



HADLEIGH FARMERS NEWS

The newsletter for Hadleigh Farmers' Agricultural Association

July 2024 edition

From Our Chairman, Paul Gillies

The weather has continued to be a daily surprise for us all, while writing this in July watching the rain and wondering if we will ever have a summer, I can only think that our arable farmer friends are on the verge of tearing their hair out.

The show also had it's challenges with weather with a beautiful hot couple of days during the early stages of set up then torrential rain for the Thursday and Friday. Well done to George for taking a strong stance on closing the showground for movements on the Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, it definitely saved us a huge mess and only minimal damage was done to the showground.

We were so lucky that show day itself was beautiful weather with sunshine and smiling faces across the show. Congratulations to George and his team for putting on another excellent show. The apache was a great addition to the show and we were so lucky the Flower Show stood up to the down draught and everyone was happy once the helicopter was in place - what a brilliant sight to see as our visitors came in through Layham Gate.

After another hugely successful show we are again in a fortunate position to donate approx. £25,000 to local charity's which are detailed further in this newsletter along with supporting educational projects which is fantastic for us to be able to do .

The annual clay shoot at Chelsworth Park saw a fantastic turnout, a huge thankyou to John Simpson and Will Faulds for organising. The golf day at Hintlesham will take place on Wednesday 18th September with meet up at 12.45 which we hope will be another great day. Our social committee are working hard on our 185th year celebration ball taking place on Friday 4th October - see later in the newsletter for the full details along with when bookings will be open and how to sponsor or donate for the silent auction.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the 185th Hadleigh Farmers Ball on the 4th October at The Talbooth.

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SHOW DIRECTOR GEORGE HALSALL

The show was a magnificent success. There was something for everyone and we were extremely lucky with the weather. It was a privilege to be involved and we should be proud that it pulls many communities together, celebrates and showcases British agriculture, as well as producing a financial surplus that will allow us to support many charities and help connect young people with agriculture.

The atmosphere is always fantastic, but I do feel the little additional extras, like music around the food areas, the photo opportunities and the general layout helped to improve the feel of the show to another level.

I want to thank Tory – a lot of credit needs to go her way. She is very organised with loads of ideas and contacts. She also deals with everyone and everything very well and efficiently.

I would like to thank the show set up team, we seemed to be well ahead of the game all week and that allowed us to deal with the wet weather on Thursday/Friday morning. In particular, I would like to thank them for the support of the vehicle ban and being strict in implementing this while keeping friendly and polite. Because of their hard work, we kept the majority of people onside and they worked with us to keep the showground intact. A special mention must go to Martin Pratt for being fantastic on the gate including having to deal with a couple of Merchant Bankers. Additionally, I would like to thank everyone for the help on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday taking down and packing up.

I would also like to thank all the stewards! It's a team effort and it's a pleasure to be part of that team. I believe the success of the show is down to so many fantastic individuals that give up their time to create a truly amazing team.

Finally, I would like to wish Angharad Binder all the best for next year. Her family have spent many years involved within the show. I know she has loads of thoughts and ideas already, with some excellent training this year, I look forward to another brilliant show.





BEHIND THE SHOW

Mark Whyman - Longfields - sponsor & tradestand



We were thrilled to attend the Hadleigh Show this year with our very own stand, and it turned out to be one of the best decisions we've made as a business!

Having a stand at the Show provided us with a fantastic opportunity to connect with so many of our clients, both new and existing. It was wonderful to see familiar faces and to meet new ones, all while showcasing what Longfields has to offer.

The event allowed us to engage with our clients in a relaxed and enjoyable environment, creating lasting impressions and strengthening relationships.

While we have always been proud sponsors and supporters of the Hadleigh Show, this year marked our debut with a stand. The positive feedback and interactions we experienced have reinforced our commitment to being a part of this incredible event in the future.

Thank you to everyone who visited us at the Show. We look forward to continuing our journey together and seeing you at the next Hadleigh Show!

Cattle Judge - Sarah Cook



It was fantastic to be back at Hadleigh Show – one which I'd attended many times when I was younger – and I was so pleased to find that it still had all of the friendly atmosphere I remember!

I judged some very well-supported sections of both Hereford cattle and the Any Other Native Beef breeds, as well as a tremendous group of Young Handlers who each proved themselves to be capable and knowledgeable when it came to their animals, making for some competitive classes indeed.

The standard of quality among the beef breed classes was exceptional and I'm grateful to the exhibitors for bringing forward such a good lineup for me to judge.

A big thank you must go to the team at Hadleigh Show for their excellent organisation and hospitality, all of which made for a great day.

BEHIND THE SHOW



Tom Davis - Sheep Commentator



2024 saw me return to Hadleigh show as the sheep commentator.

Initially I was asked to take up the challenge by the lovely Tory, having commentated at a few other agricultural shows I said yes.

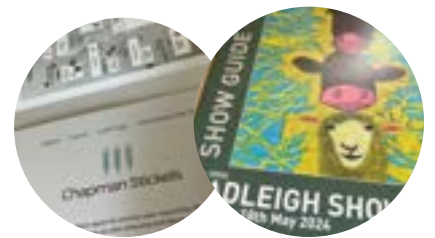
Hadleigh is always an enjoyable day for me. Every person I have met during the times I've been at the show have been amazing, friendly and welcoming to the fella from London! One of the things that makes it easier for me as the commentator is the variety and quality of the sheep on show, they really are a credit to everyone of the exhibitors who bought them out to the show. As the commentator your job is to educate the visiting public about sheep, British agriculture and for those who have some knowledge the job then is to engage with them and share the information about the variety of our native breeds as well as the breeds from further afield. The commentary has to entertain and hold the audience, which I hope that it does.

Hadleigh is a date that is firmly secured in my calendar, I look forward to seeing you there next year.



Show Suppliers

Keith Avis Printers Ltd



The relationship between Keith Avis Printers and HFAA is a long-standing one, marked by collaboration with various secretaries over the years, including Barbara, Janie, Cathy, and now Tory. Throughout these years, Keith Avis Printers has adapted to the changing printed requirements, always ready to meet short notice demands and transform ideas into finished products. Matt, a veteran of almost 30 years with Avis's, manages all print needs for HFAA and works closely with Tory.

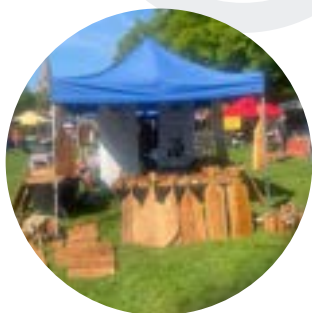
Tory brings fresh ideas each year that require innovative printing solutions, and Matt ensures these are realised effectively. In addition to his role at Avis, Matt serves as a firefighter in Hadleigh and has been a constant presence at the annual show. Preparation for the next show begins late in the year with Prize Cards, followed by the creation of new show schedules in January. The pace picks up over the subsequent months with the production of mirror hangers, ticket wallets, various passes, vouchers, and a steady influx of advertisements for the Show Guide. May is particularly hectic, dedicated to finalising Stewards Notes, the Catalogue of Exhibitors, and an improved Show Guide, alongside numerous boards and banners. This month is busy not only with HFAA's demands but also for other customers who have trade stands at the show. Additionally, there's significant activity involving the sale of thousands of pounds of tickets at newsagents and Anne's frequent visits to collect the money.

The annual show organized by HFAA holds a special place in the Hadleigh community calendar, eagerly anticipated by residents and visitors and us all at Keith Avis Printers.

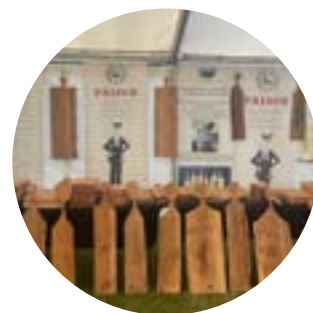
We wish the show continued success for the future.



BEHIND THE SHOW



Tradestand - Roughstuff Oak Matt Easdown



We really love The Hadleigh Show!!

There I've said it and open the door wide open and encourage all other craft traders to grab a spot either inside or just outside the coveted craft marquee.

We sell beautiful rustic oak chopping boards and serving boards that are either made in Prison (HMP The Mount) or by ex offenders.

Covid badly hit the commercial side of the business so we decided to sell our products direct to the public via County Shows, Food Festivals and Country Fairs. It was at this point in early 2022 that we thought The Hadleigh Show may be a great venue.

And what a truly friendly welcoming show it has turned out to be. Where else do you get cups of tea and chocolate brownies brought to you while setting up - Jess and her team of helpers in the craft marquee really push the boat out to make you feel welcome .

The size , vibe and demographic of The Hadleigh Show is exactly what we try to replicate when booking our events at the start of each year. The show has a really solid agricultural feel but also has the energy and hustle and bustle of customers looking to spend their money on the quality products that are available across the Showground

Easy set up and set down for traders, helpful smiling stewards , friendly customers who want to spend money - couple this with the most picturesque showground setting and you sure have a winning formula.

A big thankyou to Tory and the team who consistently deliver a great event.

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Competitor - Kate Over - Hunter and Side Saddle Competitor



Right from the start when looking to enter – it was so easy to look up on the Schedule the classes which I wanted to enter. The excitement builds when you receive your rider number, wristbands for yourself and groom and the lorry pass.

On arrival at the Hadleigh Show early in the morning, the Stewards with their bowler hats are always smiling and directing you in the right direction. Once parked up in the lorry park- I will say it was a little sticky underfoot in places this year and was thankful to see a tractor with enough horsepower to tow out the bigger lorries!!

When you have unloaded and polished up your already plaited horse (up at goodness knows what hour) you get onboard – again the Stewards at the general public crossings were all very smiley and wished me luck on the way down to the Grand Ring – what a wonderful Ring to ride in – old turf and the horses really seem to enjoy the softer going. I had entered the Open Hunter and the Ladies Hunter – the commentator was great fun and was able to put everyone at ease and we even had a little chuckle!

I was lucky enough to win both classes and then go Hunter Champion – WOW what a beautiful Cup - I was thrilled.

Now to the Side Saddle classes in the Presidents Ring later in the afternoon – this is a completely different class as it is judged on the Rider and not primarily the horse – so we were all polished up again and riding to our very best ability, the horse is taken into consideration as well as they have to be mannerly and quick to the aids especially as you only have your left leg on the nearside under the fixed head of the side-saddle with your right leg around the leaping head of the side-saddle and a crop in your right hand to ACT as your right leg! We all go round the Ring in walk, trot and canter and then are pulled in altogether (no placings) and each individually asked to do a Show in front of the Judge, when coming backing to the Judge for the salute we are then scrutinised for cleanliness and fit of the horses side-saddle and bridle. These classes do not require a conformation judge. Then, off we go out again in walk and the Judge places the competitors. It is so nice to get feedback from the Judge as to how you have ridden and things that may not be right on the day you can then work on at home for your next Show.

We all had such a jolly time at Hadleigh Show - the Side Saddle Association is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and it is wonderful to see this spectacle getting more and more popular.



SOCIAL EVENTS



It is with the greatest pleasure that Paul Gillies (Club Chairman) on behalf of the Hadleigh Farmers' Agricultural Association, invite our honoured Vice-Presidents, Members, Sponsors, Judges and Exhibitors to a charity ball to celebrate our prestigious 185th year!!!

As one of the oldest agricultural clubs in the country, it only seems fitting to celebrate our amazing 185th year in style! The committee are planning a fabulous night of fizz, food, dancing and celebration at the Talbooth. So join us and enjoy a cool glass of fizz on arrival, a delicious 3 course meal, wine on each table and then dance the night away to live music.

Booking Your Tickets!

This event has been exceptionally well attended in previous years. As such, the committee are kindly requesting that guests on each table are Vice-Presidents, Members or contributors to the Show or Club.

Tickets will be priced at £85 per person including a 3 course meal, arrival drinks, wine on the tables and even a late night snack to keep you going until the dancing stops!

Tickets will be able to apply for from 1st August and we ask you to book in of 10.

Tickets are strictly limited so we urge you to apply early to avoid disappointment. A booking is only confirmed once payment has been received. Tickets will be available to book from the 1st August 2024 by emailing Tory Lugsden at: secretary@hadleighshow.co.uk

Please note that no tickets will be reserved or booked before this date.



SOCIAL EVENTS





Looking to Sponsor or Donate to the 185th Ball?

If you would like to help sponsor, we have a range of packages available; from table sponsors at £100 to main event sponsors there's lots of different ways you can help us make this event special.

We're also looking for individuals and businesses who would like to donate prizes for our silent auction. We've already had some fantastically generous and exciting prizes gifted, but we're still looking for items, experiences, services or treats that we can use to raise funds.

If you'd like more information about our sponsorship options or you would like to donate a gift to our auction, please email Tory Lugsden at: secretary@hadleighshow.co.uk

Detail	Cost	Included (all sponsors will be acknowledged in our event Programme)
Main event sponsor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 free tickets • Main sponsor to give grace for the evening • Front of marquee space dedicated to main sponsor • Logo on all information, tickets, papers
Arrival drinks	£500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area to set up promotional information and advertising area for drinks to be handed out from • Logo and sponsor info on all promotional material and subsequent publicity
Table sponsors (12 available, 4 sold)	£100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising materials provided by the business on the table • Details in the event programme
Band	£500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo on ticket • Banner advertising space across the site • Acknowledgement on all publicity
Event Programme	£200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo on front of programme
Menu sponsor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo on all menus
End of the night sponsor (that late night snack we all need!)	£500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area to set up promotional information and advertising area for food to be served from • Logo and sponsor info on all promotional material and subsequent publicity



SOCIAL EVENTS



Annual Golf Day 2024
bookings are OPEN!

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Wednesday 18th September 2024
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Open to members of HFAA, show stewards and guests of members

Contact Barry Hitchcock barry@haddon-house.co.uk
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Save the Date

The Annual General Meeting of Hadleigh Farmers Agricultural Association will take place on Monday 18th November at 7.30pm. Venue will be confirmed.

HFAA TIES FOR SALE

Available in red and blue, ties can be ordered via the secretary and cost £25 each.

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For full information and details please contact Barry Hitchcock via barry@haddon-house.co.uk



HFAA EDUCATION PROJECT

As part of our educational objectives we are building strong links with our local schools. From involvement in the education tent, to funding farm visits and giving school assemblies the relationships with our local primary, and high schools are growing from strength to strength.

The majority of primary schools have this year had funded trips to Hollow Trees or Park Farm, Shimpling who work with the Country Trust to put hands on days on for primary school children at Key Stage 2.

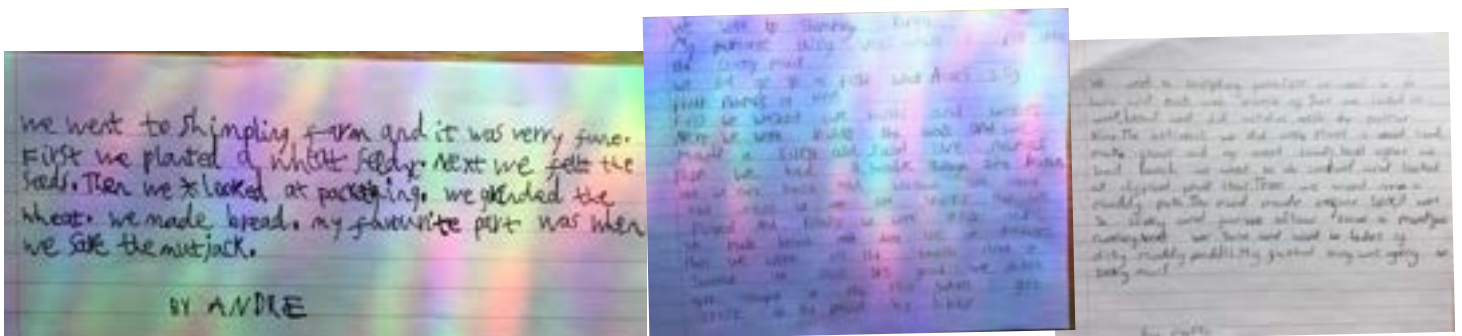
The Education Tent at Hadleigh Show 2024

“Bustling”, “full of activities for all ages”, “packed to the rafters” and “full of things to learn about” are just some of the comments we have received following the show.

What a great show we had in the education tent!



Park Farm, Shimpling visit by St Mary's Primary, Hadleigh organised by The Country Trust and as told by the children





CLAY SHOOT

The Annual Clay Shoot was the victim of every type of weather all in one day, with thunder rocking Chelsworth Park and making being under a gazebo slightly nervewracking briefly. Despite the weather we were hugely grateful for a great turn out of competitors for a “very tricky” round set by the brilliant team of John Simpson, Will Faulds, Ian Pearce and ably assisted by James Craske and their fantastic band of merry helpers and our friends from Essex and Suffolk Hunt Supporters.

A hotly contended, and commented upon difficulty rating, made for some interesting scores and some serious competition amongst our more serious shooters. Simmo most certainly made them work for the prizes this year!

Winners are as follows:-

Open Shoot - Paddy Colls

Ladies - Helen Baker

Young Shot John Fincham Trophy - Jasper Pearce

Hadleigh Farmers - Kevin Parish

Essex & Suffolk Hunt Supporters - Richard Cranfield

Young Farmers - Ed Harrington



Our thanks go to the set up team particularly Will Faulds and John Simpson for their huge efforts.

To the brilliant Ann Fincham for her adding up skills, moral support and endless smiles

And to everyone for supporting us on a day that was slightly grotty on the weather front!



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Hadleigh Young Farmers Update



Hadleigh Young Farmers had a tremendous time stewarding for the Hadleigh Show and even better we had sunshine too!

Everyone was up for a good game of tug of war, the pheasant gun cartridge sculpture was a hit with the judges, and the invitation to drinks in the marquee was a lovely end to a successful day.

The Hadleigh Show is a great opportunity to promote what the club does and how it plays an important role in the lives of young adults who live and breathe the countryside.

With the generous support from the Hadleigh Farmers Agricultural Association the club we will be able to provide more opportunities for our members to enjoy being a young farmer, and create long lasting memories and friendships.

Recently in our summer program, we have been making use of the lighter evenings with visiting farms in our local area.

Thank you to Chris and Sarah Partridge for a tour of their lovely cattle at Kersey Livestock, to the Squirrell family for a tractor ride around their farm, and to Agrial Salads for an interesting behind the scenes of growing salad on a large scale indoors.

As a club we have the Chairman's BBQ up next to celebrate how much we have achieved so far this young farmer year with winning the summer rally with 298 points; surely that is a record! Also, a fantastic ball and raising £1,070 for the Blue Cross.

Next year, we will have plenty of members eager to steward at the Hadleigh Show and it will be great to continue the strong relationship between us.

See you all at the winter drinks!
Alice Hallows - Hadleigh YFC Chair

For more information on how to join Hadleigh Young Farmers follow us on instagram @hadleighyfc or email secretary@hadleighyfc.co.uk

Brett Valley Young Farmers Update



Brett Valley YFC have been busy in the first half of the year, kicking off with the annual Suffolk YFC bowling competition. We made the most of the dark nights on indoor activities such as Ready, Steady, Cook, Stock judging practice and indoor target shooting.

As the weather improved we headed outdoors for Ringos, Suffolk YFC Clay Shoot and Tug of War training with all the junior clubs coming together for evening to practice prior to show season starting.

We had the usual stand at Hadleigh show, organised and built by members and parents, showcasing Young Farmers to potential new recruits. We had a busy day on the stand with lots of interest in Brett Valley and other clubs within the County. We were in the ring for Tug of War, putting our training into practice against other junior clubs.

Suffolk show is the next big event for us both manning the Suffolk YFC stand and competing in the Charlotte Cobbald competition, showing sheep that were kindly offered by competitors on the day. Unfortunately this year was not our year to retain the trophy but a good effort was made by those who competed, particularly as some had not competed before.

The lighter evenings had also allowed us to get out and have a clay shooting evening with a coach, crazy golf and rounders with other junior clubs. We will finish the year with paddle boarding at Henny, before going on summer break. We are incredibly grateful to the HFAA and its members for their continued support as Brett has restarted and is going from strength to strength.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please email brettvalleyyfc@gmail.com.

Supported Charities 2024



Hadleigh Farmers are delighted to have been able to support the following charities for 2024 following our hugely successful show.

Donations totalling £25,000 have been made to the local charities below.

Hadleigh Elderly People's Christmas Appeal

The Porch Project, Hadleigh

Hadleigh Men's Shed

St Mary's Church, Hadleigh

Hadleigh Rugby Club,

Hadleigh United Youth Football Club

Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding

RABI

Farm Community Network

The Rural Coffee Caravan

SERV - Blood Runners

SARS - Suffolk Accident Rescue Service

East Anglian Air Ambulance

Suffolk Federation, Brett Valley, Gipping Valley and Hadleigh Young Farmers

Funding for schools in the Hadleigh Pyramid to attend School Farm and Country Fair at Suffolk Showground in April, school visits to Hollow Trees Farm and to Park Farm Shimpling including transport costs for the schools.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025



Obviously as soon as one show ends our minds in the office and with the show team turn to the next events coming up and obviously the next show.

We are so aware that the nicest thing about the show is that all of us have a story about shows of the past. We are asking if any of you have a lovely story about the show or any of our events if you would kindly send them to us?

We are looking to use some of the history of the show, and your memories as part of our marketing campaign for next year and the sooner we start putting things together the better for us.

If you have any photos or just a memory you can jot down on a piece of paper, email to the office or call it through we would love to hear them.

Thank you!

BURSARIES

The bursary fund is available and open to applications from any members or associated friends of the Hadleigh Farmers Agricultural Association.

Applications for support for courses including Worshipful Company of Farmers, Oxford Farming Conference, Nuffield Scholarship and Institute of Agricultural Management. Applications will also be reviewed for support towards BASIS/FACTS qualifications or any other course that is considered as Continuous Personal Development. For consideration please e-mail the secretary with the full information which will be reviewed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee as required.



The challenges of diversification in farming

Samuel Flower - Birkett Long



With local, global, and political issues all having a cumulative effect on farm profitability and viability, it is no wonder that many are turning to diversification projects or going to market because the current crop (pardon the pun) of owners cannot afford to keep them running.

Succession planning and tax reliefs

However, when it comes to succession planning and Inheritance Tax (IHT), it is important for any farmer wanting to diversify to be aware of the available tax reliefs and their conditions, which can be weakened or lost when undertaking certain diversification projects.

Biodiversity Net Gain and Agricultural Property Relief

There are various projects under the Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) and those relating to Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). The latter received long-awaited clarification in the 2024 Spring Budget, where it was confirmed that Agricultural Property Relief (APR) would apply and be extended to this from 6 April 2025.

The loss of APR on such land could cause huge difficulties in the continuation of farms and the families that run them if they cannot rely on Business Property Relief (BPR) to relieve their situation.

Taking coherent and combined advice from your lawyer, accountant/tax specialist, and land agent means that having an up-to-date will can ensure the structure is in place to mitigate tax, apply for the relevant reliefs and further the future of your farm for generations to come. For further information on succession planning and tax reliefs in farming, please get in touch.

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