

## Welcome to the 114th Gargrave Show

Gargrave Show is a long-established and highly popular Agricultural and Horticultural Show and is the traditional opener to the local show season. It is a fantastic all-round family event showcasing the very best of rural skills, crafts and much more. Once again, there's so much for you all to see and do on show day:-

Multiple show classes for sheep, cattle and equestrian.

The Handicraft and Horticultural marquee with many classes of hand-crafted and home-grown items show casing local entrants. There are classes to suit virtually everyone, both adults and children.

Gargrave Show Fell Races continue to create strong interest and we are again expecting some of the leading runners to participate.

Our Fun Dog Show is entertaining and, at times, well supported so this year we intend to have Best in Show judging in the main ring to allow the quality of the participants to be appreciated by a wider audience.

It's action all the way, all day in the main show ring with the inaugural big wall competition for horse jumpers so I hope you get behind these competitors and give them the support they deserve. Don't miss our Grand Parade, when vintage agricultural vehicles and classic cars will be on display, followed by the presentation of trophies to prize-winning livestock entrants.

The famous Terrier Races can be great fun, and will again bring an end to another Gargrave Show.

Please do try to find time to visit our Craft Marquee and support our Trade, Food and Drink Stands. All continue to provide added interest for our visitors.

Sadly, the Poultry Section will not take place again this year.

The Sheep Dog Trial will take place on Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Home Bridge farm by the kind permission of the Beckwith family. This is well worth a visit starting at 9.00am and usually sees 50 to 60 dogs take part. First class caterers are in attendance and it is free for the public to watch.

I would like to thank all our Vice-Presidents, sponsors, programme advertisers, the regional agricultural communities who continue to support the show, in fact, anyone who has contributed to the ongoing success of Gargrave Show, including members of the public for their much valued attendance. Thank you to all the members of the committee and stewards who put in many hours of hard work not only on the day but also in the months preceding the date.

Kingsway Vets have been honorary veterinary surgeons for the show for many years and I have been the attending vet for quite a number of shows so I was delighted, and honoured, to be asked to be the Show President for 2018.

I look forward to welcoming you all on show day.

**Show President Jonathan Stockton.**