



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Suffolk Agricultural Association to present 29 Long Service Awards at the Suffolk Show**

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29 members of Suffolk's farming community will be recognised in the SAA's Long Service Awards at this year's Suffolk Show.

The annual SAA Long Service Awards, sponsored by Anglia Farmers Ltd, recognise people who have worked on the same farm or with the same employer on their farm for at least 30 years and who have been at the heart of many farming businesses for decades.

Those receiving awards this year include four from Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd who all started work with the company in 1966. Mick Mulley, Terry Bryant, Chris Sewell and Colin Stannard will all achieved 50 years' continuous service this year, coinciding with their retirements.

James Thurlow, Managing Director and 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the Thurlow family involved in the business, commented, "As a company, and family, we are extremely proud of the loyalty and dedication shown by our staff and recognising long service is a key element of that.

"All four have been integral to our Service department and are valued by our customers as well as by us. The experience, knowledge and commitment shown by all four to our customers is outstanding and they will be missed. The advancement in technology during their service is amazing and it is a credit to them that they not only kept pace with the technology but excelled in providing a first class service to our customers.

"As a family run business we strive to maintain the family feel and we recognise that our staff are key to the success of the company. We wish all four a very long and happy retirement and thank them for their dedication and hard work for so many years."

The awards are in four classes for those who have worked for a minimum of 30, 50 and 60 years as well as a Special Award for services to agriculture and will be presented by SAA President John Wall.

John Wall said, “The Long Service Awards are one of the highlights of our annual programme and it is a good opportunity to personally thank those who have given so much to agriculture in Suffolk. The economy of Suffolk is strongly linked with the farming industry and it is the people who work in a variety of roles that make such a huge contribution to its success.”

The awards will be presented on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Suffolk Show. This year’s Suffolk Show takes place on Wednesday, June 1 and Thursday, June 2 at Trinity Park near Ipswich. Tickets are now on sale and visitors can save up to £6 by booking in advance – visit [www.suffolkshow.co.uk](http://www.suffolkshow.co.uk) or call the ticket hotline on 01473 707117.

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**Photo Caption:** The recipients of the SAA Long Service Awards at the 2015 Suffolk Show with 2015 SAA president Terry Hunt and Show Director Bill Baker.



**Photo caption:** L-R – Mick Mulley, Terry Bryant and Chris Sewell – marking their 25<sup>th</sup> work anniversary with Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd in 1991



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**Notes to editors:**

The Suffolk Show is run and managed by the Suffolk Agricultural Association. As a charity, the SAA's core purpose is to promote the importance of food, farming and the countryside to the economy and character of Suffolk through the Suffolk Show itself and a series of education programmes aimed at young people in schools and colleges.