

FARMING FESTIVALS 2

WHAT HAS BEEN GOOD, HELPFUL OR NOT HELPFUL

- The Weather can make a difference for outdoor activities.
- Rogation last Sunday in May, walked around village & prayed for business's & asked God's Blessing on the land, also used Tractor & Trailer to transport people around. Important to be aware of safety.
- Timing of events. It can be difficult to accommodate Dairy farmers in particular.
- Harvest songs of praise/ Harvest Praise worked well with people choosing a hymn and then sharing testimony.
- PLANT SEEDS GOD MAKES THEM GROW
- PRAYER for village up to 18 people attending from 9 villages.

IMPORTANCE OF VENUE

- NFU harvest at milky way & Exeter Market Christmas celebration draws farmers
- Harvest barn dance held in a barn
- Harvest thanksgiving on farm including farm tour
- harvest thanksgiving including a service, a tractor run, lawnmower race, cream tea.
- Farm Nativity
- Use village halls for events.

HOSPITALITY

- Harvest Supper - FOOD DRAWS PEOPLE
- Great way to form relationships over a meal

INVITING PEOPLE

- Monthly Newsletter
- Website
- Banners
- Personal Invite
- Invite people to participate
- Choice of words to describe event e.g. TGIS...Thank God It's Sunday

NEW IDEAS FOR WORSHIP POSSIBILITIES

- Contemporary service including drama, modern creed, confession, all age worship.
- Multi Media Good life harvest
- Visual Aids Apple used as symbol of the world to show the importance of the soil in feeding the world
- Scarecrow competition
- Easter egg hunt
- Children's club using craft, recycling, bible stories, take part in festivals using drama & music
- Messy Church