



SUFFOLK YFC NEWSLETTER

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Suffolk Federation of
Young Farmers Clubs

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Merry Christmas Everyone!

Well it's certainly been all go since the last newsletter and I know my ratio of grey hairs to non grey has at least doubled, Fireworks as always was amazing, a freezing cold night should have meant a big fire was a good idea, shame the wind didn't agree and gave me the biggest fright of my YFC time. I'd just about recovered by the time the Tractor Run arrived so add in to that my other least favourite thing of icy roads and Tory has been running on doubled up blood pressure pills and extreme sleepless nights. I'm not sure who's throwing these weather delights at us but I'm just hoping that by the time we get to Country Fair we'll have had our fill! To all of our lovely members, have a happy, healthy Christmas and New Year and bring on 2018 for another amazing YFC year, Tory xx

MEMBERSHIP!! 176
Don't forget you need to be paid up by the end of Jan to go to Blackpool!

Brett Valley 25 (+1)
Deben Valley 10 (+2)
Gipping Valley 21 (+1)
Lark Valley 11 (same)

Bury St Edmunds 34 (+9)
Debenham 21 (same)
Hadleigh 27 (+1)
Halesworth 18 (+16)
Stowmarket 9 (same)

This time last year...215

SPORTS STANDINGS After Sports Day

Sports
Brett Valley 56
Gipping Valley 44
Lark Valley 42
Deben Valley

Debenham 66
Hadleigh 64
Bury St Edmunds 58
Stowmarket 30
Halesworth—not off the blocks yet

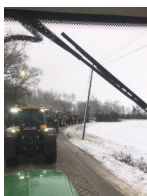
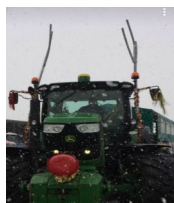
Attendance
Deben
Brett
Gipping & Lark

Halesworth
Bury
Stowmarket
Debenham
Hadleigh

Fireworks!! What a night, huge thanks to the Self and Steward families at Henley for allowing us to use their venue and being so calm when I really thought the whole farm was going to burn down (it didn't but I thought it was going to!). Massive thanks to the amazing Tom Walne for his attention to detail and making sure the fireworks were, once again, a spectacular display,

SANTA TRACTOR RUN 2017

Once again we were lucky enough to get enormous support from our members and friends of the federation with 50 tractors turning out on a spectacularly rubbish weather day (understatement of the year). Thanks to Neil and Sammy Page of Deben Valley for keeping the BBQ under control and to Ryan, Dan, Hollie, Dom, Elliott and James for being our escorts for the day. Our biggest thanks must go to Steve Sutton and the UK Aerial Photography for another incredible film, Find it on via www.suffolkyoungfarmers.com under News.



CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTH

Cameron Thompson, County Vice Chair—for not giving up on the challenge of erecting the field shelter at Easton Farm Park when most would have done.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Sort of a member....Bruce Maskell, Brett Valley YFC for a) sourcing a beater trailer for the tractor run b) falling over and breaking his arm decorating said beater trailer c) having an exploding windscreen on his tractor to tow the beater trailer and d) not having a tantrum and refusing to come out after all of that but still cracking on regardless

Diary Dates December to April 2018

December

29th—Stowmarket YFC Party

January

5th—Junior Ten Pin Bowling, Bury Bowl

9th—Executive Committee—County Office

10th—Senior Ten Pin Bowling, Ten Pin, Martlesham

14th—Junior Forum, Bounce Ipswich INVITE ONLY

21st—Turkey Carcus judging—venue tbc

27th—Stowmarket YFC Ball

February

2nd—Junior & Senior Turkey Curry eating—venue tbc

6th—Sports & Social

7th—Senior County Quiz

9th—Junior County Quiz

11th—Stockjudging—venue tbc

March

2nd—Lark Valley Fundraising Quiz

3rd—Eastern Area Competitions and Spring Rally @ Otley College

6th F&MC

21st County Meeting

31st Suffolk YFC Clay Shoot

April

3rd—Sports & Social

7/8th—Fram Country Show

29th—COUNTRY FAIR

The Turkeys.....

So most clubs have some. Most of them are alive. So their future is as follows:-

Sunday 21st January—judging of carcuses. All turkeys must be killed humanely and presented at a venue to be confirmed dressed as if being sold in a butchers.

Friday 2nd February—the eating. Clubs to prepare their turkeys as a curry for the judges to taste and the clubs to eat the rest amongst themselves!

TEN PIN BOWLING COMPETITIONS

Each club may enter **2 teams of 6 members**. Intention to enter **MUST BE SUBMITTED by Sunday 31st December by email to office@suffolkyoungfarmers.com**

Junior Competition is on Friday 5th January at 7.30pm at Bury Bowl

Senior Competition is on Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm at Ten Pin, Martlesham

Stowmarket YFC 75th Annual Ball

We would like to welcome you all to Trinity Park for our Stowmarket YFC 75th Annual Ball.

We have prosecco on arrival and canapés to start the night followed by an evening dinner consisting of beef carved at the table and a trio of desserts. Dark chocolate tort, lemon posset and macaroons.

There is a vegetarian option so please can you let us know asap if you would prefer this.

The Billy Suggers band shall be playing to start the night off then Chase Stereo shall be our DJ for the rest of the night.

Please let our chairman Rachie Couch 07969297344 know if you would like tickets.
Ticket prices are £40

Junior Forum 2018

5 members per junior club will receive an invitation to attend the Junior Forum taking place on Sunday 14th January at Bounce, Ipswich from 11am to 2pm

Please ensure that if you receive an invitation to this and are unable to attend you inform the office and suggest a replacement!

NFYFC Annual Convention 2018
4-7th May 2018
BLACKPOOL!!!!

The hotel is booked—The Melville, Blackpool

Want to go? Get your name on the list!! First deposit of £100 due by 30th January 2017

The rest will cost you £50 by end of February, £65 by the end of March. Total is £215!! The booking form is attached to this newsletter and on the website!

Please find detailed below information about Ensors 2018 series of farming breakfasts. There is no charge this year for attendees and they are BASIS registered.

Thursday 25 January – “Planning permission in the countryside”

Roland Thomas, chartered surveyor at Acorus Rural Property Services, has over 25 years of rural planning and development experience including rural property issues and building design. He will discuss three key areas of rural planning; permitted development, removing Agricultural Occupancy Conditions and residential development sites.

Thursday 22 February – “Economic update”

The Lloyds Financial Markets team will provide their annual review of how farming, farmers and the UK are faring in the current economic climate; always an informative and popular talk.

Event and booking details

Venue: The Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket, IP14 2AJ

Breakfast: Full English or a lighter option is available.

Timing: Arrival 7.45am for breakfast at 8am. Talks commence at 8.30am and finish at around 9am.

Cost: Free of charge.

These events are BASIS registered and existing members can claim CPD points. To do this, we will need your BASIS membership number which can be completed on the attached reply slip. BASIS is an independent standards setting and auditing organisation for the pesticide, fertiliser and allied industries that recognises professionals within these areas.

To book please email kristie.henry@ensors.co.uk or phone 01473 220090.

Job Opportunity @ Dennington Hall Farms

We are recruiting a new apprentice at Dennington Hall Farms if you come across any likely candidates.

Bradley Leist and Mark Last are two successful apprentices that we have had. Opportunity for a full time job at the end.

If it would help to send you more details, please let me know.

Many thanks,
Robert

Robert Rous
Dennington Hall Farms
01728638712 / 07774635295.

I would like to introduce myself as the area sales representative for Bobcat machinery, I was once a Maldon (Essex) young farmer and can see the many benefits of belonging to the organisation.

As part of my role exploring new markets I am planning to create a fun and informative presentation to give to each club in my area,

I promise not to bore your members with lists of numbers but make it educational and involving with some give a ways at the end.

Contact Phil Stoneham 01708 890188 or
phils@bobcatzone.com

Morning!

I have been living in Elmswell for 26 years and have been travelling twice yearly to Myanmar (Burma) since 2005.

I head up a small UK charity to support very poor communities there. Our goal is to help them to support themselves. I returned two weeks ago having found out that a few have some land which would be suitable for pigs or even a cow. I contacted Send-a-cow charity but they only work in Africa.

Does the Young Farmers ever support work like this?

If at all interested I would love to meet.

Thanks
Florence Bevan
Chairman
Family Link Myanmar

BBC Three are making a new documentary exploring the current conversation around fox hunting, and what it means to different communities across the UK today.

We're keen to speak to young people (18-30yrs) who have grown up in rural areas to hear your thoughts.

If you'd be happy to have an informal, confidential chat about this, please do get in touch by emailing Pete.grant@bbc.co.uk.

The National Sheep Association (NSA) has recently opened applications for its 2018 Next Generation Ambassador group.

The group is made up of up to 12 individuals selected annually who are invited to take part in five technical and personal development sessions through the year. Sessions are a mix of practical sessions, farm walks, site visits and classroom activities.

Each one challenges the group to think objectively about their own businesses and the wider farming industry. Each session is two or three days long and is provided at no charge to the successful applicants.

Ambassadors are selected from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland each year, providing a great opportunity to meet likeminded people from across the UK. Four groups have undertaken the programme so far, since it was launched in 2014.

Full details of topics covered in previous years and past delivery session timetables can be found at www.nsanextgeneration.org.uk. Find an application form at www.nsanextgeneration.org.uk/applyonline.

<http://yfcsmartfarming.org.uk/>

A reminder that the [NFYFC Smart Farming Guide](#) is a new free business guide offering essential advice on how to get a farming business started. As the industry faces huge changes post-Brexit, the Smart Farming Guide, supported by Defra, offers a one-stop shop for practical advice on starting, funding, protecting and growing a robust agri business. The guide also helps YFC members to plan and deliver business development competitions as part of their programme of activities for developing YFC members' skills.

The Future of the Suffolk Young Farmers Junior Ball.

This has been discussed at the last sports and social and the event is now subject to review and potential change in the future. The committee present at the sports and social meeting have made the decision that the junior ball will now only be open to members aged 10-14 on 1st September in the current membership year.

Discounts available for paid up members...

NEW ONES COMING—WATCH THIS SPACE! - Huge thanks to Jade from Halesworth for her ninja negotiation skills! Details to follow!

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.nfyfc.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.nfyfc.org.uk/specialoffersanddiscounts/memberoffers and accessible by using the email and password you are issued by NFYFC on receiving your YFC membership number.