



East Anglia Support Group
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Dates for the Diary

Annual Dinner

10th October
Brome Grange, Hotel
near Diss

AGM and BUFFET MEAL

9th March 2009
Scole Inn, Scole

Traditional Breeds National

Show and Sale

Melton Mowbray

12th and 13th September
2008

Show on the Friday
and sale on the Saturday

Afterwards we had a fantastic
BBQ of White Park steaks and
delicious puddings with our own
Jazz Band playing in the
background.

Many thanks to John and Jean
for arranging such an enjoyable
day for us.

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

Congratulations to Benn and
Tory Lugsden on the birth of
their son,
Thomas on the 9th August

Please do not forget the
RBST Ram semen collection.
Contact Dawn at the RBST
for more information –
dawn@rbst.org.uk Rams can
be sent after they have been
used this autumn.

**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

SUFFOLK SHOW

We won 4th out of 750 entries for
our Support Group trade stand.
Very good for a non-professional
stand. Well done to Roger.

The Easton College/EASG, RBST Norfolk Horn shearlings

have had
two outings this year – on our stand
at Easton College and then on our
Royal Norfolk Show stand.

David is hoping to sponge the ewes
as an exercise to teach the students.

Congratulations to David and
Jane Love (our Treasurer) on the
birth of their daughter,
Holly Jane on the 8th July

NB Committee members
our next meeting is the
3rd November
(not the 10th November)
at The Scole Inn at 7pm.

BBO

Sadly this event was very
poorly attended. No excuses
to farmers as it was not a
combining day, due to the
weather.

We had a lovely walk along
the River Wensum and saw
John Carrick's two beautiful
herds of White Park cattle.

Aylsham Show

We had a lovely day at the Aylsham
Show. Congratulations to
Gail Sprake on winning the
interbreed and also
The Liz Adler Trophy.

A particular mention must go to
Hamish Beaton for his group of
three lambs. A very keen young
handler (who attended the Young
Handler's day in April) and breeder
of Norfolk Horns – he definitely
needs watching over the next few
years. Well done.

Support Group
Annual Dinner

10th October 2008
Brome Grange Hotel, near Diss
on the A140 south of Scole.

**Please remember to
bring a raffle prize** – the
proceeds of the raffle help to pay
for the costs of the venue.

Merchandise for sale
including Christmas cards

Our Speaker is Richard Storer on
his life in the RAF and his
interesting career change to set up
and run

Baylham Rare Breeds Farm,
Baylham, near Ipswich

Please return the enclosed form
ASAP to Kerry Long

Accommodation on site for those
coming from a long distance or
not wanting to drink and drive –
telephone 01379 870456

Growing Business Award
Winner

Congratulations to Dameon Layt
from Salhouse who has won the
Norfolk Young Farmers' Growing
Business Award.

He will use the £5,000 prize
money to increase his flock of
pedigree Norfolk Horn sheep –
known as The Sallowes Flock -
from 35 to 100 breeding ewes
and to market his produce.

Dameon is already building up a
good reputation for the quality
of his rare breed lamb burgers
which he sells from
‘The Shepherd’s Hut’ - a
catering unit he takes to local
events and small shows.

Watch out for him and support
him at Shows – his lamb
burgers are very tasty.

BTV vaccination – I do hope
you have vaccinated all your
animals. If not get in touch with

your vet now. Cattle need 2
doses – 3 weeks apart and
sheep only need one. The
booster can be done before
turn out next year – lambs and
calves can be done at one
month old.

Young Handlers’
Championships

Throughout 2008, results
from 8 East Anglian shows
were collated: Hadleigh,
South Suffolk, Suffolk, Royal
Norfolk, East of England,
Wayland, Tendring and
Aylsham.

For each youngster the best 4
results were added up to make
a total for the season.

Presentations were made
following the Young
Handlers’ classes at the
Aylsham Show.

The points were allocated as
follows:

4 points for 1st place, 3 points
for 2nd, 2 points for 3rd place
and 1 point for all other
placings.

The results are as follows:

Junior Young Handler
(under 7 years)

Champion: Catherine Steel
(10 points)

Reserve Champion:
Poppy Allen (9 points)

**Intermediate Young
Handler** (8 – 12 years)

Champion: Andrew Hutley
(16 points)

Reserve Champion:
John Hunt (11 points)

Senior Young Handler
(over 13 years)

Champion: Harry Middleditch
(11 points)

Reserve Champion:
Alice Partridge (10 points)

All Champions and Reserve
Champions attending the
Aylsham Show were presented
with a rosette, and the
Champions received a trophy.
Those youngsters not present on
the day will have their awards
posted to them shortly.

Special mention should be made
of Andrew Hutley who gained
full marks throughout the
season, winning the individual
Young Handlers’ classes at
Hadleigh, Royal Norfolk,
Tendring and the Wayland
Show.

Many of the youngsters taking
part throughout the show season
were recipients of the Young
Handlers’ Bursary awards from
the East Anglia Support Group,
and many of them attended the
first Young Handlers’ Workshop
organised by the Support Group
in April 2008 at Stonham.

It is hoped to hold another
workshop for Young Handlers in
2009.

The East Anglian Young
Handlers’ Championship,
organised by the RBST East
Anglia Support Group, has been
very well received. The
youngsters (and some parents!)
have taken the competition
seriously and have approached
the Championship with the right
spirit. These are the exhibitors of
the future and it has been heart-
warming for all involved to
watch these youngsters grow in
confidence and learn from the
help and tuition they received at
the workshop in the Spring.

We feel it would be a good idea to
forge closer links with Norfolk &
Suffolk Smallholders Groups. If
anyone has good contacts within
these Groups,
please let Suzannah know.