

Suffolk Agricultural Association AGM 2019 - Election of New Council Members

Christopher Clarke:

I have been involved with the SAA for over 40 years and first with the Executive Committee and then with the Trustee Board I have been very immersed in recent years. I would now like to re-join Council when I leave the Trustee Board at the AGM.

Loudon Greenlees:

As an Ex-Officio member of Council whose period of office has expired, I now need to be elected to Council in order to serve as a member of the Investment and Audit Committees.

Karen Sharpe:

I am a Chartered Accountant with expertise in managing financial, operational and technology risks acquired during a career in professional services, most recently with PwC. I run a small holding in Woolpit (with sheep, pigs, turkeys and horses) and have been invited to join the Trustee Board.

Kevin Gooding:

Board/Director level B2B and B2C technical product marketing and strategy expertise at both major plc's and small companies. Commercialising new technologies, Product/Service Development, Market strategy, B2B/B2C. I have been closely involved with Chelsworth and have stewarded at the Show including helping with the creation of the Show app in 2018.

Baroness Byford:

It has been a huge thrill for me to be your President for the 2018 Show. Throughout the year the Association works closely with schools - tractors into schools in February, potato planting in March, the School Farm and Country Fair in April. I would like to continue to be involved and work closely with the Association by becoming a member of the Council.

Victoria Lugsden (Tory):

I have been working alongside the SAA for many years with my time in Suffolk YFC, as a steward - on gates and then the members' tent - and as a co-opted council member. I truly believe that the education of young people and the non-agricultural public is the most crucial element of the SAA's work. The School Farm & Country Fair, Tractors into Schools, the Student Day and the Show are showcase events allowing us in agriculture to generate enthusiasm, interest and maybe spark a little bit of aspiration. I hope to be a part of them as a Council member who has a voice and an influence in the running of this great Association.

Brian Barker:

I have been a steward at the Show in many different areas for many years and in the School Farm & Country Fair (SFCF) Committee for 12 years and the Show Committee for three years. I also take part in 'Tractors into Schools' and have done training events on behalf of the SAA for other farmers to do this event following my training and role within LEAF and the AHDB. In 2018 I took on the role as Chairman of the SFCF and so I am now seeking membership of Council.

Jenny Binder:

I have had a closeness to the Association for many years, having attending dinners, stewarding for the School Farm & Country Fair and Suffolk Show since I was 18 and attending conferences. Having been involved in Young Farmers, I have always seen the Association as a great network that I would like to be a part of and I have thoroughly enjoyed the involvement that I have had with the Association so far, as it gives me the opportunity to meet new people, catch up with friends, learn more about the industry and have opportunities to be involved in promoting the agricultural sector within Suffolk and its neighbouring counties.

Fenella Blyth:

I have a keen interest in agriculture, local food production and education which has stemmed from a family history of farming and our subsequent diversified businesses in which I am actively involved. Since childhood I have attended the Suffolk Show and have now been a steward for over a decade, currently in the position of Catering Deputy. Through the SAA I have also been a steward at the School Farm & Country Fair, assisted with the co-ordination of the Suffolk Polo event, sitting on this committee as well as the last Suffolk Show Ball Committee, and have attended and entered other events held by the SAA such as the BALE Award. I hope that by becoming a council member I will be able to contribute to, and have a wider understanding of, the work that the SAA carries out annually, which will also enhance my current role with the Show.

Rebecca Inch:

Since graduating from university and returning to Suffolk for my graduate position nearly 7 years ago I have very much enjoyed stewarding at the Show. It has been great to be involved in such a wonderful event and meeting some great people along the way. Through my position at BQP I have also been fortunate enough to be involved in some of the Association's other activities, such as the School Farm & Country Fair and schools' projects. Inspiring the next generation of stock people, farm managers or consumers of British food is so important therefore I believe the Association's work in this area is invaluable. I hope to be elected to sit on the Council and to contribute to the Association's activities further.

Bella Jolly:

My family have long standing connections with the SAA. Our family business, which is predominantly agricultural, has been showing a trade stand at the Suffolk Show since circa 1900.

I have served as a Steward since I was 18. I was originally on Foxhall Gate and then moved to The Members' Ringside Enclosure. Most recently I have been co-opted as Deputy Senior Steward along with Fenella Blyth for Catering and Hospitality. I am very much looking forward to getting more involved in the Show Committee; I have also joined the Summer 2021 Ball Committee. I am hoping to be elected to Council so that I can contribute to a tradition that I believe is essential to the farming community.

James Nunn:

Since 1977 we have been involved as a family not only in the Show but in many other SAA events. Personally, I have stewarded in the light horse section since 2003 and have been deputy senior steward in this section for 8 years. Other notable events I have been involved in are the School Farm & Country Fair and the polo, as well as Tractors into Schools. I get a great sense of achievement from being involved in the SAA and enjoy working and socialising with like-minded people. I feel being involved in the Council is a great way to continue this and, as a local farmer, I have a role in continuing to help push the Association forward.

Tom Over:

I started stewarding at age of 18. I have also been involved with the Tractors into Schools, the School Farm & Country Fair, the Farms Competition and the polo day. For the past 5 years I have been a part of the Safety Team and been Deputy Senior Steward for three years. The Show is such a brilliant way to get people from all walks of life together and working for a common goal. The week leading up and the 2 show days are some of the best days of the year, everyone mucking in to make the show a success every year. Being involved with the Council is such a tremendous privilege, I look forward to giving my opinions and ideas and hearing how we can continually improve each year.