



**ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

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## ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Presidents since 1947

1947	Mrs Charles Round	1988	The Lady Butler of Saffron Walden
1948	Col Sir Francis Whitmore KCB CMG DSO TD	1989	JHM Norris Esq CBE DL
1949	The Rt Hon Lord Braybrooke	1990	The Lord Braybrooke JP
1950	The Rt Hon Lord Braintree	1991	LA Jordan Esq DL
1951	Lt Col EN Buxton MC DL JP	1992	The Rt Revd Thomas McMahon
1952	JJ Tufnell Esq JP	1993	The Lord Dixon-Smith DL
1953	Col Sir Francis Whitmore KCB CMG DSO TD	1994	EJC Speakman Esq JP
1954	CMD Gooch Esq	1995	CG Gooch Esq DL
1955	Lt Col Sir John Ruggles-Brise Bart OBE TD DL	1996	DA Nutting Esq DL
1956	Col Sir Francis Whitmore Bart KCB CMG DSO TD	1997	GL Lyster Esq DL
1957	JR Tinney Esq MBE	1998	Prof MD Alder
1958	Mrs Gerald Strutt	1999	HDP Rankin Esq JP
1959	J Oxley Parker Esq TD JP DL	2000	R F Erith, Esq TD DL
1960	Alec Steele Esq JP	2001	R G Newman Esq DL
1961	The Rt Hon RA Butler CH MP	2002	R G. Newman Esq DL
1962	Lt Col Guy Blewitt DSO MC DL	2003	Mrs C Cottrell DL
1963	Mrs ML Griffith OBE JP	2004	C Pertwee Esq DL
1964	Sir Hubert Ashton KBE MC DL MP	2005	J E Fowler Esq
1965	Major G Nigel Capel-Cure TD JP DL	2006	P Fairs Esq
1966	CH Gosling Esq MC TD JP DL	2007	T Howie Esq
1967	SR Allsopp Esq CBE	2008	J Macaulay Esq
1968	JG Eve Esq MA	2009	R Simons Esq
1969	Lt Col Sir John Ruggles-Brise Bart CB OBE TD JP	2010	R Matthews Esq
1970	MS Gosling Esq	2011	J Tinney Esq
1971	Sir Leonard Crossland	2012	D Squier Esq DL
1972	Sir Nigel Strutt TD DL FRAGS	2013	M Hodge Esq
1973	Col JF Cramphorn CdeG TD DL	2014	C Butler Esq DL
1974	Lt Col JG Round OBE JP DL	2015	S Marriage Esq
1975	PB Lake Esq TD DL	2016	M Ritchie Esq
1976	CWO Parker Esq JP DL	2017	Mrs C Hutley DL
1977	RH Courage Esq JP DL	2018	Mrs J Philpot
1978	Sir Richard Butler DL		
1979	HR Ritchie Esq DL		
1980	T Hunnable Esq		
1981	Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis KCB JP		
1982	JH Radbourne Esq JP DL		
1983	Col GR Judd TD DL		
1984	J Tabor Esq OBE DL		
1985	PB Frost Esq		
1986	D Keddie Esq JP DL		
1987	Capt RP Laurie OBE JP DL		

## ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Registered Office:** Writtle University College  
Lordship Road  
Writtle  
Essex CM1 3RR

**Principal Office:** Writtle University College  
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*A Company limited by guarantee – registered in England*

**Certificate of Incorporation:** 2768733

**Registered Charity:** 1015875

**Bankers:** Barclays Bank Plc  
Barclays Business Centre  
Witham Branch  
P O Box 3692  
Witham  
Essex CM8 2AT

**Investment Managers:** Investec Wealth & Investment  
2 Gresham Street  
London EC2V 7QN

**Treasurer:** Miss Prudence Helen McTurk  
Spinney Cottage  
School Lane  
Abbess Roding  
CM5 ONY

**Independent Examiner:** Graham Page  
Ensors Accountants LLP  
Saxon House  
Moseley's Farm Business Centre  
Fornham All Saints  
Bury St Edmunds  
IP28 6JY



## **ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the above limited company will be held on 21st November 2018 at 6pm in the Sports Science Centre (SSC1) Writtle College, Chelmsford.

H C Tarrant  
Company Secretary

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's Welcome**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Receive and, if approved, adopt Chairman's Report** (including minutes of the AGM held on 22nd November 2017 and Accounts for the period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018.
- 4. Election of Officers for 2018-19**
  - President
  - President Elect
  - Members of Council
- 5. Presentation**
- 6. Vote of Thanks**
- 7. Time and Date of Next Meeting**

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting will be entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his place. A proxy need not be a member.

## ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

<b>Patron:</b>	Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst LL
<b>President:</b>	Joanna Philpot
<b>President Elect:</b>	Nicholas Charrington
<b>Chairman:</b>	Edward Worthy
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	James Marriage

## COUNCIL

### Elected Members

#### Retire 2017

Belinda Young  
Adrian Rilstone  
Kayleigh Mackness

#### Retire 2018

Rob Stacey  
Edward Worthy

#### Retire 2019

Rosemary Padfield  
Rosemary Alexander  
James Marriage

### Co-opted Members\*

R Burroughs, Karen Watson, Tim Middleton, Prudence Helen McTurk, Annabelle Rout, C Trembath, Robert Ashworth, D Bradshaw, Lynne Squier, Mike Porter, Tim Cooper, Julie Rogers, James Rea

\*Co opted members retire after one year unless reappointed

### Co-opted Representatives of Other Organisations

None

By the powers invested in it by the Articles of Association dated 27 September 1992, the Society is administered by the Council. The Council of the Society consists of the President, President Elect, the Members elected at an Annual General Meeting, co-opted Members and co-opted Representatives of other organisations, provided that no Council Member has been absent from four consecutive meetings without the knowledge and approval of the Council.

## **ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

The Directors present their annual report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2017.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and of the profit or loss for the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The directors are responsible for:

- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.
- Safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **ACTIVITIES**

The principal activities of the Company as outlined in the Memorandum of Association of 27 September 1992 are:

- To promote and advance agriculture for the benefit of the public and to such end generally to improve and publicise it in all its branches and to encourage skill and industry in it and in all trades, crafts and professions connection with it.
- If in the opinion of the Council it shall be expedient so to do, the Society may in any year in respect of which Council so resolve to hold, manage, sponsor or otherwise be concerned with a County Show.

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities elsewhere in this booklet.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Society has enjoyed great support this year from its membership, although there is a need to focus on the recruitment of further members, especially those departing Young Farmers.

The membership at the end of August was, split as follows:

	2017	2018
Category		
Corporate Premier	20	18
Corporate Standard	1	1
Individual	123	118
Joint Life Member	4	4
Joint Member	113	112
Life Member	74	72
Under 30	20	15
TOTAL	355	340

My appointment as Chairman was slightly hastened when my predecessor, Belinda Young made history by being the first Society Chairman to give birth in office! I would like to express my gratitude to Belinda for all of her hard work over the preceding two years and for handing the Society over in such good order.

In November, David Piper, Lead National Trust Ranger for Essex and South Suffolk walked us through the huge variety of places that the National Trust look after across the region. The event took place at the Essex Young Farmers Centre at Whitbreads Farm and was well attended. Again, during November we hosted an Essex Agricultural Society stand at the Essex Police Rural Crime Strategy launch and helped strengthen the channels of communication between the Police and the Farming Community.

We welcomed Will Travers to the Northumberland Theatre in March, for another well supported event. Will Travers, of the Born Free Foundation, gave us a fascinating talk on the vital work that they do in terms of nature conservation and was very generous with his time in answering lots of questions from the audience.

April brought us an evening event at New Hall Vineyard, courtesy of Chris Trembath. Members of the Society and their guests were given a fascinating insight into wine production and the journey from grape to glass, followed by an excellent demonstration by Sarah Knights from Chappel Chocolate House, on the tempering of chocolate.

May was a great deal more intrepid as leading local farmer, Chris Philpot recounted his tour to the North Pole to a packed Northumberland Theatre, whilst raising vital funds for Prostate Cancer and Essex Air Ambulance. Our thanks to Chris for his efforts.

Our Annual Show, the 11th Essex Schools Food and Farming Day took place in June. Another incredibly successful year and a fantastic opportunity for 3,000 school children from across Essex to make a real connection with the world of farming. I know from discussions that I have had from colleagues in other County Agricultural Societies that our annual School's Day is highly regarded in terms of educational events in the food and farming sector. I am extremely grateful to Rosemary Padfield and Karen Watson together with the ESFFD Steering Committee for the incredible work they do in holding this event, to include



the VIPs lunch reception. After 8 top notch Shows, Karen has stepped down as the Event Co-ordinator, for a well-earned rest. We are very sorry to see Karen depart this role, but also extend a warm welcome to her successor, Joanna Tubbs, who has picked up the reins.

Our President, Joanna Philpot and her husband, Peter welcomed us to the wonderful Barleylands later in June for a really enjoyable President's Garden Party. There was much to see, including a truly impressive vintage farm machinery collection and some beautiful gardens. My thanks to Joanna and Peter for their kind hospitality and my further thanks to Joanna for her work as President this year. Joanna has placed particular emphasis on encouraging the younger generation to join the Society and I am beginning to see the results of her good work in terms of a younger attendance at events.

Apart from enjoying each other's company at the President's Garden Party we announced the winners of the President's Award, Michael and Verity Sharp and the results of the County Farms Competition over 700 acres Schwier Farms, under 700 acres Kit Speakman (Braxted) Ltd.

Looking forward on the 30th of September, the Society will participate in the County Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Chelmsford Cathedral. Reverend Janet Nicholls is organising a really imaginative event, which will included the Scarecrows from our Schools Day!

Our Vice President, Nicholas Charrington and his wife, Sheila are very kindly hosting an evening with Desmond McCarthy of Normal for Norfolk fame (in conversation with Nick Charrington), at the historic Layer Marney Tower in October.

None of the Society's activities would be possible without people giving up their time to do an enormous amount of work behind the scenes. I would like to say a personal thank you to two people who have provided me with a great deal of support as Chairman. Heather Tarrant as the Secretary to the Society has wrestled with everything this year, not least GDPR, which was an absolute joy! I am very grateful to Heather. The other person who has made our events this year possible is Rosemary Alexander. Rosemary works tirelessly behind the scenes thinking up new events for the Society, contacting the speakers and together with Heather dealing with all of the logistics and catering. I would like to thank Rosemary on behalf of the Society.

I would also like to thank the Society's event sponsors, including Graham Harvey of NFU Mutual, Chelmsford, Mass & Co, Strutt & Parker, Gepp & Sons, Crawfords, NatWest, Kayleigh Mackness NFU Mutual,

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Roger Burroughs for his very generous sponsorship of the Society's new ties, which are a great advert for the Society and raise our profile yet further.

We look forward to another exciting year, with the first event being Rural Question Time on the 28th of November, organised by my Vice Chairman, James Marriage, with help and support from Kayleigh Mackness and Annabelle Rout. James, Kayleigh and Annabelle are also working hard on improving the Society's web presence, which I see as a key member recruitment tool for the future.

## ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of held on  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 6pm**

**In RBC1, Writtle College**

Edward Worthy presiding

Attended: Catharine Hutley (CH), Lynne Squier (LS) Rosemary Padfield (RP), Kayleigh Mackness (KM),  
Helen McTurk (HMtT), David Bradshaw (DB), Martin Ritchie (MR), Adrian Rilstone (AR), James Marriage (JM), James Rea (JR), Karen Watson (KW), John Roberts (JDR), Mike Porter (MP), Julie Fosh (JF), Robert Ashworth (RA), Robert Stacey (RS), Roger Burroughs (RB)

Apologies: Belinda Young, Chris Trembath, Jo Philpot, Professor Middleton, Lord Petre, Mrs Jenny Tolhurst, Fiona Ashworth, Helen Stacey, Chris Philpot, Chris Steward, Rosemary Alexander

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>Action</b>
EAS17/1	<p><b>VICE CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</b></p> <p>The Vice Chairman read the notice convening the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Essex Agricultural Society and welcomed members to the meeting in the absence of the Chairman Belinda Young who had a baby daughter on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The Vice Chairman called for a minutes silence to remember Mr Guy Lyster, Sam Stacey, Peter Ford, John Bartleet, John Powell, Graham Thorogood, William Manning and Tony Bosworth who have passed away in the last year.</p>	
EAS17/2	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from the people listed above</p>	
EAS17/3	<p><b>ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS</b></p> <p>The minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were agreed and signed.</p> <p>The accounts were called upon to be adopted and this was agreed.</p>	
EAS17/4	<p><b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honorary Life President – Lord Petre proposed by E Worthy seconded by Rosemary Padfield</li> <li>• Honorary President – Joanna Philpot proposed by E Worthy seconded by Catharine Hutley</li> <li>• President Elect – nominations will be at the Council Meeting in February</li> <li>• Members of Council Mike Porter and Tim Cooper retire by rotation leaving Belinda Young, Edward Worthy, Adrian Rilstone, Kayleigh Mackness and Rob Stacey as elected members for 2017-2018. The Vice Chairman</li> </ul>	

	<p>proposed that Rosemary Padfield, Rosemary Alexander, James Marriage are elected members for the next 3 years until 2010 seconded by Helen McTurk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-opted members the Vice Chairman proposed Roger Burroughs, Karen Watson, Tim Middleton, Helen McTurk, Annabelle Rout, Chris Trembath, Robert Ashworth, David Bradshaw, Lynne Squier, Mike Porter, Tim Cooper, Julie Fosh, James Rea agreed by Council</li> </ul>	
EAS17/5	<p><b>PRESENTATION</b></p> <p>The Vice Chair thanked Catharine Hutley for her year as President of the Society and passed her a small token of the Society's appreciation.</p>	
EAS17/6	<p><b>VOTE OF THANKS</b></p> <p>Catharine Hutley enjoyed her year as President and felt overwhelmed, it was a great organisation and it is for all of us to take it forward</p>	
EAS17/7	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 6pm</p>	