

East Mainland Young Farmers

Chair - Report 2025/26

Well, What a year and quite honestly where do I begin! This year has brought along many new members and achievements throughout the year.

Starting the year with over wintering from tremendous entries from everyone in East Mainland. Joise Eunson coming home with over all Champion, Beth Sclater unhaltered champion, Robbie Stevenson coming home with home bred Champion and reserve champion going to Abbey Moar. A good core off east mainland holding that district competition together.

Then to on of my personal favourite days of the year when we all went along to pole to learn how to milk. A great opportunity for wider learning in agriculture. As well as many other opportunities help this year learning to does lambs and the many many silage pits we have covered as a club raising great funds for the club at the same time.

Raising funds not just for ourselves this year a big sponsored walk raising an humendous amount total off over £4000

Amy Tait, Anna McEwen and Callum Taylor completing the whole sponsored walk around south Ronaldsay a grand total of 82,000 steps and 59km and astounding achievement.

Then next going on a club trip to Sanday exploring and getting great hospitality from the island community.

District Highland show teams gaining valuable experience in stock judging at the Highland show a great junior team off all East Mainland members, Anne Smith, Scott Sclater and James Smith. And to one off our senior members Marcus Scholes coming home with the best individual in the sheep section along with winning the best pair in the section alongside Harray teammate Tom Flett. An outstanding achievement for Orkney let alone East Mainland.

Fun filled days of activity organised by our sports convenors, Declan Macleod making a adrenaline filled day for the boys at the Paintballing along with a meal. Then a much more relaxed evening for the Ladies organised by Amy Tait a day at the sauna and sea swimming.

A summer full off organising for shows and activities, shows this year the dunk tank out again along with a gunging session in the main ring seeing our secretary, Magnus Risbridger getting the short straw.

Signs painted for the hope show thanks to Anna McEwen and her team.
After endless bottle stalls and games it was time for Rally.

Rally this year got us our great sponsored rugby tops designed by yours truly Ilona Foubister. But

all this would not be possible without our sponsors, Eoin Muir Plant Hire, Cotland Eggs, A Harvey Contractor and Sebay Mill Self Catering Holiday Apartments. A successful day was had with many trophies coming home, including Anne Smith who won 4 just to herself! I am incredibly proud of everyone's efforts! A few Trophies the club came home with that day were, Cup for the Best Club Entry (Shared with Sandwich)

Team of Three with the Most Points in Stock judging and Reason Giving Combined - Anne Smith, William Harvey & Ava Laughton the Cup for Afternoon Sports and Cup for the Winners of the Tug of War.

Then nearing into the winter program the clay pigeon shooting seen Ewan Flett come with senior with most points and Matthew Meason junior. District lamb dressing came along with Ewan Flett winning and Marcus Scholes runner up. Then going to national as a duo coming over all third.

Then a fun filled winter off pool and darts hosted by the Sands Hotel with many different winners throughout the weeks. And our bowls competition being hard fought for and thanks to our tea Convenors for the year Olivia Brown, Finlay Luke and Siobhan for the suppers provided not only just at the bowls but throughout the year I'm sure everyone would agree in saying that they were absolutely fantastic.

Then on to Brains of the North Senior team coming second place - Ewan Flett, Andrew Harvey, Iona Muir and Magnus Risbridger then going along to national quiz to compete again with Amy Tait and Reece byres taking Iona and Ewans place for them when held in Inverness this year. Our junior quiz teams winning and second place at district level teams consisting off 1st James Smith, Murray Scott and Scott Slater
2nd Abbey Moar, Josie Eunson and Lana Baillie

Then to continue into winter a fabulous Guy Faulks night hosted by the Taylors. A Halloween pumpkin carving evening and a lamb dressing demonstration by Ewan Flett hosted by Quoydandy. Seed and roots competition showing many great entries and thanks to the team off scorers and Magnus Risbridger for organising the event. Along with also getting photos together for a club calendar a tremendous job.

Teams heading south then to the Most lovely Thuro high school. 3 teams heading from East Mainland, Glen Foubister and Finlay Luke -- Jasmine Brown and Anne Smith, William Harvey and Iona Foubister. With Anne Smith and Jasmine Brown providing a excellent menu getting them through to National country cooks. An experience I would recommend to anyone.

With Christmas and the new year rolling around we held a Christmas party for Harray and Sandwich to come along to. Then it was all go for our first ever club awards/reunion night. A speech given by our club president Inga Kemp, games and meal provided then on to a dance to the Gablos. A night for our sponsors and families and friends to enjoy all our hard work.

Then it was full go into concert practices with many people to thank for all the effort put into months off constant dancing and singing practices. A list off thank you's; for everyone who helped us achieve such a outstanding concert. First, a big thank you to Joanna Tulloch, our director (not that she would call herself that) for all her hard work and support. Thanks to Inga Kemp and Emma Stevenson for helping us in the theatre, and to Steven on the lighting bridge.

Anna McEwen, Yvonne, and Orla and the painting crew for all the painting and work behind the scenes.

Thanks as well to Andrew Harvey, Declan Macleod, and all the crew for building the props and set. And Molly Tait helping with hair for the performance.

To everyone who performed and helped backstage — thank you for all time and effort put in!

A concert to be proud off!

As this year comes to a close for East Mainland and we go into the next a great year to have won Club of the Year going forward to North Eliminations a great chance to thank my Secretary Magnus Risbridger for the endless hours off work put in behind the scenes and treasure Alix Harvey for keeping us all on track and last but no means least thanks to this year's committee and I wish all the best for the next committee going forward!

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