

TRINITY TALK

News from the Suffolk Agricultural Association



July 2013

All change at top of SAA



The SAA is delighted to announce the new team that will be driving the Association forward during the next three years.

It's all change at the SAA. Following his final year as Show Director David Nunn (bottom left) has stepped down



making way for his successor Elmswell farmer Bill Baker (right) who in turn has appointed agronomist Mike Warner (bottom right) as his deputy. Following four and half years in the role of chairman, Stephen Fletcher has handed over to Robert Rous of Dennington Hall and David Nunn is appointed vice chairman. "It's an exciting and challenging time for the Association," said former Suffolk FWAG and CLA chairman Robert Rous (left) whose first role within the SAA was as a light horse steward in the early 1980s.



"The Suffolk Show has a way of bonding people to the county in which agriculture is key to everything."

Work is already underway for the 2014 Suffolk Show on May 28 & 29, as new director Bill Baker met with the team earlier this month.



For more [click here](#).



School Farm and Country Fair

The School Farm and Country Fair committee, under the chairmanship of John Taylor, has strengthened its team with the appointment of former Farmers Weekly family page writer and farmer's wife Bella Hall, dairy

farmer Jason Salisbury of Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses and David Pettitt who farms outside Gislingham and is a governor at his local primary school. Pictured are children enjoying the day. *Next year's event will be held on April*

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Dates for your diary

August: Look out for the launch of the BALE award early next month. Thanks to Ashton KCJ for sponsoring the award for the 22nd year.

September 28: Pre-diploma farriery training day for apprentices preparing for exams this autumn or next Spring. The first event held earlier this year was oversubscribed, so a strong interest is anticipated. For further details visit the facebook page Farriery at Trinity Park or call Elizabeth Payne on 01473 707115.

October 1: Annual membership subscriptions due. Please note this can be done online.

October 24: The second annual agricultural awards dinner featuring winners of the BALE and Suffolk's Farm Business Competition as well as Britannia Primary School, winners of the Suffolk's Farming School of the Year, at Trinity Park. Details to be announced soon.

November 7: Annual Horticultural Conference: The World of Trees

Renowned arboriculturalist, author and gardener Hugh Johnson (also of wine fame) heads an eminent line-up of speakers who will address the audience about trees in the landscape, at Kew and in the garden. Save the date, details to follow.

February 10, 2014: AGM, Trinity Park 11.30am

Farmers needed!

Could you be involved in helping school children learn about food and farming? Farmers are needed both for classroom talks and to host schools on their farms. If you are interested in signing up for a training session for ideas on how to host a visit or plan classroom activities, please email: hannah.woods@suffolkshow.co.uk



Thank you to David Barker who has served 15 years as the senior steward for Communications and Press. We welcome Eric Morton who has now taken on the role and will also be working with the team to drive sponsorship for the Show.

Hopkins International Polo



Crowds turned out in their thousands at Trinity Park to enjoy the fast and furious spectacle of international polo. Held for the second consecutive year and organised by the Suffolk Agricultural Association (SAA) in conjunction with Hopkins Homes, the event took place on a specially created pitch flanked by grandstands, marquees and gazebos and people sitting on the ground with their picnics, enjoying a game traditionally associated with the M4 corridor and the sunny weather.

The big four chukka match of the day, compered by polo veteran Peter West, featured teams from England and South America which saw plenty of action and resulted in South America beating Young England 5 – 4.5. Experience triumphed over youth, said one commentator.

Trinity Park Events

It's been a busy early summer for the TPEL team.

High fliers...

More than 300 guests from regional businesses filled the room with admiration and celebration and wowed at the amazing voice of Laura Wright at the Archant Business Awards. Congratulations to Sackers, winners of the "Suffolk Business of the Year" award and Elveden Farms winners of the "Food and Farming Excellence" award sponsored by the SAA.



...and some more...

... the East Anglian Air Ambulance Fun Day in June and the 'Stars in the Night Sky' Ball in July raised more than £3000 for the charity that is the only air ambulance to be equipped for night operations.



The
**Suffolk
Show**
28 & 29 May
2014

Forthcoming events:

Sunday August 25– National Association of Street Cars 'The Show and Shine' public open day

www.rodandcustom.co.uk

Every Sunday 6.30am: Car boot sales have started for the summer. Turn out your cupboards and book a pitch.

www.suffolkcarboot.co.uk

September 12-15: Foundry Plant sales have grown! Due to their success they are now four day events instead of two. See www.trinityparkevents.co.uk/eventsdiary for details

Christmas Parties are selling fast. Themed 'The Roaring 20's' weekend dates are almost a sell-out. To book mid week parties including the 'Simply Party' on 5th December at £39.95 per person [Click here](#)

For all forthcoming events visit www.trinityparkevents.co.uk



Congratulations to Glasswells whose pop up skating rink at the Suffolk Show raised an amazing £1000 for St. Elizabeth's Hospice. Thanks to all that got their skates on!

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