



KENT COUNTY SHOW

The Kent County Show 2013 on Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July has something for the whole family. Open from 8am to 6pm every day, the Show is a wonderful day out with plenty of displays, entertainment and local food. With over 400 exhibitors and trade stands, it really is a whole world of fun!

New for 2013 is the addition of the Creative Crafts Show. Held in the Emson Conference Hall, it will provide the perfect opportunity to learn new techniques from the experts in cross stitch, sewing, card making, embroidery, knitting, patchwork, quilting, scrapbooking, ribbon craft, papercrafts, stamping, beading, painting, dressmaking, tapestry, decoupage, crochet and many more popular stitch and creative crafts.

In addition to the Creative Crafts Show, the Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies will be hosting a number of floral, craft and home economics competitions which will showcase the very best produce that is grown by enthusiasts in Kent. The home economics classes range from cream cheese and cucumber sandwiches to jams and chutneys. The decorative sugarcraft class this year will be based on '100 Years of the Chelsea Flower Show'.

The new CLA Country & Game Area at the Kent County Show will be hosted by the CLA. Featuring a wide variety of stands selling high quality country attire, game feeding equipment and specialist retailers, the area's focus will be on supporting the rural community. Entertainment plays a key role in the area with The Sheep Show, Birds of Prey, Harrietsham Ferrets, Ashford Valley Terriers, the Pony Club and Warrenby Gun Dogs.

The Agricultural area of the Show boasts large displays of cattle, sheep and goats as well as a large Poultry and Egg show. Livestock competitions, sheep shearing demonstrations

and modern machinery displays take place throughout the day. A visit to the Wool Tent will educate visitors on the different types of wool, allowing them to feel each of the fleeces on display. The impressive display from Kent Young Farmers Clubs can also be found in this area, showcasing all the animals from their farms. These dedicated students take part in animal judging classes and fun classes such as fancy dress and It's a Knockout.

The extensive 'Why Farming Matters in Kent' area will be themed 'Kent Food Delivers' for 2013. The stand will show visitors the wonderful produce that Kent has to offer and will stage cookery demonstrations from local chefs. Farmers and growers will be on hand to talk about the advantages of buying local food.

Elsewhere on the Showground there is plenty for everyone to see and take part in from the popular Flower Show to the new Canine area. Vehicle lovers can stroll round the Heritage section to marvel at the beautiful steam engines or concourse standard vintage cars then on to the modern car stands to look at the new models for 2014.

For those visitors who prefer a little excitement then the main ring is the place to be. The Show organisers are delighted to have camel racing twice a day. This popular sport from the Middle East has all the excitement of a day at Ascot. The louder the cheers, the faster the camels run or so we are told!

To help you plan your day at the Kent County Show, use the itinerary tool on the website or download it free to your iPhone. Once downloaded, no internet connection is necessary, so you will be able to use the App to make the most of what promises to be an action-packed show.

Discounted bar-coded e-tickets tickets are available to purchase until 11th July from the website with no booking fee and car parking is completely free. All online tickets purchased will be entered into a draw to win a holiday to the beautiful Cayman Islands.

The pre-paid 'family ticket' (2 adults and 2 children, aged 5 -15) has been re-introduced for 2013 and costs £37 pre-paid and £45 on the gate. Adult tickets are priced, £20 on the gate, £18 in advance, a child ticket is £6 on the gate and £5 pre-paid. A senior ticket is £13 on the gate and £11.50 in advance. The Kent County Agricultural Society will be offering student tickets again this year prices at £13 on the gate and £11 in advance.

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