



SUFFOLK YFC NEWSLETTER

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Suffolk Federation of
Young Farmers Clubs

6th September 2016

Welcome Back!

And so it begins. Back to it and the office is back to full steam ahead getting organised for upcoming events and new things as requested by the incoming officer team. Watch this space!

There are lots of e-mail requests for stuff so they are at the back of this. The calendar is good to go subject to sports & social tonight so is attached. I will update anything that changes tonight. **MAIN CHANGE IS THAT COUNTY MEETINGS ARE NOW ON TUESDAY EVENINGS!**

Tory xx

MEMBERSHIP!!

2! (1 x Hadleigh, 1 x Brett Valley!)

All of last years members have been sent their membership forms for renewal which need to be given back to your clubs along with the money! Please don't hang on to them til just before Sports Day as it makes it a bit manic in the office! All clubs should be able to tell you the fees etc and who to make cheques/BACS payments to.

Feedback questionnaire.

Thanks to all who completed the questionnaires, the analysis is being discussed this evening at the sports and social. The detail has been sent to all members for discussion at club level.

The general feedback was good and we have lots to look forward to, there were no overwhelming no's to anything so subject to discussion all will stay the same and MORE will be added to our activities....*lays down in horror



We survived the campout!!! Only 5 jellyfish stings, no broken bones, the slip and slide rounders was seriously slippery and much fun, the birds of prey were spectacular and a privilege to be able to get close to, the star gazing was fantastic despite the clouds we saw Saturn and her rings and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks to all of our senior helpers and to the juniors for getting stuck in and having fun!

Autumn Sports

Sunday 23rd October,
Old Buckenham Hall
10am

ALL DAY JOB!

Senior & Junior Netball
Senior & Junior Hockey
Senior Rugby, Junior Tag Rugby
(sports subject to sports & social meeting tonight)

BURGER VAN BOOKED!



Huge well done to Alice Partridge of Hadleigh YFC for her fantastic 10th place in the NFYFC Stockjudging finals this weekend, Alice also took the trophy for the best project and veterinary interview.



Congratulations also to Beth Maskell of Brett Valley for her brilliant 14th place in the Junior competition. For a "non-livestock" county you have done us hugely proud and we couldn't be more pleased to have been represented for Suffolk and Eastern Area by such great competitors—well done!

Diary Dates Sept-Dec

September

6th Sports & Social— Office
9th Junior Neon Paint Party
13th Eastern Area Staff & Members meeting
19th—25th National Young Farmers Week
23rd DebenValley AGM
30th Gipping Valley Hoe Down
30th Lark Valley AGM

October

1/10 Bury YFC Party
3/10 Bury St Edmunds AGM
4/10 Debenham AGM
5/10 Hadleigh AGM
6/10 Halesworth AGM
7/10 Brett Valley AGM
9/10 Harvest Festival, St Edmundsbury Cathedral
10/10 Melton
11/10 Stowmarket
11/10 Eastern Area meeting
14/10 Gipping Valley
19/10 Suffolk AGM
23/10 Autumn Sports Day, Old Buckenham Hall

November

1/11 Sports & Social, The Cedars, Stowmarket
11/11 County Fireworks—Walnut Tree Farm, Henley
19/11 Debenham YFC Ball
23/11 County Meeting—East Anglian Air Ambulance
25/11 Winter Comps (Public Speaking etc)
26/11 County Chairmans Weekend

December

6/12 F&MC, The Cedars, Stowmarket
11/12 Tractor Run
16/23 County Pantomime

Incoming committees....

When you are starting to think about your committees for the next year it is worth bearing in mind the following:-

Who is a good leader?

Are they organized?

Do they have the time?

Can they communicate?

Do they need any training?

Support is available from County Office for all taking on positions and via NFYFC website.

Fee's for 2016/17

When setting your club fees don't forget to take into account the following fees that you are charged per member per year

National Levy

£16.00 per member

County Levy

Junior £7.11

Intermediate (17-21) £16.00

Senior (26 & under) £20.45

Associate (26 & over) £13.34

Insurance £6

Sports £5.48 (based on last years costs)

CLUB AGMS

See previous dates page for the dates

Things you will need...

Minutes of your previous AGM

An agenda

Audited accounts for presentation

Trophies engraved as necessary

Representation from a charity if you are presenting cheques.

The standard format for an AGM is:-

6 weeks prior—notification of AGM sent to all members by post including any motions proposed.

If you want to increase your clubs membership fee this should be proposed in this notification.

On the night...

Chairmans report

Treasurers report inc any financial proposals

Election of officers

Presentation of awards/cheques

Suffolk YFC Annual General Meeting SAVE THE DATE WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER

We request nominations for the following—these can be e-mailed to the office along with your reasons or on the form sent to all members. PLEASE CAN WE HAVE THESE BACK BY 23RD SEPTEMBER These are as follows:-

Mr David Reeve Award

Awarded to a club member recognised for having contributed most to the success of their club.

Mr and Mrs Robert Taylor Award

Awarded to a member for work within their club and The County Federation for the past year, not rewarded in any other way.

Under 16 club worker award

Awarded to the most junior dedicated club member in the County Federation

Sports & Comps 2016/17

Most of the standard items are on the county calendar but it is important that we have member led feedback on the competitions we run. The sports and social meeting tonight will be the first discussion being held on this and following feedback we will get the full sports and comps rules out to all clubs as quickly as possible.

Looking ahead.....

The incoming Chair, Lawrence, and I have had a sit down to discuss what he would like from his year in office. The main theme in Lawrence's wishes seems to be more parties..... I'm sure we can do this but will need the clubs to get involved! Watch this space for the upcoming events and parties. First thing for me to try and sort is a "Mini Blackpool" based here in Suffolk with an overnigher and a party.... I'm on it boss man!

Other items on the wish list...

- Move county meetings to a more central location and to TUESDAY evenings so clubs get feedback to their meetings on Wednesday nights. All county meetings minutes will be sent to ALL members to ensure everyone knows what is going on.
- County Ball—change to a Bavarian Stompers night
- A new version of the "Turkey" competition—watch this space....
- Move "competitions" away from weekends if possible with pub gathering/party to follow

From Abbie Taylor—Stowmarket YFC & British Sugar

Sugar Industry Program. This is a course which is put on by NFU sugar and British Sugar and is open to all sugar beet growers/advisors. The closing date for application is 3rd October at 5pm.

I went on the program myself last year as did Tom Saunders and Jack Owen and some other Young Farmers from Lincolnshire. There are around 15/20 people who are chosen from the applicants and there are more details of the schedule of events involved on the link below. It is a great social way to learn about the industry regardless of your current involvement.

<http://www.nfuonline.com/sectors/nfu-sugar/nfu-sugar-must-read/sugar-industry-programme/>

NATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS WEEK 19-25TH SEPTEMBER

The time to promote your club, offer new members nights and events supported by PR from NFYFC and Suffolk YFC office. Looking at retention of existing members and gaining new members.

If you are using social media use the hastags #NationalYoungFarmersWeek and #ThankstoYFC and these will be picked up by NFYFC

Resources for clubs to use can be got from NFYFC website under the Members Area.

Opportunities & Requests!

Eastern Area Train the Trainer Course

October 8-9th Grafham Water Centre, Huntingdon

£80pp

Teaches the basics of delivering training, ITOL accredited course and certified in Foundation Certificate in Staff Development

A great course run by NFYFC and tailored for YFC, gives skills in learning how to deliver training, knowing your training group and individual needs, delivering NFYFC curve modules, facilitating group discussion and training and much more.

More details from the office!

Apprenticeship Opportunity in Blacksmithing: Made by the Forge
Made by the Forge is a small, family run business, handcrafting wrought iron curtain poles, kitchen pan racks and designer lighting. It was founded in 2006 by farrier and blacksmith Richard Fishenden and his wife and business partner Juliet.

We are currently looking to recruit an apprentice to join our team and learn the traditional skills of blacksmithing. It would be a full time position with 1 day per week at West Suffolk Collage. The suitable applicant will learn the art of forging metal, welding and making designer products using traditional skills

Interested? Email your CV to sales@madebytheforge.co.uk

Placement/Occasional Work

The Fulibroch Dairy Herd of Pedigree British Toggenburg is a registered milk production holding hand milking raw goat milk to order and has a position for work experience from September onwards. Based in Bures St Mary on the Essex/Suffolk border candidates will need to have their own transport. Will gain experience of goat husbandry, pedigree showing and breeding, and small scale dairying. Occasional paid work available for those with extensive experience of goat husbandry and hand milking. For enquiries please contact Tereza Fairbairn on 07595 945954.

Get involved in the NFYFC Post Brexit discussion—have your say on this via the NFYFC survey.

Don't be left out when it comes to highlighting your hopes and aspirations for the future of farming. NFYFC AGRI launched a post-Brexit on-line consultation in August. Widely reported in the farming trade press, this is a call for all YFC members and those who have an interest in the future of young people in farming to have their say. The survey is a platform to push forward the views of the industry's next generation

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5XWNHNV>

This might be a time of uncertainty and consultation, but the one thing you can be sure of is getting your voice heard at the AGRI 'Know Your Future Market' forum on Saturday, October 1.

You'll hear from those who know the ropes, aspiring entrepreneurs and from lots of existing initiatives to help you flourish with your future food and farming business plans. Taking place at Kuhn HQ in Staffordshire there are a huge number of business professionals discussing a variety of topics, just for Young Farmers. Details from

<https://eventbrite.com/e/know-your-future-market-forum-tickets-26374619196>

RABI! Lucy Bellefontaine GV Club Leader & RABI Fundraiser!

I am taking up a challenge for RABI, and I am heading back to Blackpool for one night only on October 7th 2016 to walk the Big Dipper in yellow wellies and overalls.

We are hoping to raise some money and awareness of the charity and also farm safety with our yellow wellies. We have set up a just giving page if anyone would like to donate a few £ to see me walk one of the tallest roller coaster in the world!! Eeeek!

More info can be found at <http://rabi.org.uk/the-big-one-blackpool/> and our just giving page

<http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/RABIwalkthebigone>