

Rice Lane NEWS



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Lambs gambolling

For the first time since 2020 we have new born lambs on the Farm. Our 8 sheep have done us proud with nine baby lambs, 5 boys and 4 girls. Soon they will be out on the fields enjoying the growing grass, their favourite food.



Some photos of the new lambs in the Farm Yard, lambing shed, resting. Good work by the Farm staff is getting us a fine family of lambs. Photos by Jamie.

Coronation Party



If you want to get away from the TV and out into the fresh air, join us on Saturday 6th May from 11am for our Coronation Party. There will be a variety of stalls, hot and cold food and refreshments, a Treasure Hunt and 'hook a duck' challenges. To crown it all, the best Ice Cream will be on offer from the Ice Cream Cabin. All done by 3pm !



Geese and Ducks get used to it

Lucy our Farm Manager has now got some geese to add to the Chickens, ducks, guinea fowl and doves as part of our poultry flock. Thankfully the Avian Flu epidemic has been brought under control, so now our ducks can have fun paddling on the pond. Our elderly chickens have almost stopped laying eggs, so we are looking to get young chickens to boost egg laying. The ducks should also be laying more eggs, for our friends who like duck eggs.



LiverVision Song Festival

In our last Newsletter we announced our ambition to run an alternative to the EuroVision event. Sadly our application to the EuroVision fund was turned down. So we have had to scrap the idea. Next year we will try to run a mini music festival.

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Easter Fayre

We were lucky with the weather on the 1st April, thinking we might become wet fools. The sun shone and there were nearly 1000 visitors who enjoyed the local Ukulele Band strumming melodies old and new. Hook a duck, hooked lots of children to try their skill and win an ice cream. Gary and Paul did a great job with the Pizza Oven baking lots of wonderful dishes. The Chapel Catering Team ran a constant hot drinks service and had sandwiches and cakes that went down a treat. The Tombola stall had an amazing collection of prizes. The day started by Easter Fairies arriving at the gate !



Easter Playscheme

We ran a five day playscheme before Easter, which attract 320 children, our record to date. As well as giving all children a hot lunch, they enjoyed a variety of activities; bug hunting, creative crafts, making Easter and special person greeting cards, as well as planting flowers around the site. Very many thanks are due to our dedicated team of volunteers, who have made this a special service in our calendar. We hope our next Playscheme will be during the Whitsun School holidays (22nd – 26th May).



Dates for your Diary

Summer Fayre 24th June, August Bank Holiday Bonanza 26th, Autumn Fayre 30th Sept, Halloween Ghoul-Lash Festival 28th October, Winter Fayre Sat. 11th Nov. and Christmas with Santa's visit - December 16th.

Every penny counts

We recently held our AGM, when the accounts for last year were presented. It now costs us £10,000 a month to pay our staff, feed and look after the animals and maintain the buildings. We have no guaranteed income and depend completely on generous donations. Our "Free Food" table shares fruit and vegetables we have been donated. So when you visit, please remember to give us a donation, no matter how small.