

June 2009

Celebrate - 150 years in 2010

A newsletter about the plans and events being organised for 2010.



John Joseph Mechi

Welcome to the RABI 150th newsletter. With so many events and celebrations being planned for 2010 we felt the best way to spread the word was through this media.

If you are interested in attending any of the national or regional events or if you would like to sponsor any element of 2010 please contact Head Office on 01865 724931 or email melanie@rabi.or.uk. Further details can be seen at www.rabi.org.uk.

Westminster Abbey



A landmark event to start the year off at a national level will be the thanksgiving service at Westminster Abbey on the 24th

February. This will be by invitation only but if you want to get on the guest list please let us know ASAP.

AGM at the Palace



The 150th AGM will be held at Blenheim Palace on the 12th May 2010.

National Cream Tea Campaign



In the same vein as Farmhouse Breakfast Week National Cream Tea Week, a national cream tea campaign will celebrate three aspects of farming - cereal (the scones), dairy (the cream) and fruit (the jam).

We would like to get as many Cream Tea events organised across the country as possible. This will take place 27th August - 3rd September 2010. For more information contact the FMC department on 01865 724931.

2010 Calendar and Christmas Cards

An anniversary year calendar will go on sale from late summer 2009. You can pre-order your special edition calendars from May 2009. Ask your Regional Officer for details or contact the FMC Department on 01865 724931.

York Minster



We are very pleased to announce a joint Harvest Festival Service with the Yorkshire Agricultural Society at York Minster on the 5th October 2010. As with Westminster Abbey this will be by invitation only so please get in touch if you would like to attend.

Hamper Campaign



Each year RABI provides Christmas and Birthday hampers for around 1,500

beneficiaries. For many this is the only Christmas cheer they receive. For the anniversary year we want to make the hampers extra special. We would also like to raise a record amount of money to pay for them.

150 Places for the London 10K



With 36 places for 2009 and half of these filled already we are looking forward to next year's run. We have 150 places which have been reserved for 2010 so we need lots of new runners. Please sign up and run for RABI in this special year.

Wilkin's Strawberry Race



Wilkin & Sons will be holding their annual Strawberry Race on the 17th June 2010 at Tiptree Farm, former home of John Mechi. RABI will be the benefiting charity of the day.

Ludlow Race Day



A charity race day will be taking place at Ludlow Race Course on 1st April 2010. Sponsorship packages for the races and other promotional opportunities are available. For more information contact the FMC Department on 01865 724931.

Dorset Challenge



The Dorset committee have teamed up with professional adventure expedition company Across the Divide to put together our own mini countryside "Iron Man" team event including running, cycling and kayaking, all on the beautiful Sherborne Castle Estate.

Teams of two or three are required for this weekend event that will take place on the 11th - 13th September 2010. If you are interested and would like to receive updates please contact Nick Toms on 01752 893502.

Carol Service



To round off the year a Carol Service has been arranged at Dorchester Abbey in Oxfordshire on the evening of the 1st December 2010.

Harvest Festivals



Every year the number of donations RABI receives from churches and organisations from Harvest Festival Services increases. As this is such an important time of year to remember those who work on the land synchronised harvest festivals are being suggested. Services could be held across the country to raise funds and the profile of RABI.

Farmhouse Breakfast Week



We are working towards increasing the support for this annual event in the run up to 2010. Local radio coverage would be a good approach for promoting RABI and the any planned breakfast events.

Regional Events

Don't forget to let Head Office know of any events you are planning to celebrate 150 years of RABI. We will list them here and at www.rabi.org.uk.

10th or 24th January 2010 - Service - Canterbury Cathedral

17th January 2010 - Plough Sunday Service - Rochester

Dinner - East of England
Showground

22nd January 2010 - Devon
Burns Night Dinner & Dance

31st January 2010 - Plough
Sunday Service - Chichester
Cathedral

19 March 2010 - Dartmoor
Pixey Band Concert, Tavistock

9th May 2010 - Service at
Chester Cathedral

9th May 2010 - Service at Exeter
Cathedral

May 2010 - Pageant display and
Royal reception - Royal Bath &
West Show

July 2010 - Forde Abbey
Summer Fayre

25th September 2010 - Harvest
Festival at Truro Cathedral

3rd October 2010 - Harvest
Festival at Brecon Cathedral

24th October 2010 - Service -
Lincoln Cathedral

12th December 2010 - Carol
Service at St Asaph Cathedral

16th December 2010 - Service
and Dinner - Christ Church,
Oxford

Black Tie Ball - Leicestershire

Pipes in the Peaks Concert -
Derbyshire

Harvest Festival - Worcester
Cathedral

Royal Norfolk Show Ball

Suffolk Dinner

Dinner - East of England
Showground

Lecture - Essex Agricultural
Society
North Beds YFC Rally

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