

Norfolk Farm Education Link

Newsletter – Spring 2004

At last the spring edition of the NEFL newsletter, a little later than usual. We will all be looking forward to some sunny summer days which are, of course, ideal days for a farm visit. Over the last year we have had schools using farm visits for **curriculum enrichment** for the first time, and they have all reported it being a very positive experience. If you haven't ever done this, please give it serious consideration. It is well worth the organisation involved. Alternatively, you may find a loan box would fit your needs. These are now being organised in a more flexible way. You'll find full details on the back page.

We continue to be hugely indebted to the **Clan Trust** for the funding of **schools' travel grants**, and, new this summer, is our website, www.nfel.org.uk, where you will find a copy of this newsletter. We hope you will encourage staff in your school to log on and read it!

Angel Road First School Hatching Success

Photos by Adrian Judd from Evening News with kind permission.



Angel Road First School hit the press with their hatching success this spring. Using one of NFEL's incubators and brooders, a photo of eight healthy, variously-coloured chicks filled the centre pages of the Eastern Evening News **School Days** section on

1 March 2004. Congratulations to Angel Road children and staff – just one of many schools in the county to bring their lessons alive with the help of NFEL!

Please contact Moya Myerscroft to share this unique experience (see **Contacts** panel).

What's on offer

- Free visits to **Norfolk Farms** and trial use of **Loan Boxes** – see contacts. (Subsequent loans at very reasonable rates.)
- **New programme** of National Curriculum linked farm and countryside visits; and free **teacher pre-visits** and use of resources in the Schools Barn; Easton College Farm Information Pack on sale (modest price to cover photocopying costs) at Easton College
- The **Women's Food and Farming Union** offers free speakers for Primary Schools – contact **Felicity Daniels** on **01493 730338**.
- **Food and Farming Challenge** (NEICG) is a free opportunity for schools to work with farming-linked industry – contact **Roger Stanton** on **01603 622991**.
- Free visits to **Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF)** demonstration farms within Norfolk at Raveningham and Morley. To arrange a demonstration please contact **Roly Puzey** at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ, Tel: **024 7641 3911**.



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Acknowledgements

The Editor thanks all those who have given their time to contribute to this newsletter.

NFEL is particularly grateful to the farmers who welcome visitors to their farms.

Please send comments, articles, photographs and pictures resulting from farm visits to the editor at any time for inclusion in the next issue (by e-mail, if possible, to su@nfel.org.uk).



Visit the Norfolk Showground

Free of charge

Schools are invited to bring organised parties of children to use the Woodland and Conservation areas for educational activities.

- Guided Tours can be arranged.
- Tree and Wildflower identification.
- Pond dipping.
- Undercover meeting area.
- Hard roadway for coach parking.
- Toilet facilities.



Royal Norfolk Show

30 June & 1 July 2004 – School Trails

Kindly sponsored by **Norwich Union**

Take this opportunity to plan a worthwhile educational day using the extensive variety of resources available at the Show. Each trail gives the opportunity for follow-up work at school and linking to National Curricular themes. Trails are graded for different abilities ranging from Reception/Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 3.

School parties enjoy a discounted rate of £2 per school child. These entrance fees can be reclaimed by returning completed school trail forms after the Show.

Choose from the following Trails

Key Stage 1

- Citizenship – Care of the Countryside
- Contrasting Habitats – Woodland and Lake
- Living and Growing – Animals (Horses, Cattle Sheep, Pigs, Goats, Small Livestock, Alpacas)
- Busy Bees
- Materials for a Purpose

Key Stage 2

- Citizenship Trail – Care of the Countryside
- Contrasting Habitats – Woodland and Lake
- The Variety of Life – Livestock
- Life cycle of a Working Bee
- Materials for a Purpose
- Mathematics

Key Stage 3

- Science/Geography – Farming & Food
- Mathematics
- Citizenship Trail – Care of the Countryside

To arrange a visit or for further information

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School Visits Developments

Bookings are coming in steadily for visits to Easton this summer.

With our new pig unit in operation and the deer herd established there is plenty to see in addition to the sheep and dairy unit. At the moment we are not sure whether we will have poultry on site this summer because of avian flu concerns. We are also developing the resources available in the Schools Barn for hands on work about farming and food.

We are planning to develop day visit programmes for KS 2 and 3 on the theme of sustainability in farming and would be glad to hear from any teacher interested in a joint project.

Visit to the College Farm (KS 1 2 3 4)

Max group 40 + adults £1.50 per child

Guided walking tour of the livestock units on the college farm. Allow two hours. Barn is usually available for lunch and group organised activities afterwards.

Norfolk Farming and Food (KS 1 2)

Max group 40 + adults £2.00 per child

Guided walking tour of the livestock units with the emphasis on the foods produced on the farm. After lunch activity in the Barn based on food in the children's lunch boxes which might have come from Norfolk farms.

Living and Growing (KS 1 science)

March to May

Max group 30 + adults £2.00 per child

How do plants and animals grow? Half the day is spent on the farm looking at the young animals and half is spent sowing seeds and finding out which plants need to grow well.

Habitats (KS 2) Sept, Oct and March to July

Max group 30 + adults £2.00 per child

Surveying and recording in varied habitats including pond, field and woodland.

Welcome to our Schools Technician

We are delighted to welcome Ruth Cannon to the staff of the Easton College Schools Department. Ruth was a student at Easton – specialising in sheep – and more recently has worked at Hillside Animal Sanctuary. Her working hours are approximately the same as school hours (and terms). She has already proved to be more than capable of 'multi-tasking' as her duties include the day-to-day organisation of things in the Schools Barn and the conservation garden as well as support for the High School groups.

Ruth is taking over the booking as well as the checking in/out of the NFEL Curriculum Loan Boxes which are soon to move into a new home within Easton College.

For further information and bookings

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Springtime at Roots is a magical time. Lambs, chicks and spring flowers delight visitors in a very special way. Our traditional working farm has welcomed school visits throughout March and will be open every day to the public from Easter.

We have an exciting programme of family activities over the school Easter holiday period. Stories, crafts and traditional cooking using farm produced ingredients feature on the list of fun packed things to do.

Our Suffolk Punch horses, Queenie, Trojan and Bowler demonstrate traditional methods of farming. This is not just living in the past – in lots of third world countries horse power is cutting edge technology. We are keen to show the global links between historic farming in Norfolk and modern farming methods in the world today. Watching a team of heavy horses is one of the most pleasurable ways of studying farming past and present.

We are always keen to welcome school parties.

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Wroughton Middle School Year 4 visit Easton College Farm

We were walking in a field trying to catch mini-beasts. I caught a bee, a three-winged butterfly, a grasshopper and a ladybird. It was very fun.

Tom Collier

At Easton College we saw and caught two grass hoppers and a three-winged moth.

Isaw a pig in a mudbath and it got out and shook mud over me!

Jamie McDonald

Pigs: I learned that pigs loved mud, and that one of the mother pigs weighed about 200kg.

Nicole Page

We saw some sheep and we got to pet them and take some wool back with us to school.

Rosanna Goode

Ilearned that deers were very protective.

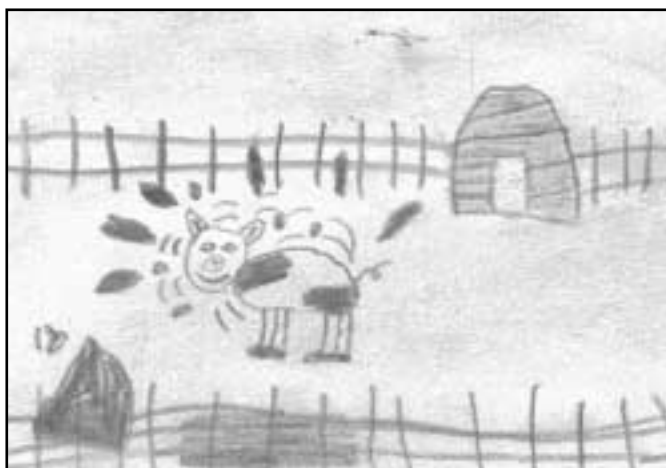
Ryan Harrower

Isaw lots of deer in a field however some had horns and some not.

Krystina Harris

At the bit where the deers were they were eating loads of grass.

Kyle Brooks



Jamie McDonald

We saw some Holstein cows which are black and white but when they are ill they put this minty cream on.

Jake

Isaw a great big grasshopper but it went away in seconds.

Mark Watmuss

The pigs were smelly and the piglets were drinking milk out of their mums tummy.

Ilearned that black and white cows were called Holstein and produce lots of milk.

The cows are milked twice a day and they called Holstein cows.

Emily

Iwent in the sheep yard and I got to stroke them – they felt really soft.

Bradley Thompson

The fallow deer have big antlers and lose them every year.

Adam

Isaw some sheep in a little house and I walked past massive bags of wool.

Liam Seaman

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Norfolk Farm Education Link

(NFEL) is a sub committee of Norfolk Education Industry and Commerce Group (NEICG) which aims to promote business awareness and education for students in schools and colleges in and around Norfolk. It is a charity governed by a group of Trustees who are prominent local business people.



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NFEL Aims

- To promote an appreciation of the relevance of farming in society;
- To assist teachers to establish a network within farming and allied industries;
- To enable children to study the complexities of modern farming;
- To facilitate the understanding of life in the countryside;
- To provide opportunities for those working in agriculture to have a better understanding of education today and discover how the needs of Society are best met within the constraints of our present education system; and
- To establish links with other national and local organisations which share similar aims.

NFEL members represent

- Norfolk Farmers;
- Norfolk Schools;
- Country Landowners Association;
- Easton College;
- Norfolk Education Committee;
- Norfolk Rural Life Museum;
- Eastern Counties Newspapers;
- National Farmers' Union;
- Women's Food and Farming Union; and
- NEICG.

Ken Leggett (Chairman)

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NFEL Curriculum-Linked Resource Loans!



All our loans can now be ordered as either complete loans or in packs matched to curriculum areas. Packs include a range of resources from children's activities, books, Big Books, teaching packs, CD Roms, videos, posters, samples, games, puzzles, songs, mini farm, background information etc.

Nursery/Reception Packs

Living & Growing – Animals
Living & Growing – Plants
Conservation
Food & Healthy Eating
Farm Machinery
Farming and the Environment
Fiction Books

Hire Charges for Nursery Loans

Per half term

Whole loan – £20

KS1 & 2 Packs

Living & Growing – Animals
Living & Growing – Plants
Habitats & Farm Study
Food & Healthy Eating
Farm Machinery
Citizenship
Materials
History of Farming
Fiction Books

Hire Charges for Primary Loans

Weekly

1 pack – £2
2 packs – £2.50
3 packs – £3
4 packs – £3.50
5 packs – £4
6 packs – £4.50
Whole loan – £5

Per half term

Whole loan – £25

KS3/4 Geography Packs

Citizenship – Controversy In Farming
Local Food And Farming
Display Pack – Introduction to Farming
Arable farming
Pastoral farming
Sustainable Agriculture
Food Distribution and Inequalities
Farming In LEDCs (Less Econ. Dev. Countries)
The Business Of Farming

KS3/4 Citizenship Packs

Animal Welfare
Global Issues
Fair Trade
Healthy Eating
Genetic Engineering
Sustainable Development

KS3/4 Biology Packs

Citizenship and food production
Controversy in Farming
Animal Welfare
Agriculture & Sustainable Development
Environmental Conservation

KS3/4 Food Technology Packs

Food Industry – production & processing
Food Health & Safety
Designing and making food
World Recipes
Citizenship and Food production

Hire charges for Secondary loans

Weekly

1 pack – £2
2 packs – £2.50
3 packs – £3
4 packs – £3.50
5 packs – £4
Whole subject loan – £5

Per half term

Whole loan – £25

For further information or to see our loan boxes

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