



Over £500,000 invested in farming

THE JOURNEY SO FAR

THIRTY years ago the Farmers Club Charitable Trust was established to "promote the science and technology of agriculture in all its aspects for the public benefit". Three decades later the Trust has delivered more than £500,000 of funding for a wide range of farming projects, taking UK agriculturalists to all four corners of the globe.

Over 120 travel bursaries have supported projects as diverse as fish farming in Japan and Korea, value-added milk production in Australia, share farming in New Zealand and viticulture in California. The farming

implications of global positioning, biotechnology, food legislation and molecular science have all come under scrutiny.

The brainchild of the late Trevor Muddiman, the Trust made its first grants in 1981, initially funded by donations and covenants from Farmers Club members, generously matched by the late Sir John Eastwood. In the late 1990s Trevor Muddiman's wife, Stella, who is now a valued trustee, very generously transferred assets from a private family trust to the Farmers Club Charitable Trust. Over the years other club members and their

families have also made very generous gifts to the trust funds.

This has ensured that the Trust continues to meet its objectives of disseminating information, providing bursaries, or courses connected with the study of agriculture, and supporting activities calculated in particular to advance education and training in agriculture.

THIRTY YEARS ON IN 2010

In most years the Trust makes grants of over £20,000. This year, despite the economic downturn, we have made grants totalling £30,000, in support of studies in

Uruguay, Uganda, Canada, Australia, Germany and the USA. The diversity of subjects (see list) is a wonderful testament to the enthusiasm of the applicants and highlights the very great value to the whole UK farming industry.

Over the years beneficiaries have come mainly from educational establishments and the extension services throughout the United Kingdom. Having served as ambassadors of the Farmers Club and UK farming during their study tours many have gone on to play leading roles in the education sector. Reports published in the Journal highlight the very high quality of the award recipients and the excellence of their work.

The post-graduate award assists those employed in agricultural education, aged 22

to 50, to widen and develop their own technical expertise outside the UK, enhancing their own career prospects and ultimately benefitting all the students for which they are responsible by sharing their experiences with future generations working in farming and the allied industries and professions.

The closing date for applicants is mid-February each year, with interviews of short-listed candidates conducted in mid-March and grants awarded thereafter, for post-graduate short-term study tours, normally overseas and rarely exceeding six weeks.

THE NEXT 30 YEARS

At its inception the Trustees were keen to broaden the experience of those educating

future generations of agriculturalists, and to facilitate the exchange of academic knowledge. Thirty years later, with the industry facing new challenges and an urgent need for a better public understanding of valuable and proven new science, I cannot envisage a more laudable goal.

The Trust always welcomes new funds by way of donation or legacies to maintain this valuable work and to add to the Trust endowment funds. If you feel that you, or an individual, organisation or trust you know can help, please contact Club secretary Stephen Skinner snskinner@thefarmersclub.com or myself john@kerrfarms.com in confidence. We look forward to a further 30 years of helping the future of British agriculture.



Key to projects

Year	Name	Topic	Year	Name	Topic	Year	Name	Topic	Year	Name	Topic	Year	Name	Topic	Year	Name	Topic								
1. 1981	Knight	Farming media	17. 1988	Wherry	Specialist crops	33. 1993	Norris	Farm support	49. 1996	Tyson	Distance learning	65. 1999	Baines	Food regulation	81. 2002	Hemmings	Equine neurochemistry	95. 2005	Foss	Winemaking	111. 2008	Northrop	Horse racetracks		
2. 1982	Cowen	Co-ops	18. 1988	Wylie	Training & education	34. 1993	Bromilow	Farm systems	50. 1996	Perkins	GPS in farming	66. 1999	MacAdam	Education	82. 2002	Lavington	Riding for disabled	96. 2005	Waterson	Farm forestry	112. 2009	Knock	Carbon		
3. 1983	Fell	Fat lambs	19. 1989	Baines	White clover	35. 1993	McRoberts	Crop protection	51. 1996	Simmons	Conservation	67. 1999	Fellows	Equine studies	83. 2003	Wilcox	Agri-environment schemes	97. 2006	Bromilow	Sustainable farming	113. 2009	Preston	Rating valuations		
4. 1985	Greasy	Straw utilisation	20. 1989	Bent	Information systems	36. 1993	Donward	Farm advice	52. 1996	Scott-Andrews	Fine fibres	68. 1999	Lamb	Large dairy herds	84. 2003	Franks	Co-op farming	98. 2006	Crook	Biodiesel	114. 2009	West	Ecology protection		
5. 1985	Campbell & Slee	Fish farming	21. 1989	Potter	Set-aside lessons	37. 1994	Hart	Planning	53. 1997	Hill	Sludge writing	69. 2000	Riddle	Livestock monitoring	85. 2003	Tappin	Conservation	99. 2006	Dresser	Soil management	115. 2009	Phillips	Turf management		
6. 1985	Entwistle	Hedging potatoes	22. 1989	Till	Sheep breeding	38. 1994	Parry	Molecular technology	54. 1997	Morden	Diversification	70. 2000	Florey	Risk management	86. 2003	Knock	Water scarcity	100. 2007	Knock	Carbon-friendly farming	116. 2009	Head	Cereal varieties		
7. 1985	Bell	Neo-ratal pigs	23. 1990	Pitkin	Computers	39. 1994	Evans	Forestry	55. 1997	Baird	Sheep disease	71. 2000	Martin	Agchem industry	86. 2003	Knock	Water scarcity	101. 2007	Crook	Bioethanol	117. 2010	Byrne	Food security		
8. 1985	Turner	Fruit market	24. 1990	Russell	Large sheep flocks	40. 1995	Mitchell	Sheep parasites	56. 1997	Whittaker	Horse management	72. 2000	Parrott	Egg sector decline	87. 2004	Christie	Environmental impacts	102. 2007	Malins	Wild boar	118. 2010	Cowderoy	Wine-making		
9. 1986	Jones	Share farming	25. 1990	Benyon	1992 farmer influence	41. 1995	Poole	Fish marketing	57. 1998	Burdass	Fish farming	73. 2000	Morris	Food safety	88. 2004	Dunstone	Veterinary nursing	103. 2007	Smith	Horse biomechanics	119. 2010	Humphries	Anaerobic digestion		
10. 1986	Graves	Industrial crops	26. 1990	Stones	Pig welfare	42. 1995	Smith	CAP reform	58. 1998	Davies	Crop production	74. 2001	Crawford	Management	89. 2004	Ridley	Self-help groups	104. 2007	Van Heerden	Super dairies	120. 2010	Love	Fish farming		
11. 1986	Minter	Sheep production	27. 1991	Roden	Co-op sheep breeding	43. 1995	Watt	Deer grazing	59. 1998	Dedman	Enviro reporting	75. 2001	Johnson	Equine nutrition	90. 2004	Byrne	Rural policing	105. 2007	Tranter	Animal health	121. 2010	Moran	Greenhouse gases		
12. 1987	Cordery	Deer farming	28. 1992	Rees	Tropical agriculture	44. 1995	Hide	Fish farming	60. 1998	Fuller	Frost protection	76. 2001	Sinclair	Molecular science	91. 2004	De Silva	Trespass + land use	106. 2008	Bartlett	Turf farming	122. 2010	Sandilands	Poultry		
13. 1987	John	Value-added milk	29. 1992	Harrison	Biotechnology	45. 1995	Smith	Landscape ecology	61. 1998	Stanfield	Work placements	77. 2001	Soffe	Leadership education	92. 2005	Roberts	Environmental impacts	107. 2008	Bell	Heifer rearing	123. 2010	Sparks	Soils & Water		
14. 1987	Owen	Grass growth + use	30. 1992	Bishop	Crop storage	46. 1995	Raggett	Farming	62. 1999	Hart	Herbs	78. 2002	Cook	Water protection	93. 2005	Aguiar	Ethically traded coffee	108. 2008	Chikunya	Milk & meat fats	124. 2010	Topolansky Barbe	Broilers		
15. 1987	Stott	Dairy cow profits	31. 1992	Ridgeway	Vocational training	47. 1995	Pattison	Dairy farming	63. 1999	McCracken	Less intensive farming	79. 2002	Baldwin	Fisheries management	94. 2005	Bishop	Traditional livestock pest control	109. 2008	Dargie	Knowledge transfer					
16. 1988	Lyon	Free markets	32. 1992	McGregor	Economics	48. 1996	Koss	Fish farming	64. 1999	Daniels	Disease from wildlife	80. 2002	Daw	Rural economics				110. 2008	McSorley	Rural development					