

No Cows: No Countryside

Sunday June 10th was **Open Farm Sunday**, a scheme organised by a group called *Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF)*. The day was set up to encourage us all on to farms and to learn about the countryside.



animals has disappeared in recent times. Only the efforts of organisations such as *The Rare Breeds Survival Trust* now protect well-known breeds from extinction.

A Splendid Time

My son Max and I went to Foxbury Farm, near Burford, and had a splendid time watching burly men sheep-shearing, we gave the donkey a cuddle (see Max and Micky the donkey above); held our breath in the pig shed and browsed amongst the many craft stalls. It was a wonderful day out and it was great to see families from all over the area supporting a local, hard-working farm.

Farming is under threat in this country, *Country Living* magazine has backed a campaign called *No Cows: No Countryside*, also backed by Waitrose, which says it all. A vast array of farm

Shop Locally

The good news is that everyone can help by shopping locally. Both the shop in Ascott-under-Wychwood and the Deli in Milton-under-Wychwood sell locally sourced food. It is really essential that we protect our heritage, our farmers and our diverse farm animals.

In the autumn, lots of events are taking place as part of British Food Fortnight, so look out for the posters and adverts for information.

For further information visit:-
www.fairtradeforbritishfarmers.co.uk
www.leafuk.org or www.rbst.org.uk

Jan Harvey

Wychwood Forest Fair

Sunday 2nd September 2007 from noon until 5pm at Capps Lodge Plain, off the A361 between Burford and Shipton under Wychwood

This year's Forest Fair will include a Children's Fun Fair, Children's Story Teller, Ferret Racing, and local Morris Dancing sides. There will be a large second hand bookstall, a Tombola Stall, various raffles and a garden plant stall. There will be displays of the Wychwood Project's diverse work and numerous other local conservation and community groups, as well as Rural Crafts and an Arts and Crafts tent. A wide range of local food suppliers and farm produce,

lots of refreshments, locally produced ice cream and a beer tent selling Wychwood Brewery's beer will be amongst the attractions.

Altogether, there will be in excess of 160 stalls and activities for visitors to enjoy.

Follow the signs to the site.

Admission £5 per person, under 16s free.

Parking free.

For information, contact Jeanette Cayley, Voluntary Publicity Officer for Friends of Wychwood, on: 01993 814143