

Coates Village Show – New management, new rules, new attractions!

The annual Coates Village Show will be bigger and better this year, thanks to a new team of people who have more time dedicated to planning and organising this annual event. Entries will not just be limited to Coates, as this year the competition will be open to anyone who lives in the Parishes of Whittlesey, Coates, Eastrea, Turves and Pondersbridge. Additionally, more attractions are being planned for the afternoon, to make this a fun day for all the family.

The Friends of Holy Trinity resurrected the Coates Village Show seven years ago, to raise money for the Church and organise a day to bring the villagers together. Although the show has been very successful, it was thought that a new lease of life was needed, and so a new team was drawn up – who have more spare time to plan and organise – to ensure that the 2011 Coates Village Show will be the biggest and best so far.

One of the first decisions made was to make the show open to a much wider audience. Previously entries to the competition were only allowed from villagers who lived in the Parish of Holy Trinity – namely the villages of Coates, Eastrea and Turves. But Holy Trinity has close links with the churches in Whittlesey and Pondersbridge through the Team Ministry, and so it has been agreed that residents of Whittlesey, Pondersbridge and surrounding farms will be eligible to enter the 2011 Village Show.

As well as the main 'show' competition, the new committee is organising a range of activities to take place in the afternoon to make the event more appealing to families. Already several stalls have been booked and the afternoon will include a dog show – bring your pet on the day and join in the fun.

The organisers have sought support from local business, and at the moment are in negotiations with those who wish to sponsor the day and provide displays which will be of interest to the general public. Full details will be announced in the very near future.

The 2011 Coates Village Show will be on 16th July, on North Green, Coates. Full details will be published nearer the time. Schedules and entry forms for the show competition will be available late Spring.