



SUFFOLK YFC NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2017

Suffolk Federation of
Young Farmers Clubs

14th March 2017

Spring is springing!

What a month we have just had, I don't think my feet have even touched the ground. We have had a fantastic week of Tractors in to Schools, Lark Valley's brilliant quiz night—the winning team were super intelligent I hear, we were unbelievably proud of our Brett Valley members for taking the wins in the Junior Member of the Year and Junior Reading comps at Eastern Area, Debenham's party was a huge success financially according to Ryan super treasurer and the Spring Rally had sunshine, sausages and serious competition throughout the day. Who knew Frisbee could be quite so violent....

Tory xx

MEMBERSHIP!!

249 paid up so far. Still down on last year unfortunately

Brett Valley 37 (same)
Deben Valley 8 (same)
Gipping Valley 28 (same)
Lark Valley 21 (+1)

Bury St Edmunds 39 (+1)
Debenham 32 (+1)
Hadleigh 41 (+3)
Halesworth 20 (+2)
Stowmarket 23 (same)

COMPETITION TIME!!

Suffolk Show in the newly named **UDDER Barn (congrats Josh Gilbert)**

Send your photos to office@suffolkyoungfarmers.com to depict how you see YFC. Add a caption underneath and get these in to the office by **28th April** for our Suffolk Show countdown. The photos will be judged at the show and the winner will receive the new Suffolk YFC trophy. The format for the photos is attached to this newsletter.

Help needed!

We have a stand at the School Farm and Country Fair at Trinity Park on 20th April. There are 4500 children throughout the day wanting to know about YFC! If anyone can help set up the stand and help run a mini digger challenge demonstration throughout the day please get in touch asap office@suffolkyoungfarmers.com

CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTH

Rachel Cooper, Brett Valley, for competing in every competition possible and for her club leading the way in getting things in to the office on time.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Charlie Brown—Lark Valley—for not fainting at the lambing visit this year and facing his fear

SPORTS STANDINGS.....

CURRENT POSITIONS

Senior

1st	Bury	164 points
2nd	Hadleigh	148 points
3rd	Stowmarket	134 points
4th	Debenham	130 points
5th	Halesworth	78 points

Juniors

1st	Brett Valley	186 points
2nd	Gipping Valley	139 points
3rd	Lark Valley	121 points
4th	Deben Valley	36 points

Attendance

Senior

1st	Hadleigh
2nd	Stowmarket
3rd	Bury
4th	Debenham
5th	Halesworth

Junior

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

Diary Dates March—June

March

22./3 County Meeting—The Limes, Needham Market—**ALL SENIORS ATTENDING NATIONAL CONVENTION TO ATTEND**

April

4/4 Sports & Social—County Office
8/4 Hadleigh YFC Dinner Dance, Kersey Mill
9/4 FARMING AND COUNTRYSIDE—DATE confirmed
20th School Farms Fair—Trinity Park
21-24th National Convention, Torquay
28th Photo comp entries due in.
30th Pig Handling training day for all Charlotte Comp entries.
30th Wheat Competition Entries due in

May

2/5 F&MC County Office
7/5 Country Fair, Easton Farm Park
13/5 Bury St Edmunds YFC Annual Ball
14/5 South Suffolk Show
20/5 Hadleigh Show
20/5 Suffolk Agricultural Association Annual Ball—help needed
21/5 Essex Young Farmers Show
31/5 Suffolk Show

June

1/6 Suffolk Show
19-23 Muck Move
28/29 Norfolk Show

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL FARMING AND COUNTRYSIDE COMPETITION Old House Farm, Hintlesham, Ipswich IP8 3PB

Entry forms for this will be sent out by Ensors to all club chairs, please ensure your entries are in on time. This event is one of our most successful so please can all clubs make sure you support it and send your entries in to Angela at Ensors as soon as you can and **ON TIME!!**



**SPRING RALLY
RESULTS**
1st Hadleigh 122
2nd Halesworth 116
3rd Bury St Edmunds 98
4th Debenham 88
5th Stowmarket 74

1st Brett Valley 132
2nd Gipping Valley 100
3rd Lark Valley 96

Huge thanks to everyone for getting involved and having a great day



WHEAT COMPETITION 2017

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN AND HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO ALL PAID UP MEMBERS.

Judging will take place the week after the Suffolk Show and entries must be received by 30th April at the latest please

One entry per club, junior and senior

TUG OF WAR 2017 ROUNDS

It was confirmed at the Sports and Social last week that tug of war this year will run as follows:-

Junior Mixed county round—Hadleigh Show Grand Ring 4pm
Senior Men's round—Suffolk Show Wednesday pm
Junior Final—Suffolk Show Wednesday pm

Senior Mixed team competition as part of Summer Festival

JUNIOR QUIZ RESULTS

1st Gipping I
2nd Brett Valley E
3rd Lark Valley B
4th Deben Valley

SUFFOLK SHOW 2017—31ST MAY/1ST JUNE

Here's what YFC are up to this year. Brace yourselves.

The Udder Barn—4 debates

Weds 11am Future Farming—chaired by Ed Ford NFYFC
Chair

1pm—Glyphosate—the future—chair tbc

Thurs 11am—Succession Planning—Bidwells

1pm—Farming Post Brexit—chair tbc

If you would like to be involved in one of the debates please contact the office asap.

Weds

3pm Tug of War Finals

5.30pm Mascot Race featuring the all new SUPER SHEEP

Thurs

9am Charlotte Cobbald Stockpersons competition—1 competitor per club from the winners of the stockjudging comp.
Featuring Pigs this year!

HADLEIGH SHOW 2017 COMPETITIONS

Clubs to create a bird box for use in a garden

Scale of marks - Creativity 30%

Craftsmanship 20%

Suitability 20%

Use of Materials 30%

Recycled Metalwork competition - flower planter

Clubs to create a metalwork flower planter from recycled materials.

Scale of marks - Craftsmanship 30%

Longevity 20%

Attention to Detail 20%

BRING OUT THE PIGS !!

It's time to get our PR ball rolling and this year it has been decided that all clubs need to create their own "soapbox" pig. All you need is a blue barrel, a pallet, some wheels and a lot of imagination! Each club is asked to develop their pig soapbox ready for the Country

Fair on 7th May. The pigs will compete throughout show season with the grand finale at the Suffolk Show. Your pig must promote your club but also be fit to seat one person and be pushed soapbox style. A hill will be found for a grand final race proper soapbox pig race.....



3,000 acre contract farming business in the Framlingham area, East Suffolk, looking for a tractor driver to join our harvest team primarily for corn-carting using 16 tonne trailers to various stores from a Claas Lexion 770. Other jobs could also include topping environmental scheme margins and oilseed rape stubbles with 5m bat-wing topper, and a variety of general farm work. Cultivation experience could either be gained or for the applicant prior experience would be useful. We are looking for someone to join our young team from mid July through to mid September. The applicant must be prepared to work long seasonal hours as required. Accommodation can be provided and remuneration negotiable based on experience.

Please email a CV to Tim Parkinson, Hoo Farming Company Limited: tim.hoo@live.co.uk

An opportunity for a working farm manager on a 1,600 acre farm in Surrey is currently being advertised by Savills.

A forward thinking 1,600 acre mixed beef and arable farm in Surrey incorporating cereals, beef (including a small Wagyu herd), in-hand shoot and HLS conservation.

Requirements:

- A motivated, enthusiastic and progressive working farm manager
 - Ability to lead by example and manage a small team
 - Practical experience in both arable and livestock
 - PA1 and 2 required (FACTS/BASIS desirable)
 - A driven individual with excellent attention to detail and financial awareness
- FURTHER DETAILS FROM THE OFFICE

Accountancy Apprenticeships

Evolve Tax & Accountancy LLP are seeking two motivated and enthusiastic individuals, that have or are about to complete their higher education, to train as accountants. We have one position in our Fordham (Cambridgeshire) office and one in our Colchester office. Our client base is predominately agricultural so experience in the sector is preferable but not essential. The apprenticeship will involve studying for your Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) qualification. Suitable individuals will continue to Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) or similar. Initially your role will mainly be the production of year end accounts but you will be given opportunities to be involved with all aspects of the work we undertake with a view to becoming a well-rounded business advisor.

Please apply by e mail to Paul Rix, paul@evolveaccountancy.co.uk giving details about yourself, why you are interested in the position and why you believe you would be a suitable candidate.

R H Forrest and Co is a large, family run arable farming business based at Stonham Aspal near Stowmarket in Suffolk. We grow combinable crops and sugar beet across 1200ha.

We are looking for 2 enthusiastic individuals to join our small and friendly team for harvest 2017. Jobs will be wide and varied and will include corn carting with Fendt tractors from the farms Claas Lexion combine, grain store management, muck spreading and telehandler work.

There will be plenty of overtime and opportunities for the right person. Timeliness and a can do attitude is essential, along with a clean driving licence and telehandler certificate.

The position would suit someone who was living within daily commuting distance from the farm as there is no accommodation provided.

Please contact James Forrest on 07836 561426 for further details.

We write to inform you that that Suffolk County Council has started their 2017 lettings campaign and that land is currently available to let with a view to new tenancies commencing on the 11th October 2017. If you could please pass on the information below to any of your members who you think may be interested in applying for the land, we would be most grateful.

The land is being advertised on the website www.greensuffolk.org/countyfarms and the closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Thursday the 13th April 2017. For the avoidance of doubt no applications will be accepted that arrive after 12.00 noon on the 13th April.

Letting particulars and plans for each property are available on the website as is a downloadable application form and budget workbook together with a guidance note providing information on completing the application form and the criteria for applicants.

The properties available to let are as follows:

- Cooks Drove, West Row, Bury St Edmunds – Bare arable land extending to approximately 69.13 acres
- School Lane, Bardwell, Bury St Edmunds – Bare arable land extending to approximately 13.26 acres

A viewing day of the land at Cooks Drove, West Row will be held on Monday the 27th March 2017 between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm and the land at School Lane Bardwell will be available to view on Tuesday the 28th March 2017 between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

If you have any queries regarding the properties available to let please contact Matthew Lee on 07540 668 835.



Harvest grain sampler- Full time temporary position

Essex / Suffolk / South Norfolk area

Roles and responsibilities

- To sample/ collect sample grain from farms and stores and deliver to Frontier's site at Diss
- Ensure sample bags and documentation are completed correctly to ensure relevant laboratory testing
- To arrange sampling appointments with customers via telephone
- Ensure samples are delivered to allocated drop off points in a timely manner
- To liaise with line manager on a daily basis regarding progress
- Ensure that you strictly adhere to Company health and safety procedures
- Be responsible for a company vehicle. Carry out daily checks and ensure issues are reported using the correct procedure.
- Any other duties as requested by a duly authorised member of staff

Requirements

- Be able to meet physical demands of work
- Hold a Full UK driving licence and be confident driving distance on unfamiliar and rural roads
- Initiative to find rural farm locations
- Ability to work without direct supervision
- Strong Customer focus
- Ability to communicate at every level
- Strong organisational skills
- Attention to detail
- Good problem solving skills
- Availability to work from mid July until minimum end of September
- A flexible approach to hours, especially during peak season

Full training will be provided prior to starting the role

For further information please contact Emily Henson on 01379 658141, or to apply please send a CV and covering note to emily.henson@frontierag.co.uk

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.