



ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

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	2019	N Charrington Esq
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		

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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
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Treasurer: Miss Prudence Helen McTurk
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IP28 6JY

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Notice is hereby given that the Twenty Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the above limited company will be held on 20th November 2019 at 6pm in Room 1, Sports Science Centre (SSC1), Lordship Campus, Writtle University College, Lordship Road, Writtle, CM1 3RR.

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 21st November 2018 and Accounts for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019.
- 4. Election of Officers for 2019-20**
 - 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.

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Patron:	Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst LL
President:	Nicholas Charrington
President Elect:	Charles Gooch
Chairman:	Edward Worthy
Vice Chairman:	James Marriage

COUNCIL

Elected Members

Retire 2019

Nicholas Charrington
Rob Stacey
Edward Worthy

Retire 2020

Rosemary Alexander
Rosemary Padfield

Retire 2021

Annabelle Rout
Julie Rogers
James Marriage

Co-opted Members*

R Burroughs, Karen Watson, Tim Middleton, Prudence Helen McTurk, Fiona Ashworth, D Bradshaw, Lynne Squier, Mike Porter, Tim Cooper, James Rea, Adrian Rilstone, Kayleigh Mackness, Joanna Tubbs, Keri Constantatou, Sara Parsons, Willoughby Mason

*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 2019

The Directors present their annual report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2019.

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 17th October 2018 are:

- The objects for which the Society is established 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 connected with it.
- To hold in pursuance of its main objects an annual agricultural show provided that the Society shall not be obliged to hold a show in any year in relation to which the council of the society shall resolve that the holding of such a show shall be impracticable or not in the interests of the Society.

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, particularly in relation to our key annual event, being the Essex Schools Food and Farming Day. Council has commissioned a new website, which is now live and will assist with Member recruitment, as will new initiatives such as a new Awards Dinner and a restructuring of the Long Service Award criteria.

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

Category	2018	2019
Corporate Premier	18	18
Corporate Standard	1	1
Individual	118	123
Joint Life Member	4	5
Joint Member	112	110
Life Member	72	67
Under 30	15	8
TOTAL	340	332

I am due to step down as Chairman at next month's AGM when I will pass the baton into the very capable hands of James Marriage, who has supported me so ably as Vice Chairman. I am most grateful to James for all of his help.

I am also grateful to Nicholas Charrington, who has been a very active and supportive Society President over the last year and I look forward to next year when Charles Gooch will take office as President.

Nicholas and his wife, Sheila entertained Members at the magnificent Layer Marney last October with a one to one chat with the one and only Desmond McCarthy of 'Normal for Norfolk' fame!

In November the Society focussed on the key issues facing agriculture today with our Rural Question Time with the theme, '*Food Security – An Issue of Productivity*'. My thanks to James Marriage for leading the organisation on that.

We were highly entertained in February by the Glastonbury Festival founder and Dairy Farmer, Michael Eavis who spoke to us about the challenges of balancing the Festival with his core agricultural business.

An extremely well supported Quiz Night took place at Wickham Bishop's Hall in March, raising vital funds to support the Society's Essex Schools Food and Farming Day.

Lord Petre kindly hosted Members at Ingatestone Hall in April when we heard from the high profile forensic scientist, Professor Patricia Wiltshire and learnt about the very strong connections between the natural environment and catching criminals.

June brought us the 12th Essex Schools Food and Farming Day, being our annual agricultural show. Another incredibly successful year and a fantastic opportunity for the younger generation of Essex to make a real connection with the world of farming. We had a large contingent of visitors this from the Hertfordshire Agricultural Society this year, who are for the first time holding a similar event mirroring that which takes place in Essex. The Society's work is therefore making a positive contribution to education in agriculture even beyond Essex.

Again in June, the President's Garden Party was hosted by Nicholas and Sheila Charrington in the impressive surroundings of Layer Marney. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and Nicholas and Sheila were excellent hosts. During the evening the President's Award winners, Guy and Emily French from Foxes Farm Produce were announced, together with the runners up, Tim and Sophie Gurton of T & S Farms. In addition, the President announced the Long Service Award winner, Paul Brightwell of Wilkin and Sons Ltd. I congratulate them all.

At the President's Garden Party we also kept up our strong connection with the Essex Police Rural Crime Team, who demonstrated their new drone technology to members.

During October we will enjoy a talk from Dr Peter Moore, Curator of Collections and Interiors at English Heritage together with afternoon tea, kindly hosted at the Reid Rooms by another great supporter of the Society, Martin Ritchie.

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.

This year saw the arrival of a new Schools Day events co-ordinator, Joanna Tubbs who stepped into the very large shoes of Karen Watson, working with Heather Tarrant to successfully co-ordinate the Society's Schools Day. They did an excellent job and I am very grateful for their commitment.

The Essex Schools Food and Farming Day is planned each year by a steering committee which for many years has been sagely and enthusiastically led by an absolute stalwart of the Essex Schools Food and Farming Day, Rosemary Padfield. After having brought such success to the event, Rosemary has stepped down this year for a well-earned rest. Annabelle Rout has agreed to take over as Chair of the Schools Day Steering Committee and is doing an excellent job.

I would also like to thank the Society's event sponsors, Whirlledge & Nott, Wicks Manor, Birkett Long, Thompson Smith and Puxon, Ensors, and Stanfords.

We look forward to another exciting year, with the first event being a talk from the BBC's Leigh Milne on 'Reporting and Presenting at the BBC' due to be held at the Young Farmers' Centre.

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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of held on
21st November 2018 6pm**

In RBC1, Writtle College

Edward Worthy presiding

Attended: Annabelle Rout (ARo), Mike Porter (MP), Sarah Parsons (SP), Rob Stacey (RS), Catharine Hutley (CH), Kayleigh Mackness (KM), David Bradshaw (DB), Karen Watson (KW), Keri Constantatou (KC), Rosemary Padfield (RP), Rosemary Alexander (RA), Helen McTurk (HM), Adrian Rilstone (AR), James Marriage (JM), Anthony Lyster (AL), Gillian Lyster (GL)
Apologies: Chris Collings, Nick Charrington, Mark Cheadle, S Stacey, Lord Petre, S Fletcher, Mrs Tolhurst, C Trembath, R Ashworth, Fiona Ashworth, Joanna Philpot, Tim Middleton, Julie Fosh

	AGENDA ITEM	Action
EAS18/1	<p>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</p> <p>The Chairman read the notice convening the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Essex Agricultural Society and welcomed members to the meeting. The Chairman called for a minutes silence to remember Tim Benton, H G Ashton, William Anning, Graham Thorogood, Mr & Mrs David Fisher, David Keddie, George Banham, and Sandra Kerr who have passed away in the last year.</p>	
EAS18/2	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from the people listed above</p>	
EAS18/3	<p>ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS</p> <p>The minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held on 22nd November 2017 were agreed and signed.</p> <p>The accounts were called upon to be adopted and this was agreed.</p>	
EAS18/4	<p>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorary President – Nicholas Charrington proposed by E Worthy seconded by Catharine Hutley • President Elect – nominations will be at the Council Meeting in February • Members of Council Adrian Rilstone and Kayleigh Mackness retire by rotation leaving Rob Stacey, Rosemary Padfield, Rosemary Alexander and James Marriage as elected members for 2018-2019. The Chairman proposed that Julie Rogers and Annabelle Rout are elected members for the next 3 years until 2021 seconded by Helen McTurk • Co-opted members the Vice Chairman proposed Roger Burroughs, Karen Watson, Tim Middleton, Helen McTurk, Fiona Ashworth, David Bradshaw, Lynne Squier, Mike Porter, Tim Cooper, James Rea, Adrian Rilstone, Keri Constantatou, Sarah Parsons, Kayleigh 	

	Mackness and Jo Tubbs agreed by Council	
EAS18/5	<p>PRESENTATION</p> <p>The Chair thanked Joanna Philpot in her absence for her year as President of the Society and the work she has carried out on recruiting members.</p>	
EAS18/6	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>20th November 2019 6pm</p>	