

TRINITY TALK

News from the Suffolk Agricultural Association



February 2013

It's been a busy month in the SAA office

The AGM took place this week; new president, arable farmer [Stephen Cobbald](#) was appointed. Outgoing president Lord Deben chaired the meeting. Guests watched the first School Farm and Country Fair DVD that will be posted on YouTube shortly.

Generous new sponsors for the Suffolk Show have signed up, the two main ring timetables are finalised, full and bursting with great displays. The [equine and livestock schedules](#) are out and entries already coming in and the tradestand bookings stand at 70 percent. The first tickets have been sold online and we're in the final stages of launching the 2013 promotional campaign.



David Nunn's Showstoppers...

A big thank you to Suffolk New College who have become the new sponsors of the Flower and Garden Experience, to mark the start of their new horticulture course.

The theme for the **Flower Arrangement Competition** is

"Proverbs and Sayings." "Say it with flowers" by entering before April 19. Pick your schedule [here](#). *Don't forget there is a novice class – so have a go!*

New Made in Suffolk tradestand site is subsidised by the Show and has spaces for more companies with great non-food products made in Suffolk and Essex. There's still space to book a stand in the new Homes and Gardens feature area, but best act fast. Call Paula on 01473 707114.

The **Olym-pigs** are back – running over bridges, around the slalom, navigating the circle and Maltese Cross. Don't miss them in the Pig Ring. Worried where your pork really comes from? Mark your diary with the pig auction for the second day of the Show and make a bid for your freezer and support local production.

More [show announcements here](#).



June 29: The Hopkins International Polo. Thanks to our new sponsor Hopkins Homes for its generosity. It's a great day out however you do it - party in the Bruisyard Hall VIP hospitality tent, lunch in the members' enclosure or bring your own picnic, hire a gazebo. All tickets available now from £25 [here](#).

For sponsorship and advertising opportunities [click here](#).

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Dates for Your Diary

Feb 26 at 12.45pm: A few places remain for the Spring Conference - "Creating the Resilient Farm Business." Speakers include CLA President Harry Cotterell, sponsors are AtlasFram Group and solicitors Mills & Reeve. For tickets and timings visit the [Suffolk Show](#).



April 6: Farriery. Only two places remain for the new Pre-Diploma Training Day. Schedules, application forms and further information on [our site](#) or visit the [Facebook page](#).

Please note The Eastern Counties Spring Championships and CPD day planned for March 1 & 2 have been postponed.

Check the website for the latest news.

At the Events Centre

March 1: Getting to the HEART of your business. Conference organised by Healthy Ambitions Suffolk and the British Heart Foundation for businesses. [Details here](#).

March 8: To celebrate the 102nd International Women's Day, a conference entitled [Creating Gender Balance in the Real World](#). Organised by students from University Campus Suffolk supported by Trinity Park Events.

Trinity Park Events – 2013 is looking good

The Events Centre was host to the first food and agriculture conference and a hugely successful Mason's Magic charity night that raised about £6000.

After a difficult trading year for the hospitality industry in 2012, Trinity Park Events Ltd (TPEL), the commercial arm of the Association, has started the year with a [strong bookings diary](#).

New for Christmas

"What the Dickens?" Christmas Parties were no bah humbug affair for TPEL. The themed nights attracted more than 2000 guests and beat the budget!

New for 2013 we move on a few decades for the "Roaring 20s at the Trinity Park Speakeasy." Catch the new Great Gatsby film out in Spring for inspiration. We'll be practising the Charleston and giving prohibition the bootlegger!

Flap(per) along to [the Trinity Park Events site](#) for special early bird discounted reservations.

Don't forget the special winter warmer rate package.

Book the Trinity Rooms at Trinity Park and get a free upgrade to the events centre ...plus complimentary filter coffee & a selection of traditional and fruit teas during your meetings. Call Mel on 01473 707125.

www.trinityparkevents.co.uk/events-diary for opening times and updates on various activities for you, your friends and family.

Trinity Park Events.

March 14: First of four Rural Renaissance Business Workshops for SMEs in food, forestry and agriculture. [Details here.](#)

March 15: Suffolk NFU Parliamentary and Business Dinner - a great opportunity for farmers to meet with MPs, MEPs and other Suffolk business leaders. [Book here.](#)

March 22-24: Foundry Plant Fayre

March 29 - April 1: Aztec Spring Garden Show

Three pop up clothing sales, with great discounts for all the family, to get your summer wardrobe sorted:

March 15-16: Crew Clothing

April 13-14: Joules

June 19-20: Boden

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