



SUFFOLK YFC NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

Suffolk Federation of
Young Farmers Clubs

15TH MAY 2017

What a month!!!

Thank you so, so much to all of our members for putting in so much effort into our most successful Country Fair yet. No complaints, just happy smiling faces throughout the day (we won't mention the dog show lady, she was just figment of my imagination I'm sure) and the Young Farmers showcasing what you do best. Every single club pulled out the stops to put on a professional, organised and friendly event which I believe is the key to what we are trying to do. We can't compete with the big shows but what we can do, and have done, is showcase what Young Farmers is about. "Hands on and having fun" is the only way I can describe it and I think we have truly pulled it off this time, Thank you to each and every one of you.

Tory xxx

MEMBERSHIP!!

251 paid up. Still down on last year unfortunately

Brett Valley 37 (same)
Deben Valley 8 (same)
Gipping Valley 29 (+1)
Lark Valley 22 (+1)

Bury St Edmunds 39 (same)
Debenham 32 (same)
Hadleigh 41 (same)
Halesworth 20 (same)
Stowmarket 23 (same)

PHOTO COMP IS OPEN....

SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES TO COUNTY OFFICE, AS MANY AS YOU LIKE PER CLUB,

YOUR PHOTO MUST DEPICT WHAT YFC REPRESENTS TO YOU WITH A CAPTION UNDERNEATH. MUST BE IN BY NEXT WEEK

SUMMER FESTIVAL (WAS RALLY PART 2)

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE, DEBACH AIRFIELD STARTING FROM 12NOON

COMPETITIONS WILL INCLUDE ROUNDERS (IF WE EVER FIND THE KIT—COME ON SOMEONE OWN UP!), BUBBLE FOOTBALL, OLD SCHOOL COMPETITIONS, TUG OF WAR, HOBBY HORSEING, CARDBOARD BOX WAR AND MUCH MORE.

Rules will come out asap!!

The evening will include a Hoe Down open to juniors, ticket details will follow as soon as they are confirmed

CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTH

Ellis Blackmore—because he harped on so much I had to despite the fact he's not even a chairman. And our County Chair Beth—for getting through Country Fair, BPS and Bury Ball all unscathed!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Tom Walne—for boundless, endless, tireless work on the Country Fair

SPORTS STANDINGS.....

CURRENT POSITIONS

Senior

1st	Bury	196 points
2nd	Hadleigh	182 points
3rd	Stowmarket	162 points
4th	Debenham	156 points
5th	Halesworth	90 points

Juniors

1st	Brett Valley	220 points
2nd	Gipping Valley	173 points
3rd	Lark Valley	149 points
4th	Deben Valley	48 points

Attendance

Senior

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

Junior

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

Diary Dates March—June

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

6/6 Sports & Social

10/6 Summer Festival, Debach

17/6 Eastern Area Summer Comps

17/6 Wheat Comp Judging

19-23 Muck Move

28/29 Norfolk Show

July

1/7 Brett Valley "Beth's Bash"

August

12/8 Junior Campout

FIRST DRAFT COUNTY CALENDAR FOR 2017/18 WILL BE ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER FOR E-MAILED COPIES

ANY DATES FOR NEXT YEARS DIARY PLEASE E-MAIL TO OFFICE@SUFFOLKYOUNGFARMERS.COM ASAP PLEASE!

Clay Shoot Results
1st Bury St Edmunds 100
2nd Hadleigh 79
3rd Debenham 65
4th Stowmarket 62

1st Gipping Valley 115
2nd Brett Valley 75
3rd Lark Valley 52

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

Farming & Countryside Competition Results
1st Hadleigh 111.5
2nd Stowmarket 95
3rd Bury St Edmunds 94.5
4th Debenham 90.5

1st Brett Valley 78
2nd Gipping Valley 76.5
3rd Lark Valley 61.5

Well done to everyone for competing as this one's generally a bit fierce!

WHEAT COMPETITION 2017

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN

Judging will take place ON 17TH APRIL and entries must be received by 30th April at the latest please

One entry per club, junior and senior
ENTRIES ARE OVERDUE—I'VE ONLY RECEIVED ONE SO FAR!!!

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%

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....

TUG OF WAR 2017 ROUNDS

It was confirmed 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 2.30pm

Junior Final—Suffolk Show Wednesday 2.30pm

Senior Mixed team competition as part of Summer Festival

SUFFOLK SHOW 2017—31ST MAY/1ST JUNE

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

The Udder Barn—2 debates

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

Thurs 1pm—Glyphosate—the future—chair Tom Bradshaw

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

Weds

2.30pm Tug of War Finals

2pm Mascot Race featuring the all new SUPER SHEEP

Thurs

9am Charlotte Cobbald Stockpersons competition—I competitor per club from the winners of the stockjudging comp.

Featuring Pigs this year!

SUFFOLK SHOW BALL 20th May 2017

After Dinner Tickets are now on sale to YFC members for this fantastic event.

Tickets are £30.00 inc VAT each. Upon receipt of the ticket booking form and full payment we will send you your tickets. After dinner tickets guests are invited from 10.30pm and carriages are at 1am.

We do hope that you will be able to join us for the evening and help to raise funds for these worthwhile causes. If you require further details, please contact Abi Southworth at the SAA Office on 01473 707129 or email abi.southworth@suffolkshow.co.uk.

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.

Skinner's is a successful family owned business specialising in the manufacture and supply of premium quality complete dry dog foods. Manufactured using the finest quality natural ingredients there is a full range of products for the working and gun dog sector as well as for a wider range of pet dog owners. The products are sold through an established network of stockists supported by a wide range of sponsored events and presence at county shows and game fairs.

Trade Show Support

Skinner's Pet Foods require a person for ~ 35 days a year to build and set up one of our show units during the spring and summer. You will be responsible for constructing the unit and display stands, managing the stock and working with the local area sales manager during the event presenting our products to new and existing customers.

This is mainly weekend work which requires overnight stays around the country. You will be provided with good accommodation and meals. Full training will be provided.

Email CV to will@skinnerpetfoods.co.uk or telephone 07810 826 843 for more details

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA EXECUTIVE

As part of our expansion we are seeking to employ a graduate with an agricultural marketing background. Based in our Suffolk office you will be responsible for delivering Skinner's public relations and social media marketing campaign. Well-developed presentation and writing skills will be essential to enable the candidate to perform the required promotion of our products and advice to a wide audience of dog owners through Multichannel marketing. The ideal candidate will want to develop their skills in public relations, communicating our news to both traditional media outlets and digital platforms.

You will be required to attend and cover key events throughout the year such as The Game Fair, Point to Point races, Crufts and Countryfile Live.

To be successful in this role it is envisaged that you will hold a degree or diploma in agriculture, nutrition, business management or a related subject. The ideal candidate will also be practical, flexible and self-motivated with an understanding of dogs and country sports.

The position is offered with a competitive salary and employment package for the successful candidate. A company pension scheme is in operation along with other employee benefits you would expect from joining a market leading business.

MARKETING NUTRITIONALIST

As part of our expansion we are seeking to employ a graduate with an animal science background. Based in our Suffolk office you will be responsible for delivering key nutritional advice to customer enquiries through multiple channels. You will work closely with our field based sales team to provide nutritional advice and training programmes to retailers and end users of our products. You will be required to attend key events throughout the year such as The Game Fair, Crufts and Countryfile Live.

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If you would like to discuss the role in more detail please contact William Delamore, on 07810 826 843 or email your CV and covering letter to: will@skinnerpetfoods.co.uk www.skinnerpetfoods.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.

