



SUFFOLK YFC NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

Suffolk Federation of
Young Farmers Clubs

6th July 2017

And relax...well sort of!

Sorry it's been so long since a newsletter, time has just flown since the Country Fair, I always think it's calm after that—how wrong I am. We've had a brilliant time since then with Suffolk Show, the rally, wheat comp, muck move, massive fundraising efforts, national competitions alongside the clubs having some brilliant programme outings from what I have seen.

So now we step back and start to work on next year and Liz and I try and have a tidy up and discover all of the delights that get left in the office.

Have a happy and safe harvest everyone, we'll be back ready and raring to go in September waiting for you!

You will all receive a yearbook with your membership renewal forms, hope you enjoy it!

Tory xxx

MEMBERSHIP!!

255 paid up.

Brett Valley 37 (same)
Deben Valley 8 (same)
Gipping Valley 29 (same)
Lark Valley 22 (same)

Bury St Edmunds 40 (+1)
Debenham 35 (+3)
Hadleigh 41 (same)
Halesworth 20 (same)
Stowmarket 23 (same)

Membership renewal forms will be sent out at the beginning of August!!

Interesting facts though about membership.
Number of members not renewed this year from last year—137

Excluding Melton and Blackbourne the breakdown is:-

Brett—12
Bury—17
Deben—6
Debenham—7
Gipping—24
Hadleigh—9
Halesworth—9
Lark—14
Stowmarket—15

SUFFOLK SHOW WAS A GREAT COUPLE OF DAYS! Thanks to everyone who got involved, competed and generally put YFC on the showmap....



HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

We have been asked to erect 2-3 bale sculptures at Jimmy's Farm in time for their festival taking place on 22-23rd July. All bales and a telehandler will be provided, we just need the idea/manpower. Tickets for the event will be given to all who get involved. This is a new working partnership that is in negotiation to start YFC and Jimmy's working together again and they are very keen to support everything we do. They would ideally like a couple of sheep, a chicken (I have the bits for this in the office) and a cow like Bury's from last year.....pretty please!

Challenge?????

Brett Valley have decided to enter both our pig soap boxes into the Hadleigh soapbox races 2017. This is on Saturday 15th July at Holbecks park (Hadleigh showground). Registration is at 9am and racing commences at 11am. Rules and conditions do apply if you'd like them e-mail me! Need to know of any extras by SUNDAY at the latest please

CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTH

Jake Spatchett—Muck Move Chair—tireless and tiring! Amazing work though from the entire team but the pre work is all down to Jake—huge thanks.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Mark Dickson—Jake Spatchett's wingman and OMG Beb partner, daytime night-time glasses wearing and master of the disco dancing and driving.

Diary Dates July—October

July

15th—Brett Valley Soapbox Race @ Holbecks Park
22-23rd—Jimmy's Festival—tickets free for bale sculpture builders

August

12/8 Junior Campout
September
5th Sports & Social County Office
8th Junior Neon Party
16th Harvest Supper & Awards Night—Trinity Park—all welcome
22nd—Gipping Valley Pig Race, Henley Village Hall
22nd—Deben Valley AGM
29th—Lark Valley AGM
30th—Bury YFC party

October

2nd—Bury YFC AGM
3rd—Debenham AGM
4th—Hadleigh AGM
5th—Halesworth AGM
6th—Brett Valley AGM
8th—Harvest Festival @ St Edmundsbury Cathedral
9th—Stowmarket AGM
11th—County AGM @ Trinity Park
13th—Gipping Valley AGM
15th—Autumn Sports Day
29th—First Aid Course—12 places available

November

7th—Finance & Management meeting—County Office
10th—County Fireworks
18th—Debenham YFC Ball
22nd—County Meeting
24th—Winter Competitions Evening.

Rally Results
Senior
1st Hadleigh 62
2nd = Bury/Debenham 52
3rd Halesworth 44
4th Stowmarket 34

Junior
1st = Brett Valley/Gipping Valley 74
2nd Deben Valley 66

TUG OF WAR 2017 ROUNDS

Juniors
1st Brett Valley
2nd Gipping Valley
3rd Deben Valley
4th Lark Valley

Senior
1st Hadleigh
2nd Debenham
3rd Bury St Edmunds

WHEAT COMPETITION 2017

Results...(after an awful lot of deliberation from the judges including 2 visits and endless phone discussion!!)

Seniors—Winner—George Halsall, Hadleigh

Juniors
Winner—Harry Suckling, Gipping Valley
Runner Up—Charlotte Squirrel, Brett Valley

HADLEIGH SHOW 2017 COMPETITIONS

Bird Box
Junior—1st Gipping Valley, 2nd Brett Valley
Senior—1st Hadleigh, 2nd Halesworth

Recycled Metalwork competition - flower planter
Junior—1st Brett Valley, 2nd Gipping Valley

**SAVE THE DATE—JUNIOR CAMPOUT
SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST
THORPE WOODLANDS**

ACTIVITIES ALL DAY INCLUDING HIGH ROPES, GETTING WET DOING STUFF, TEAM BUILDING, KAYAKING ETC ETC EVENING OF SLEEPING AND NOT SOCIALISING AT ALL AND PEACE AND QUIET AND HOT CHOCOLATE SO TORY CAN HAVE A GOOD NIGHTS SLEEP....

Letters will be sent out to all paid up members next week, please ensure we get your booking forms in asap.

National Finals!

Thank you to Beth Maskell, Charlotte Squirrel, William Hubbard and Alex Seeley for representing Brett Valley and Suffolk in the National Finals of the Junior Member of the Year and Junior Reading competitions at the weekend in Stafford. We didn't quite bring home the silverware but in my opinion the judges were all WRONG!

To celebrate though Beth's Brett Bash on Saturday night raised a HUGE £2380 for the club—all organised by Beth. Now tell me this girl isn't the National Junior Member of the Year?



Massive congratulations to the 17 members of Hadleigh YFC who have just completed the 3 peaks challenge in 24 hours and raised £5580 for Suffolk Mind. Well done and come home safely!

Harvest worker required on 5000ac arable farm in north Norfolk. We've been let down last minute so looking for someone for immediate early July start to do initial grain store cleaning, some grain carting, and then cultivating with a JD6210R. Accommodation available on farm. Mid sept finish. Pay dependent on experience.

Email a.horsfield@albanwise.co.uk or call 07825424781.

Hadleigh Farmers Agricultural Association (HFAA), organisers of the Hadleigh Show are pleased to announce that they have set up a new bursary to support applicants attending two leading agricultural development courses – the Worshipful Company of Farmers (WCF) Advanced Course in Agricultural Business Management and the Bishop Burton Agricultural College Farm Management Development (FMD) course.

Of particular interest to Young Farmers may be the Bishop Burton course which was set up two years ago with support from the Princes Countryside Trust. Aimed at those under 30, who have finished full time education and are starting their career in agriculture and allied industries, the course helps individuals establish the skills needed in a managerial role and is intended for those entering management or about to start running the family business.

The course is held over two weeks, the first week in November and the second in February. Based at Riseholm College in Lincolnshire, the course is residential, allowing delegates to spend time with likeminded people in and out of the training room. Full details of the course can be found at www.bishopburton.ac.uk/news/applications-are-open-for-the-farm-management-development-course

The HFAA bursary will provide financial support towards some of the cost of this course for delegates living in Suffolk and North Essex. If you are interested in this opportunity speak to Rhonda Thompson on 01964 553163 or email Rhonda.thompson@bishopburton.ac.uk.

If you wish to speak to someone local involved in the course, contact Cathy Leney, HFAA secretary on 07584 568055 or email secretary@hadleighshow.co.uk and she will put you in touch with them.

National Young Stars: 22-23 August 2017

The National Young Stars event promises to showcase the livestock industry's future talent and is made up of competitions for people aged 8-24. The event is run by the Young Stars Committee in association with the Three Counties Agricultural Society, held at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern and sponsored by the Allflex Group. In 2017 the event shall take place on the 23rd August and will feature more than 150 young enthusiasts competing in beef, dairy, sheep, pig, butcher and auctioneer sections that include a variety of competitive tasks. The committee would like to see as many members of the National Federation of Young Farmers as possible taking part in the event and we would therefore like to invite you to put a team together (beef, dairy, pig and sheep challenges) or enter individually (auctioneer and butchery challenges only).

Teams competing in the beef, sheep, dairy and pig competitions will be judged on their team work, stock judging, handling and presentation skills, as well as their team work and knowledge of the industry. Meanwhile, competitors in the young butcher and young auctioneer competitions will compete individually, with butchers having to showcase their skills cutting meat from three species, producing cuts for a family of four in three hours, as well as demonstrating their knowledge of the meat trade and recognition of appropriate health and safety as required. The young auctioneers will be tested on their valuation skills, ability to identify crops and knowledge of the industry, as well as being asked to prepare a written essay on a subject given to them prior to the event.

Competitors in the beef and dairy sections must be aged 14-24, while the sheep sections are open to those aged 8-24, with the pig section aimed at 8-18 year olds. The butchers and auctioneers competitions are for those aged 18-24. I have attached forms to this email which are complete with event guidelines and timings should you require further information. If this could be circulated to any interested members of your groups it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to provisionally book in a team or have any further questions please contact me via Tessa.Warby@threecounties.co.uk or phone the Event Chairman Neil Lloyd on 07970 061796.

For more information head to www.nationalyoungstars.com or follow us on: Facebook at National Young Stars Twitter: [natyoungstarsuk](https://twitter.com/natyoungstarsuk)

On Sunday the 6th of August 2017 at Maisebrooke Farm Summer Fair we are inviting teams from all Young Farmers Clubs in Suffolk & Norfolk to enter a Tug-o-War competition against a tractor and separately a Heston Bale Roll.

The event is called "Mankind V Machine" Men and Ladies Teams will be welcomed.

Rules: A team shall be 8 people!!

The winners of the Tug-o-War will give a display of true Rural Ruggedness and will gain a Trophy, Local Fame & incidentally 100 Bottles of Beer!!!

Please pass this on to all your Clubs and register your team/s with David or Jo before Tuesday the 1st of August.

Tel: 01502 711018 David Mob: 07436 264612 Jo Mob: 07833 961159

Discounts available for paid up members...

SPOILT YOUNG FARMERS.....PAY ATTENTION WE'VE NEGOTIATED THE FOLLOWING FOR THOSE IN POSSESSION OF A MEMBERSHIP CARD.....CARDS MUST BE SHOWN

Ernest Doe Power Framlingham, Broadwater Road, Framlingham, Suffolk, IP13 9LL. 20% off all purchases of Clothing and Footwear.

Ernest Doe & Sons Limited, The Mill, Marlesford, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 0AG. 20% off all purchases of clothing and Footwear.

Simply Splendid, 14 Station Yard, Needham Market, Ipswich IP6 8AS 01449 722969 10% off all hire and purchase items (evening dresses, ball gowns)

The Suffolk Hat Co, Greenacres, Pond Hall Road, Hadleigh 07802 787857 10% off any purchase hire or buy

The Beauty Spot, The Old Chapel, School Road, Coddendam, IP6 9PR 01449 760777 15% discount on all treatments.

Mill Saddlery and Countrywear, Mill Street, Stowupland, Stowmarket, IP14 5BJ 01449 672225 10% items over £50 from the shop excluding feed, saddlery repairs or special offers

Stuart Clay Traps, 3 Wilford Bridge Road, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1DG 01394 385567 20% of all clothing. Speak to Andy for info.

Stonham Barns Golf Centre, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket, IP14 6AT. 25% off Golf, Foot Golf and Mini Putting. Members will need to book Foot Golf in advance.

IFYFC NEGOTIATED DISCOUNTS.—For full details www.ifyfc.org.uk/

Tenant Farmers Association—membership package costs £75 per year and as a member of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, you will receive one additional month of membership for free! Or Student package £35 per year and gives you access to the members area of our website housing useful documents to assist with your studies. You will also receive regular newsletters keeping you up to date with the latest issues affecting tenant farmers.

Farmers Weekly—subscribe to Farmers Weekly – in print, on tablet or both together – from only £74 – that's 50% off the normal price of £149!

BASC Membership—Young Farmers from the age of 21 up to the age of 26 will get all the benefits of BASC membership for an annual rate of just £35 (instead of the usual £70). Up to the age of 21, they can take advantage of existing BASC Young Shot membership at £23.

Go Ape—10% discount

Timothy Foxx—5% off

The AA—Up to 45% discount at enrolment and 10% on renewals

Merlin Group—Alton Towers, London Eye, Madam Tussauds, Legoland, Chessington discounts

NFU membership—NFU YFC Membership is now FREE for all YFC members aged 16-26 across England and Wales

EASI ATV training - 50% DISCOUNT FOR YFC MEMBERS

Next Level Driver Training— 10% off towing courses

Tottie Equestrian Wear—25% off!

Massey Ferguson Online Shop— <http://shop.masseyferguson.com/> 15% off all items quote APRSAVE15

Cotswald Outdoor—10% off instore and online for all members

ALL OF THESE OFFER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE VIA www.ifyfc.org.uk/specialoffersanddiscounts/memberoffers and accessible by using the email and password you are issued by IFYFC on receiving your YFC membership number.