

**RARE AND TRADITIONAL BREEDS SHOW
SHERBORNE CASTLE COUNTRY FAIR, 29 MAY 2017**

We have pleasure in inviting you to enter the 2017 Rare and Traditional Breeds Show at Sherborne Castle Country Fair.

Please note the programme for the day may change due to Country Fair Main Ring programming. We will send a revised version with confirmation of your entries

We are holding goat handling classes rather than goat classes this year. These will be for 11 – 18 year olds and start at 10 a.m. Any breed of goat is eligible.

The new layout for the horse box parking and cattle/pony rings was generally appreciated last year. There will be a couple of minor alterations to the parking this year so please park as directed by the horse stewards. Parking for all other exhibitors remains the same as last year.

The sheep judging will start with the Young Handler classes at 9.30 a.m.
As suggested at our AGM we have added a class for the friendliest lamb. The handler can be any age but the lamb must be less than 12 months old.

The show will be a Shetland Sheep Society official show and winners of the Shetland classes will qualify for the annual flock competition. The Oxford Sandy and Black Pig Society are offering to members only, a Best of Breed rosette for the best Oxford Sandy and Black Pig and also a Champion of Champion qualifying rosette. The Kune Kune Champion will qualify for the Champion of Champions at Newbury.

Ponies will compete for the for the NPS Silver Medal Rosette Championships, the NPS/Highbrook Stud M&M In Hand Summer Championship, and the NPS/Saracens Horse Feeds M & M Home Produced In Hand National Championship.

The deadline for entries is 6 May 2017. Entries received after this date will be considered for acceptance, but will be subject to a late entry surcharge and will not be included in the catalogue.

We will accept payment by BACS as well as cheque this year. Our bank details are on the entry form. Please note the bank account name has changed.

Further copies of the entry form and schedule can be obtained from Ruth or Rosemary as above, or downloaded from the Sherborne Castle Country Fair website www.sherbornecountryfair.com. If we have to make any changes to the schedule they will also be put on the website.

If you have any queries, please contact Ruth Summerley, Show Co-ordinator, on 01935 428405 or Rosemary Lovegrove, Show Secretary on 01935 891415, or email dorset.rarebreeds@yahoo.co.uk.

If you are unable to enter, but would like to help please contact Rosemary on the above number.

PHOTOS

Please keep submitting photos of your rare breed animals for us to put on display at the show. We are considering producing notelets or notepads rather than a calendar this year. Please email them to rosemary.lovegr@btinternet.com. Photos need to be in jpeg or similar format and at a sufficiently high resolution for printing. We are sorry we can only accept digital entries.

We look forward to hearing from you.