



## A Message from our Assistant Secretary

Having grown up in the village the first sounds of Stithians Show were always the fair arriving and erecting rides and stands as their area was between the Parish Church and Hendra where we lived. For a child this was always a great excitement, a time of something different on the horizon, with Sunday School Tea Treat to look forward to on Show Tuesday. I am sure saffron buns must have got smaller since then.

When I was 10 things changed considerably – we moved down into the centre of the village and the fair moved into Ennis and Carbis Farm right next to the Playing Field where the Show was held for many, many years. However, I was still able to lie in bed at night and hear what was going on up there: the fair must have been open to the public much more than it is now from the music and voices I could hear. The other sounds which I still miss particularly are those of the poultry. Back then various people in the village kept these so it was not an unusual sound, however the extent of the poultry waking up on the day is still one that excites me today, though I can no longer hear it from in the village, only when we approach the show field. The birds, to me, always seem excited to be somewhere different in their own way, just as those of us involved with the running of the event are.



For years we would have been travelling up to showground at just after dawn - a quiet, beautiful time of day, full of anticipation and apprehension all rolled into one.

All this is missing, as it was last year, but we need people to stay safe and are hopefully helping by accommodating the NHS Mass Vaccination Centre on the showground. Whilst life is still busy the feeling of working towards something great and very special is missing. Thankfully the virtual show is taking up some of the slack but so many of my senses are missing out. I for one am longing to get back to some sort of more normal year in 2022 and have my fingers firmly crossed for a return to a new norm of life.

Over its long history, the Show has developed in all sorts of ways its founders could never have imagined. The effect of no show in 2001 due to the Foot and Mouth legislation helped us make another great leap into the future. Who knows what the real effect of Covid will be on our Show? Greatly looking forward to the future very positively and my diary is firmly noted with next year's date.

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