

MEDIA RELEASE:

ANGLESEY SHOW GOES AHEAD

Following the announcement of the Foot and Mouth outbreak in Surrey and the standstill order on livestock movements the Anglesey Show had to urgently review its position and an emergency meeting was held [Monday 6 August] and the decision was taken to carry on with the Show but without the cattle, sheep, pigs and goat entries.

The Show Chairman Tudur Jones said after the meeting – “It was a vital decision for the future of the show and the expectations of people. We had to take into consideration the heavy expenditure already incurred and another important factor was that the movement ban may have been lifted by the time of the Show next week on the 14/15 August. Our meeting however was unanimous that in view of the losses and trauma of the last outbreak in 2001 which affected farmers on Anglesey that we could not consider including cloven hoofed animals this year. Despite losing part of the livestock sector we will still have about 1000 horses and ponies competing and the popular show jumping classes. I want to assure the farming community in particular that we are always careful with animal health requirements and this year obviously we will be extra vigilant and every precaution will be taken. We need your usual support for the event.”

Dan Jones Show Press Officer said – “The situation has created an enormous workload on the staff at the Show office to cope with all the changes and the need to contact so many people in a short period of time but they are coping well because of the forward planning for all the other events. On looking at the programme of events there are so many activities to keep all families fully involved. The main ring activities will be starting early as usual with the horse classes and one of the highlights will be the Rockin Horse Equestrian Stunt Show. Then we have the Terry Large Falconry display a very popular attraction. Top quality entertainment. The standard of horse jumping is consistently high and attracts a large following.”

“The vintage machinery display at the Country Pursuit area is a popular attraction and in particular their parade in the main ring. There you will also see the International Gundogs competition with spaniels and retrievers plus the search and rescue dogs. The flower and produce marquee is the first port of call for many with its wonderful exhibits or put your feet up in the nearby Entertainment Marquee and listen to the singing of the Frizbee Group or watch a fashion show and the Show Ambassador Competition. With also 300 stalls to browse through and a Fun Fair on the showground I am not sure you can see it all in two days, but make a great effort.”

“The main point is that the Show is there for you to enjoy as usual” he concluded.

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