



East Anglia Support Group
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**WE HOPE YOU ALL HAD
A GOOD CHRISTMAS
AND WISH YOU A
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Dates for the Diary

2009's Shows and Events

East Anglia Support Group,
RBST AGM, Scole Inn, Scole,
near Diss, with light buffet meal -
9th March

Spring Fling - Norfolk
Showground - 16th April
Day of Farming & the
Countryside
(aimed at 4 - 14 year olds)
www.royalnorfolkshow.co.uk
click on Spring Fling at the
bottom of the page

Mid Suffolk Show, Stonham
Barns - 18th - 19th April
Young Handlers Day - 19th April

South Suffolk Show - 10th May
www.southsuffolkshow.co.uk/

Suffolk Show - 27th - 28th May
www.suffolkshow.co.uk/

Country Fair and Rural
Pastimes, Euston Hall - 7th
June
www.eustonruralpastimes.org.uk/

Royal Norfolk Show
1st - 2nd July
www.royalnorfolkshow.co.uk

Holkham Country Fair - 18th -
19th July
www.holkham.co.uk/html/country_fair.html

Wayland Show, Watton
2nd August
www.waylandshow.com/

Aylsham Show, Blickling Park
31st August
www.aylshamshow.co.uk

Annual Dinner - ? venue
9th October

RBST website

www.rbst.org.uk

Support Group Website

<http://east-anglia.rbst.org.uk>
Please use this site and email
comments, information, for
sale/wanted items etc. to
Kerry - kanga@which.net

Traditional Breeds National Show and Sale

Melton Mowbray

11th and 12th September 2009
<http://www.grassroots.co.uk/melton.html>

Show on the Friday
and sale on the Saturday

Please do not forget the RBST
Ram semen collection. Contact
Dawn at the RBST for more
information - dawn@rbst.org.uk

**Breeds at Risk Register
(BaRR)** - please ensure you
have your stock registered -
contact the RBST -
www.rbst.org.uk

02476 696551

Contributions

Please send articles for inclusion in
the newsletter - how you got started
or funny things that have happened.

Something to make people more
interested in this newsletter, please.

Send via email to:
zannah@which.net

Support Group Annual Dinner

10th October 2008

After a lot of phone calls we
managed to get 58 people to
come to our Dinner (including 7
guests - Mr and Mrs Clarke Willis
(Anglia Farmers Ltd), Mr and Mrs
Dick Storer (Baylham Rare Breeds
Farm) and Mike Pollitt
(Agricultural Editor for the EDP).

Many thanks to Dick Storer for a very interesting talk and John Carrick for a very good vote of thanks.

Sid Gardner had a lovely time as we celebrated his 80th Birthday with a cake provided by his daughter, Clare.

It was a most enjoyable evening and there was a great atmosphere, but it was felt that the food was not up to standard and it was not value for money.

So again we must look at new ideas. Please anybody contact me if you have some good ideas.
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Even the BBQ at John Carrick's which was more a family affair was poorly attended.

We want an annual event to meet and socialise – it does us all good to get out and meet new people.

Why is it people do not like to commit themselves, we give you the date months in advance and you wait in case you get a better offer!

We desperately need people to come forward and help setup show stands, putting up and taking down penning and are always in need of help manning stands, even an hour or two gives someone a break.

It is looking unlikely we will attend the Holkham Country Fair as a result.

BTV vaccination – Order your boosters now (a booster is required each year to protect your stock) – they can be done before turn out - lambs and calves can be done at a month old. Though if a new vaccine

comes out to include other BTV strains, which looks likely, cattle will need two doses – 3 weeks apart again.

Attention all Young Handlers

Young Handlers' Day - 19th April - to be held on the second day of the Mid Suffolk Show at Stonham Barns. We had a very well attended and fun day last year. Gail Sprake is organising this event again, so please note it in your diary now. Lots to learn and lots of fun things to do, and a must if you would like your child/children to become more involved in the great hobby of showing sheep.

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Norfolk Sheep Club

The next meeting of the Sheep Club is on Wednesday 21st January at 7.30pm at St Faiths Centre, Newton St Faiths, Norwich.

The speaker at this meeting will be Richard Savory who will be talking about the original setting up and running of the Sheep Show. Richard a New Zealander has been touring the UK Agricultural and Countryside Shows with his Sheep Show for several years and I am sure he will have plenty of tales to tell and this should be a very interesting meeting.

Can members please bring some **raffle prizes** and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.