



MALHAMDALE

Agricultural & Horticultural Society

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Malham Show 2018 – A Year of Change

2018 was the year of change. A new chairman, myself, who is following in my father and grandfather's footsteps, a new secretary Rob Thacker who was new into the Dale but ready to learn and a new President, Raymond Lund an agricultural auctioneer from Hawes, North Yorkshire.

A lot of time and effort this year was spent by a number of people creating a more modern looking image for the Show. There was a new look schedule and catalogue, introducing colour images to both the front and reverse cover and a new Malham Show website.

A new initiative this year was to introduce a 'manned' bar at the Show luncheon. This made the dining experience more relaxing and guests now having a choice of beverage to complement their lunch. This was a great success not only for the guests but also a way in which the Show could put money back in to the community by allowing all profits to go towards the refurbishment of Kirkby Malham Parish Hall.

There were a record number of entrants into the agricultural marquee, entrants to the sheep handling was up and the craft tents were also up there with previous years. The dry stone walling competition enabled us to build a new wall bordering Tanpits Beck and the stone used coming from the Show Field as a result of putting drainage in.



The auction at the end of the Show which is always an enjoyable event managed to raise over £700 this year. All of which was donated to Manorlands, a hospice in Oxenhope. A big thank you must go to Sam Bradley for being the auctioneer and getting people to part with their money for this worthwhile cause.

In September we held our first Sheep Dog Trials in Robert Hudson's field. This was attended by over 30 dogs and was ably judged by Mr Amos Dewhirst. The weather wasn't too kind for us on the day, but for those that braved the elements, it was a hugely entertaining event and all the proceeds made were given over to the local school, which was duly appreciated by the school and parents alike.

This year's Show dinner was held for the first time at Long Ashes in Threshfield. A great event and venue that was well attended and an enjoyed by all, but in particular a great after dinner speech by our President Mr Raymond Lund, who amused us all by telling tales about the inside of a Morris Minor.

After a number of years of discussion with a local land owner the Show finally purchased the field known as Town End Meadow. This 4.1 acre field will allow the Show to diversify over the next few years and will ensure its ongoing financial success. The Show Field will be used for more caravan clubs and events that pull visitors into the village but also act as a part solution to the ongoing parking problem that exists within Malham by providing additional parking on busy weekends and Bank Holidays.

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