



# SUFFOLK YFC NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2018

Suffolk Federation of  
Young Farmers Clubs

15TH FEBRUARY 2018

### Spring is springing!

Happy New Year! The months have flown past hence no newsletter til now! We are full on into our busiest time now so please can we encourage clubs to try and make sure they are represented at county meetings to keep up with what is going on as much as possible. All members will receive emails from the office with updates and fb groups are kept up to date as well as the county calendar on the website so please check these.

We are hosting Eastern Area comps with our Spring Rally so all hands will be needed to keep it running as closely to time as possible any volunteers welcomed!

Other working relationships are going on particularly with Easton & Otley and Suffolk Ag which is great news for the federation and future members. Let's keep the momentum going! Tory xx

**MEMBERSHIP!! 218**  
Don't forget you need to be paid up by the end of Jan to go to Blackpool!

Brett Valley 27 (+2)  
Deben Valley 10 (same)  
Gipping Valley 27 (+6)  
Lark Valley 12 (+1)

Bury St Edmunds 40 (+6)  
Debenham 29 (+8)  
Hadleigh 37 (+10)  
Halesworth 26 (+8)  
Stowmarket 10 (+1)

This time last year...247—theres still time!

**SPORTS STANDINGS**  
After County Quiz

Sports  
Brett Valley 112  
Gipping Valley 84  
Deben Valley 82  
Lark Valley 58

Hadleigh 122  
Debenham 110  
Bury St Edmunds 76  
Halesworth 60  
Stowmarket 38

Attendance  
Deben  
Brett  
Gipping & Lark

Halesworth  
Bury  
Stowmarket  
Debenham  
Hadleigh

#### Diary Dates Feb to May

(Tory reads this, faints dramatically)

#### February

27th—New Officer Training for senior members new into club officer roles—venue tbc

#### March

2nd—Lark Valley Fundraising Quiz, tickets on sale now!!

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

5th Wash down at Trinity Park, Udder Barn

#### 6th F&MC

10th Paint the Udder Barn at Trinity Park

18th Farming & Countryside Competition

21st County Meeting—to be confirmed

24th Halesworth YFC Annual Ball—details to follow

31st Suffolk YFC Clay Shoot

#### April

3rd—Sports & Social

7/8th—Fram Country Show

13th—Brett Valley Frog Race, Bildeston

14th—Hadleigh YFC Dinner Dance

21st—PIG TENTS UP @ Easton Farm Park

29th—COUNTRY FAIR

#### May

2nd—AGM briefing

4th-7th Annual Convention, Blackpool

8th F&MC, The Limes

13th South Suffolk Show

19th Hadleigh Show

20th Essex Young Farmers Show

26th Bury St Edmunds YFC Ball

30/31st Suffolk Show

#### BUSY TIMES AHEAD—HELP NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING PLEASE:-

Judges/Stewards for Eastern Area comps 3rd March

**10TH MARCH—PAINTING THE YFC BARN @ TRINITY PARK—names please asap as brushes need to be purchased!**

Clay Shoot—lots of helpers for scoring/trapping throughout the day—trappers must be over 16

School Farms Fair—21st April—help needed to run the YFC stand if anyone is available please?

21st April—in lieu of rent for the country fair we need to put the pig tents up @ Easton—help please!

#### ANNUAL CONVENTION

SOLD OUT—apart from 1 female space

T-shirts will be ordered in the next 10 days and given out to those attending at the briefing meeting taking place at Stowupland Crown on Wednesday 2nd May. All attending AGM MUST attend the meeting for the briefing from NFYFC.

#### CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTH

Megan Keeble—for getting Halesworth back on track and the club attending all county comps. Highest membership for past 3 years at least.

#### MEMBER OF THE MONTH

James Farrington—Stowmarket YFC, for being so supportive at all events, offering help and equipment. For really pushing hard to move the club onwards and upwards.

The Turkeys.....  
Results  
Carcass  
1st Brett Valley, 2nd Deben Valley  
1st Halesworth, 2nd Debenham, 3rd Hadleigh

Curry  
1st Gipping Valley, 2nd Deben Valley, 3rd Brett Valley  
1st Debenham, 2nd Halesworth, 3rd Hadleigh

Turkey Diary  
1st Deben Valley  
1st Halesworth, 2nd Hadleigh

## County Quiz results

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

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

## Stockjudging @ The Crown, Snape

Juniors  
1st Brett Valley, 2nd Gipping Valley, 3rd Deben Valley

Seniors  
1st Hadleigh, 2nd Halesworth, 3rd Debenham

Well done to all who competed, the winners from each club will go on to represent their club at Suffolk Show in the Charlotte Cobbald Stockpersons competition to compete for the £300 prize fund.

Junior Forum— huge thanks to all of those from the junior clubs who went along for a day of working out what you'd like from the federation and enjoying a good bounce! We hope you enjoyed your day and got a lot out of it!

- Office Move—thank you to our great band of helpers who made our last minute office move so successful—the new office is a lovely space!

Lark Valley Fundraising Quiz  
Friday 2nd March 2018  
Lawshall Village Hall, Lawshall  
7.30pm onwards

Tickets £7 includes nibbles!  
Bar available all evening

Open to all clubs and ex members—come along!! Tickets from [tory@suffolkyoungfarmers.com](mailto:tory@suffolkyoungfarmers.com)

Brett Valley Frog Race  
Friday 13th April 2018  
Chamberlain Hall, Bildeston  
7pm—11pm

Back by demand, Brett Valley YFC are hosting their 3rd Annual Frog Race, open to anyone involved with Young Farmers.

Tickets for entry, including supper:  
£7 per person  
£25 for a family of 2 Adults, 2 Children  
£30 for a family of 2 Adults, 3 Children  
Fully Licensed Bar  
£1 tote

7 frogs in 7 races. Last race to be auctioned off.

3RD MARCH—SUFFOLK HOST THE EASTERN AREA PARTY, 7,30PM @ THE CEDARS HOTEL, STOWMARKET  
Join us at the Cedars Hotel on 3rd March after the Eastern Area comps/Suffolk Spring Rally!

Music from 2K Entertainment  
£7 entry for members, £9 entry for non-members. Please bring your membership cards.  
Please speak to the Cedars about booking rooms for the night!

Upcoming courses @ Otley College based on requests from YFC membership. Please e-mail the office if you are interested in any of the courses.

Foundation BASIS  
Future Managers  
PA 2

Looking forward there should also be opportunities for an events management level 2 course, if anyone is interested please e-mail the office.

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

I wanted to let you know about an event we are putting on in Suffolk, in a field on a farm!

It's the Suffolk Trail Festival and is happening on 16/17 June 2018 at Shimpling Park Farm between Sudbury and Bury.

We wanted to get in touch as we thought some of you might be interested in getting a team together for our exciting 24 hour race – the first 24 running race in Suffolk! This involves competing in teams of up to 8, running as many loops of a 5 mile trail within the 24 hours. See more here

Also, we are looking for some willing and kind volunteers, to help with a variety of tasks including car parking and marshalling along our course.

We would be absolutely thrilled if you might be interested in being involved in this exciting new project.

My name is Andy Hulme and I am writing to you to offer the SYF the opportunity

For evening talks at your group meetings on birds of prey. The talk would last around

An hour and would include bringing a couple of live birds . The costs are £60 including travel.

I hope this will be of interest to your members .I can be contacted on email at andy\_hulme@hotmail.com

And phone on 07787 522334.

Kind regards

Andy Hulme

Norfolk County Council is delighted to be able to offer four farms covering a total of over 1,000 acres to let this year for occupation from October. The farms are:

Bank House Farm, Stow & Marshland Estate – 437-acre equipped farm.  
Great Crow Farm, Hindringham Estate – 311-acre fully equipped farm.  
Cox Hill Farm, Burlingham Estate – 219-acre fully equipped farm.  
NCC Farm, Welney Farms Estate – 75-acre fully equipped starter farm.

Full details can be downloaded from the Council's website where you will also find details on how to apply, which this year will be entirely done online. The closing date for applications is 12 Noon Friday 9 March 2018.

The Council has joined forces with Anglia Rural Consultants to offer would-be applicants some free business planning training. More details on this can be found here.

For more information contact 01603 638400 or county.farms@norfolk.gov.uk

Not sure who to direct this mail to but was just wondering if you can help.

I am a semi-retired IT consultant and have my own company TPConsultancy. I now limit my working hr to pursue other hobbies, one of which is Metal Detecting.

I am a very keen armature archaeologist and also do some work for Suffolk Archaeology Dept. when they need assistance, both on listed scheduled sites and also new building sites.

There are lots of misconceptions between Land Owners/Farmers and detectorists so I thought it may be a good idea to create a presentation listing exactly why

landowners/farmers should and sometimes should not allow detecting on their land. Also what the benefits might be to them. My presentation would take up

approximately 1Hr and I was wondering if there were ever forums/meeting etc. where you might think such a presentation would be useful. If so I could give you

a much more in depth breakdown of what the presentation would cover.

Please feel free to circulate this mail to other parties who you feel may be interested.

Best Regards Ted Pratt  
Tel. 07847502643

## 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! STILL WORKING ON THIS SORRY!! ANY VOLUNTEERS TO CHASE THESE NEW LEADS MUCH APPRECIATED!**

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/](http://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](http://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.



