

# TRINITY TALK

News from the Suffolk Agricultural Association



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## Spring is definitely in the air at Trinity Park

Buds are appearing on the trees and the landscapers are busy mowing. At last many of our farmer members are getting outdoors to spray while others are celebrating the end of chilly months in the lambing shed. Here's our tradestand officer Paula with two orphan lambs Snowy (R) and Springy born at the farm of SAA President Stephen Cobbald.



## Key Stage 2 schools, we need ewe for a new Suffolk farming competition



Calling all schools with Key Stage 2 pupils - the education team is launching a brand new Suffolk Farming School of the Year Competition. Run in conjunction with Cook with me Kids, the three-part initiative starts with a challenge to design and make a life size sheep, includes hands-on workshops and ends with a grand finale cook off in the Farminanglia marquee at the Suffolk

Show on May 29. [Click here](#)

## Suffolk Show Stoppers

Crack on if you want to enter heavy horse, light horse, pony or driving classes March 22 is the closing date. Download your schedule at the [Suffolk Show website](#).

By reshaping various tradestand areas and creating more "village" style experiences throughout the site we have released additional space that has given us the opportunity for two new feature areas – Homes and Gardens and Made in Suffolk. This area is especially for local companies to showcase their non-food products and services that are produced in Suffolk and Essex. It's already filling up fast with a printer and author and hat hire company among others, so you'll need to book fast!

Homes and Gardens showcases products linking the inside to the outside of your home, and items to enhance the leisure use of your home and is situated next to the Flower and Garden Experience – the biggest marquee on the site. Email: [paula.slater@suffolkshow.co.uk](mailto:paula.slater@suffolkshow.co.uk) for further details and to reserve stand space.

Street acts will be a major feature of the Show, towering 8ft Titan, living statues, Jitterbug Dancers will all entertain... There may even be an appearance of the Military wives from Wattisham to sing for visitors.

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## SAA Diary Dates

**19 March:** the inaugural charity golf day at Woodbridge Golf Club. All tees are sponsored, teams filled, but bids for auction prizes can still be taken. The event supports the School Farm and Country Fair on April 25.

**6 April:** Pre-Diploma Training Day for apprentice farriers with Simon Curtis, Chris Pardoe and Ben Ryder-Davies. Fully booked.

**25 April:** more than 4000 schoolchildren aged 7-9 years discover where their food comes from in a hands-on action-packed day of fun at the School Farm and Country Fair, Trinity Park.

## In the Events Centre:

**Trinity Park is a great place to do business**, whether you're the WI – 700 lovely ladies held their AGM here – or were celebrating the 102<sup>nd</sup> International Women's Day organised by students from University Campus Suffolk.

So don't forget, give Mel a call if you're planning an event of any size on 01473 707125

[Click here](#) for a last chance to book a special winter warmer rate package before the end of April.

## Long Service Awards

Have you a farm worker who has worked upwards of 35 years and needs to be recognised. Nominate him or her for the Long Service Awards given on the first day of the Show. Call Hannah on 01473 707118 for an entry form.

## Trinity Park Events

The recent warmer days have put us in the mood for Spring which means getting out in the garden and planning your summer plants. Two ever popular inspirational events return this month for all our green-fingered followers:

**22-24 March:** Foundry Plant Fayre

**29 March – 1 April:** Aztec Spring Garden Show

## Suffolk Farmers advised on building resilient farms for the future

More than 100 Suffolk farmers attended the annual spring conference sponsored by AtlasFram and Mills & Reeve to hear from the professionals on ways to ensure their farm businesses are more resilient for facing future storms in the commodities, energy and financial markets.



[Click here for more details](#)

## An Easter Chick brings you an eggstra special early bird offer!

New for 2013 we're practising our Charleston for the "Roaring 20s at the Trinity Park Speakeasy", the theme for our successful Christmas parties. Catch the new Great Gatsby film out in Spring for inspiration.

[Peck here](#) for that cracking deal – ends on March 31.

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## SUFFOLK BUSINESS EXHIBITION

**Wednesday May 1, 2013:** The ISSBA Suffolk Business Exhibition 2013

A key date in the business calendar for you and your business. It's bigger this year to accommodate more exhibitors and open longer to maximise your networking. [More details here](#)

**Arrive early for the Exhibitors' breakfast,** sponsored by Trinity Park. Entry free, some exhibitor places available. [Register here](#)

## Spring fashion arrives:

Time to Spring clean your wardrobe and kit out all the family at bargain prices at our pop-up sales:

**13-14 April:** Joules

**19-20 June:** Boden

Check [the Trinity Park Events Diary](#) for opening times and updates on various activities for you, your friends and family.

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