country had been registered at the time of going to press.



Pre-publicity for the week included east midlands RABI regional officer Milly Wastie taking her pink wellies several thousand feet into the sky and jumping. Fortunately she and her wellies landed safely.



As well as getting plenty of press coverage and the admiration of her colleagues she, with fellow skydivers Jenny Thompson and Andrew Watson, raised over £2,000 for RABI funds.



Not to be outdone, fellow regional officer Georgina Lamb took to the water in Cumbria as one of nine intrepid novice paddlers to team up with experts for a welly-clad canoe trip down the River Eden, between Lazonby and Armathwaite. Organised by Clitheroe NFU Group Secretary Andrew Rothwell, it was deceptively calm at the start (Georgina is in the canoe on the right). However they soon hit rapids and most ended in the water with the only novices to complete the six-mile course being Lancashire YFC county chairman Robert Blezard and NFU PR officer Carl Hudspith.



## Colleges

Several colleges have incorporated Welly Week into their fresher's activities, while at others students see it as an opportunity for some healthy competition and fundraising.



At Moulton College teams of eight students in wellies were sponsored to pull a Massey Ferguson tractor for 100 yards against the clock.



Bicton College students getting ready to conga in wellies – they set a new 'longest welly conga' record, just beating last year's effort, but they still can't persuade the Guinness Book of Records to accept it as a category for conga records!



Bishop Burton College students wore their Welly Week t-shirts with pride for their welly wanging competition, won by agricultural student Harry Grant with an impressive throw of 27.9 metres.

At Sutton Bonington College this group of 'piggy' students with their farmer were taking part in a three-legged race around Kegworth.



## Schools

A number of primary schools took advantage of the week to organise welly orientated activities. Taddington School, Buxton had a welly walk to the Buxton Farm Life Centre where they took part in welly activities including making a welly collage from their welly footprints.

Startforth Morritt Primary School in Barnard Castle made dough wellies and did welly decorating, while Middleham School, North Yorkshire composed a song, 'Wellies, Lovely Wellies', which they sang during regional officer Sally Conner's visit to the school, to the tune of 'Conkers'. The chorus goes: Wellies, I'm wearing Wellies, / I'm trying hard to find the biggest and the best, / Wellies, lovely Wellies, / I want some Wellies that are better than the rest. The full song can be found on our website ([www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk)).



## YFCs

As last year there was a lot of young farmer activity including fundraising welly discos and welly pub-crawls. In Lincolnshire, a disco with a difference was organised by Spilsby YFC with welly wanging after dark, using a Glow in the Dark welly. It proved a popular competition with Spalding YFC's Matt Carrott taking the prize with a throw of 26.5 metres and the night raised £300 for RABI. Derbyshire YFC ran a 'guess how many lollies in the welly' competition on their stand at Brailsford ploughing match.



North Bedfordshire YFC resurrected one of their giant wellies from last year for a 'Magic Number' (guess the number) competition at the East of England Autumn Show as well as a Welly drawing competition.



## Supporters and volunteers

In Devon there was a sterling turn out of volunteers to run the county committee's welly car boot sale and to man their own bric-a-brac stand. Despite the event being curtailed by the truly welly weather, they raised £557.



Beneath their finery, members of the Leicestershire committee at their Welly Ball held at Melton Mowbray market, were in their wellies to dance the night away to the Crazy Apes band.



The line up for the best wellies competition at the East of England Autumn Show pre show dinner. A welly wanging competition at the show the following day attracted over 250 entries with the winner throwing a staggering 43.8 meters (and no reports of a stewards' enquiry into drug taking).

Spotted welly wanging at the All Wales Ploughing Competition, the chairman, Gwyn Morris, and the secretary, Ann Robinson, of the Montgomeryshire RABI committee.

There were many others who helped raise funds and awareness for RABI during the week, like the staff of Dobson and Horrell Country Store, in Northamptonshire, who wore their wellies to work and ran a 'guess how many biscuits are in the wellies' competition as well as selling RABI calendars. To everyone who took part a big thank you on behalf of those RABI beneficiaries with special requirements who will be helped by the money raised during Welly Week.



A golden welly full of money - Sally Conner (right) receiving the Hull Corn and Feed Trade Association's donation of £1,000 from the president, Angela Sutherby, at their annual dinner, which took place during Welly Week

# Dates for your diary

## December

- 1st Ashford Cattle Show, Ashford, Kent
- 1st&2nd Carols and Poetry evenings, Isle of Wight Lavender Farm
- 2nd Hailsham Fatstock Show, East Sussex
- 7th Christmas Concert, Swinton Park, North Yorkshire
- 11th-12th AgriLIVE Smithfield, Stoneleigh (including RABI charity sheep class)

## 2010 – celebrating 150 years

(events arranged to date – for latest information visit [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk))

## January

- 10th Plough Sunday Service, Margareting, Essex
- 17th Rochester Cathedral Plough Sunday Service (featuring RABI's 150th anniversary)
- 19th Farmhouse Breakfast, Upwaltham Barns, Upwaltham, West Sussex
- 20th Farmhouse Breakfast - The Stockpot, Ashford Market, Kent
- 20th-21st LAMMA Show, Newark showground
- 22nd Burns Night, Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish Warren
- 22nd Bucks Ball, Aylesbury Civic Centre, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire
- 24th (or 31st) Plough Sunday service – Wrexham Parish Church
- 25th-30th Farmhouse Breakfast Week (Numerous RABI breakfasts across the country)
- 27th Farmhouse Breakfast - Greenfields Shooting Lodge, Sturry, Kent
- 27th Farmhouse Breakfast - Cricket Club, Abinger Hammer, Surrey
- 29th Farmhouse Breakfast - The Dirty Habit, Hollingbourne, Kent
- 31st Chichester Cathedral Plough Sunday Service
- tbc Shropshire RABI Quiz Night

## February

- 4th Farmhouse Breakfast - Marden, Kent
- 5th RABI Birthday Party with Handbags of Harmonies, Cheshire
- 6th Brass Band Night, Clitheroe, Lancashire
- 13th Valentines Phest, Burpham Village Hall, West Sussex
- 24th National Service of Thanksgiving, Westminster Abbey (ticket only)

## March

- 6th Whitechapel Dinner Dance, Lancashire
- 13th Go Carting Challenge, Bayford, Kent
- 18th Staffordshire Annual Dinner at Staffordshire County Showground
- 19th Folk music and pasty supper - Devon Pixie Band, Tavistock
- 20th Champagne Breakfast at Betchworth, Village Hall, Surrey
- 26th Black Tie Dinner, Black Sheep Brewery, North Yorkshire
- 28th Suffolk Annual Lunch, Stradbrook

## April

- 9th Warwickshire Dinner with guest speaker, Lord Plumb
- 11th Easter Egg Hunt, Thornham Friars, Thurnham, Kent
- 25th Service of Thanksgiving at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral followed by tea at Manson House
- 30th Dinner Dance, Castle Green Hotel, Cumbria
- tbc Shropshire RABI in The Square, Shrewsbury

## May

- 8th-9th Newark and Notts Show, (RABI is charity of the year)
- 9th Service of Thanksgiving, Exeter Cathedral
- 9th Service of Thanksgiving, Chester Cathedral
- 12th Annual General Meeting, Blenheim Palace
- 17th Norfolk Golf Day, Bawburgh Golf Club
- 22nd Bedfordshire YFC Rally
- 31st Surrey County Show

## June

- 2nd-5th Royal Bath & West Show (RABI charity of the year)
- 4th National RABI Golf Challenge – Oswestry Golf Club
- 6th Myerscough College open day

Events organised by or for RABI (in bold) and shows where there will be a RABI presence.

- 10th-12th Royal Cornwall Show (RABI is charity of the year)
- 10th-12th South of England Show (RABI is charity of the year)
- 11th Norfolk Ball, Salle Park
- 12th Garden tour and picnic, Godmersham Park, Kent
- 15th Reception at Welsh Assembly
- 17th Annual Strawberry Race, Tiptree Farm, Essex
- 18th Surrey Gala Evening, Betchworth House, Surrey
- 21st Norfolk Cocktail Party, Norfolk Showground
- 22nd-23rd Cheshire Show
- 23rd-24th Lincolnshire show (RABI is charity of the year)
- 24th Evening of Wine and Roses, Childerley Hall, Cambs.
- 25th Antiques evening, Chadshunt, Warwickshire committee
- 25th (tbc) Berkshire 150th Celebration, Windsor
- tbc Nottinghamshire dinner and auction - Welbeck Estate

## July

- 11th British London 10k Road Run (150 RABI runners)
- 19th-22nd Royal Welsh Show (RABI reception – 20th July)
- 31st Thame Show, Oxfordshire
- tbc Derbyshire shoot
- tbc Forde Abbey Fair, Dorset
- tbc Northamptonshire ball
- tbc Clay shoot and dinner, Derbyshire

## August

- 15th Worcestershire Cream Tea Event, Springbrook Farm, Earlswood
- 28th Dinner and Dance, Dorset Showground, Dorchester
- 29th Summer fete, Eaton Hall, Cheshire
- 27th... RABI National Cream Tea Week

## September

- ...3rd RABI National Cream Tea Week
- 4th-5th Dorset County Show (RABI is charity of the year)
- 5th Lancashire Sunday lunch
- 11th-12th RABI Anniversary Challenge, Sherborne Castle, Dorset
- 17th Autumn Ball at Folly Farm – Pembrokeshire
- 25th Service of Thanksgiving, Truro Cathedral

## October

- 3rd Harvest Service and reception, Brecon Cathedral
- 9th-6th RABI Welly Week
- 24th Lincoln Cathedral Harvest Service (featuring RABI's 150th anniversary)
- tbc Leicestershire committee event at Belvoir Castle

## December

- 1st Carol Service, Dorchester Abbey, Oxfordshire
- 12th Carol Service and reception at St Asaph Cathedral
- 16th Service of Thanksgiving and dinner at Christ Church, Oxford

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