



SUFFOLK YFC NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016

Suffolk Federation of
Young Farmers Clubs

26th January 2016

Here comes the busy bit!

Bit late but Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the chaotic bit of young farmers. From this point onwards I always feel that this is when Young Farmers show what they are really made of. The events are coming thick and fast and it takes some keeping up with in the office!

Well done to everyone for the competitions and events that have taken place over the past few weeks and for the events coming up, it's a busy time.

MEMBERSHIP!! Stands at 258 last year... 13 higher than at this point last year.

Blackbourne Valley 2 (+2)
Brett Valley 34 (+3)
Deben Valley 6 (+2)
Gipping Valley 40 (+2)
Lark Valley 27 (+ 2)

Bury St Edmunds 32 (same)
Debenham 26 (+3)
Hadleigh 29 (+2)
Halesworth 22 (+7)
Melton 17 (same)
Stowmarket 23 (same)

**THE CLOTHES ARE BACK..... READY TO ORDER
NOW AND WITH THE LOGO THE MEMBERS
VOTED FOR!**

**GO TO
WWW.TOUCHLINESTORES.CO.UK/COLLECTIO
NS/SUFFOLK-YOUNG-FARMERS**



CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTH—JANUARY 2015

Dan Cracknell, Hadleigh—for ensuring his club is represented whenever it needs to be,

MEMBER OF THE MONTH— Chris Pearson, Bury St Edmunds, for getting through First Aid training on 3 hours sleep during dry January.

SPORTS STANDINGS.....

Here they are up to and including bale sculptures and ten pin bowling.

1st Brett Valley 136
2nd Gipping Valley 108
3rd Lark Valley 76
4th Deben Valley/Blackbourne 13

1st Bury St Edmunds 125
2nd Hadleigh 115
3rd Stowmarket 76
4th Halesworth 75
5th Melton 66
6th Debenham 54

County Quiz

Senior 10th February—Debenham Community Centre

Junior 12th February—Otley College, Dining Hall

Stockjudging—21st February—Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses, Creeting St Mary 10.00am

Spring Rally—13th March 2016—Otley College—draft rules issued

Farming & Countryside 3rd April

Charlotte Cobbald Stockpersons

JUNIOR & SENIOR 2016

2nd June @ Suffolk Show (rules issued)

Flower Arranging—Suffolk Show

1st June

Summer Rally— 11th June 2016

Diary Dates Jan-May

Jan

30th Stowmarket YFC Ball

Feb

4th Sports & Social

10th Senior County Quiz

12th Junior County Quiz

21st Stockjudging

Mar

3rd F&MC

4th Lark Valley Fundrasing Quiz

5th Debenham YFC Party

Eastern Area Comps—Beds

13th Spring Rally

19th Halesworth Party

23rd County Meeting

25th Good Friday

26th Suffolk YFC Clay Shoot

27th Easter Sunday

April

3rd Farming & Countryside Comp

7th Sports & Social

9th Hadleigh YFC Ball, Kersey Mill

17th Suffolk Young Farmers Country Fair, Easton Farm Park

22nd Brett Valley Frog Race, Ringshall

May

5th F&MC

6-8th National Convention, Blackpool

8th South Suffolk Show

14th Hadleigh Show

15th Essex YFC Show

28th Bury St Edmunds YFC Ball

Food Hygiene Courses

Food Hygiene—as above applies and we have funding for online courses for this, please can clubs nominate 2 regular “chefs” and we will send the details for these to the nominees to complete their training/assessment online.

MISSING IN ACTION.....

The County Office has an awful lot of equipment and several items seem to be missing in action. To avoid an awkward situation like the missing tug of war rope at the Country Fair we are searching for.....

**1 x YFC Walkie Talkie
1 Rounders Kit
1 Kwik Cricket Kit**

If anyone knows the whereabouts of these please can you get them back to county office asap please.

Eastern Area Competitions

The EA rounds of the following are taking place on March in Bedfordshire with a party in the evening. I haven't got timings or days for the comps yet but I have entered the following for Suffolk which will mainly compose those who won at the County rounds plus a couple of nominated entries...

We have entered:-

- 2 x Senior Debating (Hadleigh + County Team)
- 1 x Intermediate Just a Minute (Bury St Edmunds)
- 1 x Junior Public Speaking (Brett)
- 2 x Junior Reading (Brett + Gipping)
- 1 Senior and 1 Junior Member of the Year (Dan Cracknell + 1 junior)
- 1 Mixed Touch Rugby (14-17 year olds) - volunteers please
- 1 Mixed Ultimate Frisbee (16-26) - volunteers please

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Senior Quiz—10th February—Debenham Community Centre, 7.30pm prompt start.

Teams of 4, intention to enter to be received by Tuesday 9th February at the latest.

Junior Quiz—12th February—Otley College, Dining Hall, 7.30pm prompt start. As above with the teams/intention to enter please.

Stockjudging—Sunday 21st February, Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses, Creeting St Mary.

Rules have been sent out.

Clubs may enter 6 competitors per club. You will be judging dairy cattle and pork pigs. Competitors must wear white coats and appropriate clothing. Intention to enter must be received by Thursday 11th February at the latest.

Wheat Competition—Rules issued—1 entry per club, intention to enter by 28th February at the latest.

Spring Rally—13th March at Otley College

Rules are on the website in draft form and have been issued. Feedback required please!

NEW COMPETITION—FLORAL ART will now be part of Suffolk Show. Clubs may enter up to 3 competitors per club into the class at Suffolk Show. The winning junior and senior will be entered into the NFYFC finals at Malvern Autumn Show. Points will be awarded as with all other competitions when results are sent back from Suffolk Show team.

Charlotte Cobbald Stockpersons Competition—Suffolk Show

This year will be cattle. It will run along the same lines as last years competition but obviously due to the risk with cattle competitors MUST receive training prior to the competition.

Hadleigh Show comps—Saturday 21st May

This years competitions are Olympic Torch made from recycled metals and Decorated wellington filled with flower arrangement. Points will be awarded as part of the competitions programme.

HAVE YOU NOTICED IT???

HAVE A LOOK....

WWW.SUFFOLKYOUNGFARMERS.COM—clubs will have training soon for their administrators but if you would like anything adding to your pages send to office@suffolkyoungfarmers.com

Upcoming events/opportunities...



It's that time again—bookings are being taken for the Suffolk trip to the sunny shores of Blackpool. To book your place you must a) be a paid up member b) send your deposit of £50 and booking form to the County Office by **1st December! (9 PLACES STILL AVAILABLE)**

Booking forms are available via the website under <http://suffolkyoungfarmers.com/downloads-info/>

Entries are now open for t-shirt slogans as well—get your thinking caps on nice and early—competitions points are awarded!!

Limagrain (based in Woolpit) are looking for employees for the harvest period if anyone is looking for work over the summer. If you are interested please email Ian

Foot at ian.foot@limagrain.co.uk

OUTSTANDING DBS CHECKS

Emma Sayer, Ryan Spall, Mark Last, Jake Mutton, Becca Inch, Mark Dickson

Please, please, please can we ask that these are sorted as soon as possible, we receive 2 e-mails per week per person per outstanding application. Those above do not include those in process who we also get e-mails for!

Members of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (NFYFC) can put their innovation skills to the test, with a new farm machine design competition. The "Dream Machine" competition, in conjunction with Kuhn Farm Machinery, will see Young Farmers submit an idea or concept of a new farm machine that could be used in the agricultural industry.

The four winning YFC members will win an all-expenses-paid trip to Kuhn's headquarters in Saverne France. As part of the trip, they will have the opportunity to present their "Dream Machine" concepts to the company's head designers.

This competition underlines Kuhn's continued partnership with the NFYFC and the company's dedication to the future of farming and agriculture.

Sian Pritchard, managing director of Kuhn Farm Machinery (UK), said: "Since Kuhn began its partnership with NFYFC, we have been really impressed by the levels of innovation and creativity that we have witnessed from the members. These attributes are vital in ensuring that the agricultural industry remains sustainable in the future. This competition is a great opportunity for Young Farmers to showcase that creativity and demonstrate how innovative they truly are. We are very much looking forward to seeing the designs these Young Farmers come up with."

The deadline for competition entries is Thursday 31st March 2016 and the winners will be announced at the NFYFC's AGRI Forum (on 7th May) at the Annual Convention in Blackpool. For further information and details of how to enter the "Dream Machine" competition, please visit www.nfyfc.org.uk/dreammachine.

ORWELL WALK/RUN/CYCLE 2016

Sunday 26th June 2016

At the Junior Forum last weekend the juniors decided they would like to do a charity cycle ride. We decided that the Orwell Cycle would be the perfect opportunity to do this as you can nominate any charity you like to receive your donations and most clubs are registered charities. If anyone would like to take part in the cycle the office can sort out the entries as a group, please e-mail office@suffolkyoungfarmers.com with your chosen distance (5 or 15 miles) and your entry will be submitted.

More info via <http://www.orwellwalk.co.uk/orwell-walk-and-cycle.aspx>

The new NFYFC Car Stickers (photograph attached) are now on Sale at £2.00 each available to order from Elissa here at the YFC Centre, post@nfyfc.org.uk, they will shortly also be available to order on the NFYFC Website YFC Club Shop through the Pay Pal system.

