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Timothy Beaver

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Twitter: @thelostbeaver

Timothy Beaver is an arable tenant farmer based in South Lincolnshire around Stamford. Farming across a complete range of soils, Timothy grows biscuit wheat, malting barley, oil seed rape and sugar beet. His farm business entered the Countryside Stewardship two years ago after ten years in the previous stewardship scheme.

He graduated from Newcastle University in 2002 in Agriculture with his dissertation on the first Sugar Beet Outgoers Scheme. He passed BASIS in 2003 and has since completed further modules to gain the BASIS diploma.

He currently sits on the NFU Sugar Board representing active sugar beet growers in what is proving a quickly changing market ensuring growers get a fair deal from British Sugar. He also sits on the Red Tractor Combinable Crops board representing sugar beet growers.

Away from the farm, Timothy is fiercely loyal to Leicester City, Tigers and his wife and two young daughters - although the hierarchy of these change regularly!

Sarah Bell



Twitter: @bellscottybell

Sarah runs her own consultancy business S E Bell Agri Food Ltd, driving and delivering positive change in food supply chains. She particularly enjoys collaborative projects which break new ground, alongside day to day involvement with the family mixed farm in Rutland.

Sarah has worked closely with academia and business developing practical solutions incorporating data use, to demonstrate sustainable farming. In the Brexit era farm businesses will need the best information possible to support decision making. Sarah uses her combined understanding of supply chains and practical agriculture in her work with a leading technology provider, developing new products.

She currently splits her time between farming with her husband Ed and parents Robert & Sue, and the consultancy business.

With a passion for educating children about food production, Sarah is a trustee of The William Scott Abbot Trust, an educational charity which also runs a farm visitor centre near Peterborough.

Prior to consultancy Sarah worked for Openfield as Head of Supply Chain. Her role was wide ranging, centring on strategic management of the cereal supply chains for leading brands such as Warburtons, Nestle, Waitrose and other household names, alongside the farmer owners of the business.

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Anna Black

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Anna Black from Braeside of Lindores, Newburgh, Fife has a professional background in Banking. Anna spent a decade in the industry undertaking both Commercial and Marketing positions which has given her the confidence and skillset to apply to the Black families diversified arms of the farming enterprise.

She took over management of Lindores Cross Country and over a four year period has invested to develop a wider proposition for the Scottish market. The business was nominated Equestrian Business of the Year 2017.

In addition to this Anna and husband Richard are rebranding an arm of the 650acre stock and arable farming enterprise into a sporting retreat with luxury accommodation. 2017 will see the launch of their new business name 'Lindores - Stay Ride Relax', website and two more luxury self-catering homes architecturally designed but furnished with Anna's admired interior design.

Anna loves Fife and all it has to offer so is an active member of the North Fife, Local Tourism Association, she completed the Scottish Enterprise Rural Leadership Programme in 2017 giving her the rural grounding for her new career path within the rural economy.

Laura Buckingham

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Laura was brought up on an arable farm in mid-Suffolk. Her passion for farming began from a very early age when she and her sister would spend hours outside helping their parents on the farm. She worked with independent agronomists during holidays while at high school and went on to study for a degree in agriculture and countryside management at Aberystwyth University with the aim of finding a graduate trainee agronomist / agricultural consultant role in the arable sector when she graduated.

Whilst at Aberystwyth Laura was able to focus her degree on key areas of interest including crop management, soil science, farm business management and conservation. Her dissertation project looked at Nitrogen use efficiency using data provided from Fram Farmers members. After graduating in 2008 she accepted a position with Frontier Agriculture Ltd as a trainee agronomist. Laura spent 8 years with Frontier working as an agronomist in Suffolk and south Norfolk and gained various qualifications including BASIS Award in Crop Protection, FACTS, BETA, BASIS Soil & Water and BASIS Plant Protection Award. Alongside her agronomy business Laura also co-ordinated and presented farmer training events and a team focussed on cross compliance services.

Laura joined Fram Farmers as arable inputs manager, crop protection buyer and agronomist in 2015. Laura and her team are responsible for purchasing arable inputs for their 1400 farmer members. Laura works closely with distribution and manufacturers to source crop protection products for the group, and maintains vital links into the independent agronomy sector who service a large proportion of the co-operatives membership. She is also a member of the AICC and remains an agronomist on a small hectareage.

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Colin Dargie

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Colin is the Crop Production Manager and Deputy General Manager for East of Scotland Farmers Ltd in Perthshire, Scotland. The co-operative of more than 300 farmer members provides drying, storage, market security, unbiased technical advice on crop production and competitive prices for malting barley and other grain.

Prior to this he was an Agricultural Consultant for SAC Farm Business Services, an Arable Development Specialist for Dalgety Scotland and worked as a Farm Manager in Australia.

He has a Postgraduate Diploma in Farm Business Organisation and Management from SRUC, Aberdeen and a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from University of Aberdeen.

He is an active member of Dundee High School Old Boy's Club, plays an active role in his local NFUS, serves on the unions Combinable Crops Committee and stewards in the beef cattle section at the Royal Highland Show.

In 2008, he was awarded a Farmers Club Charitable Trust Scholarship and travelled to New Zealand to study new & innovative methods of knowledge & technology transfer in the agricultural & rural industries. He is a graduate of Scottish Enterprise Rural Leadership Programme, a member of BASIS Professional Register and a finalist on the Farm Planner of the Year 2000.

Outwith work, he enjoys golf, cycling, running, hillwalking and other outdoor activities. He is also a member of the Institute of Agricultural Management and enjoys participating in and learning from all types of industry visits and discussion groups.

Christoph Daun

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Born in 1988, Christoph Daun is a young dairy farmer from Germany. In cooperation with his brother and father, he runs their family farm. The farm is located in the Eifel mountain range in western Germany next to the border of Belgium and Luxembourg.

As a board member of the German Young Farmers' Organisation (BDL), he was responsible for their representation within CEJA. He has regularly participated in CEJA meetings and is therefore familiar with CEJA's structures and network. He holds the position of CEJA Vice President.

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Will Evans



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Will was born into a traditional farming family near Wrexham in North Wales. After studying Agriculture at Harper Adams and returning to the family dairy farm, he decided to make drastic changes.

In 2007 the cows were sold, and the beef finishing enterprise was expanded, cereal crops area increased, and a free-range laying unit was put up. Focus is put into self-sufficiency, with almost all of the work being undertaken by himself and his Father, and very little feed bought in for Cattle.

Sheep are kept on-tack over Winter and grazed on stubble turnips and grass, with heavy emphasis being placed on rotation and organic matter being put back into the soil.

Will has over 7000 twitter followers, where he tweets regularly about the highs and lows of farming life. He also blogs at fatherandfarmer.com on a variety of subjects.

In April 2017, after becoming frustrated at media portrayal of agriculture, he started Rock & Roll Farming Podcast, with the aim of interviewing different farmers and people involved every week. After learning how to produce and edit the podcasts from scratch, it has now been downloaded 25000 times.

Will recently won Digital Innovator of the Year at the British Farming Awards for his work with the Podcast.

Alan Graham

Scottish Enterprise Rural Leadership



Alan Graham is an enthusiastic farmer with an involvement in finishing beef cattle, arable cropping and promoting development opportunities. He is a partner in a family business (Andrew Graham & Sons), that farms at Gavieside and Harwood Farm, which are based at the village of West Calder.

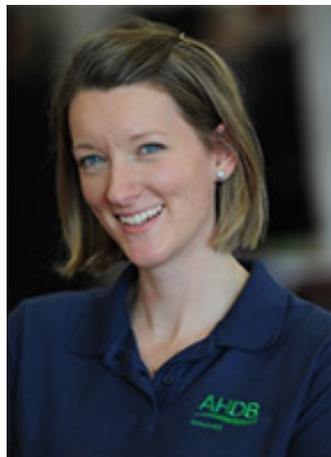
On graduating from the Scottish Agricultural College in Edinburgh, he returned to the family business and has been heavily involved in all aspects of the business for the past fifteen years, developing a range of skills in livestock management, arable husbandry and management. He has recently taken a very involved interest in promoting development opportunities for the partnership.

Out with his job he has a wide range of interests including watching and playing various sports, and he enjoys travelling to new places when on holiday.

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Claire Hodge

Scottish Enterprise Rural Leadership



Although Claire has been in the potato industry since graduation, she actually grew up on a dairy farm in the Scottish Borders. After completing her agriculture degree Claire started a summer job with Greenvale AP, the UK's largest potato company. Her summer job led to her securing a full time role with the organisation which meant working in various divisions of the business such as agronomy, procurement, trading and supply chain. By the time she joined us in 2012, she was well versed in the business of potatoes!

Part of her role focuses on dealing with chemical companies to ensure that the information sent out to growers is promoting the same best practice messages and gains greater traction by working with the big companies.

She is the lead on AHDB's national project Fight against Blight, a service which reports blight, the highest risk disease to the potato industry working together with farmers and agronomists. Claire also works directly with the farmers to support and assist them with their technical input, either on a one-on-one basis or presenting to small groups.

Claire is very involved in the Potatoes in Practice event, the biggest field event in the UK with over 600 attendees. This is an event delivered in partnership with the James Hutton Institute, Agrii and Scotland's Rural College, with AHDB's key role is to provide technical content.

In her free time when she's not playing tennis, Claire is out cycling in the Scottish borders.

Sheena Horner

Scottish Enterprise Rural Leadership



Sheena is the owner of Galloway Chillies, an artisan food producer combining traditional methods of production with innovative social media techniques. Her fresh chilli business grows more than 30 varieties of chillies in a commercial tunnel heated, when required, with renewables. She sells fresh chillies direct to chefs and restaurants and she uses her own produce to create an award winning range of chilli preserves, mustards and hot toddies.

She is an ambassador and volunteer for the Wigtown Book Festival and is the chair of the Wigtown Food Festival. Sheena completed the Scottish Enterprise Rural Leadership Programme in 2016, is a life member of the RHASS and is a member of the Dumfries and Galloway Economic Leadership Group.

In her (very limited) spare time, Sheena enjoys reading, walking and watching Scotland rugby team at Murrayfield at every opportunity.

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Toby Hogsbjerg

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Toby Hogsbjerg is from a farming family based on the Essex/Suffolk border, after school he studied Agriculture at Harper Adams. After gaining an HND in agriculture Toby worked in various assistant manager roles across East Anglia with a main specialism in root crops and vegetables. Toby attended the 2004 Worshipful Company course at Wye and is also BASIS and Facts qualified.

In 2008 he moved to Swinbrook Farms in the Cotswolds to manage 2 family farming businesses covering a 1000ha of arable, growing wheat, barley, oilseed rape, linseed, beans and soya. Since joining the business he has entered the HLS scheme on one farm and currently moving the other farm from ELS to CSS. The HLS has improved the wildlife habitat for corn bunting, grey partridge and brown hare with numbers increasing year on year.

The farms have varying soil types across undulating topography so every field is different. The farming system is based around min-till, direct drilling and organic manure applications to improve the soil organic matter and natural fertility. The use of variable rate drilling has also proved key to getting the most out of each field and crop. The most recent project has been to introduce sheep to graze the permanent pasture and forage crops on the land destined for spring cropping this is to improve fertility and provide another income to the business.

Toby also runs marathons for pleasure and charity.

Tomáš Ignác Fénix

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Born in 1980, Tomáš Ignác Fénix is a new entrant into farming. He has been running a 50 ha organic fruit and wine family farm in southern Moravia in the Znojmo/Znaim region close to the Austrian border since 2012.

He has a degree in political science, is engaged in Central European cooperation projects, regional politics, and cooperates with agricultural and environmental institutions as part of his farm business. He is the foreign representative of SMA ČR and its delegate to CEJA since 2015, now holding the position of CEJA Vice President.

He has become involved in projects concerning short supply chains, origin labelling, reducing bureaucracy, farm processing and other diversification for sustainable farming. He is also in the process of rebuilding an old manor house to use for agritourism purposes.

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Neil Quinlan



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Neil has a keen interest in farming and has done for as long as he can remember. His grandfather was a tenanted dairy farmer on a local estate, so he has been exposed to agriculture from an early age.

After completing his A-levels, he attended Reaseheath College to study Agriculture with the intention of taking over the family farm. Unfortunately, this was not a viable option and as a result he went on to spend his 20's working in the construction industry; keeping in touch with the agricultural world through the farming press.

At the age of 30 he thought "if I don't return to agriculture I never will". Now at the age of 37 he is running his own farm business. Farm just outside Chester in Cheshire, an area he has lived most of my life, they have relatively small farm at just over 32 hectares.

He contract farms his in-laws farm, rearing dairy heifers as well as raising dairy beef cross calves. They are also currently in the process of converting an outbuilding to accommodate guests.

Away from farming most of Neil's time is taken up with his wife, 2 year old son, and playing rugby for Whitchurch RUFC.

Jannes Maes

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26-year-old Jannes Maes grew up on his family's dairy, sheep and arable farm in Aalter, East of Flanders. He has been passionate about agriculture and horticulture since childhood.

Jannes attended secondary agricultural education and then obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture. Today, he works with his family on the dairy farm, cooperating with other farmers in collecting and processing their milk.

For several years, he has been an active member of Groene Kring (the largest umbrella organisation for young, Flemish farmers and growers), representing them at regional, national and international levels. Prior to being elected as CEJA President in July 2017, he served the organisation for two years as a Vice President.

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Kate Moore



Twitter: @katemorgan24

Note: picture credited to Jim Varney

Kate went to Newcastle University in 2000 and came out with a BSc 2:1 Honours Degree in Agri Business Management and Marketing. After University she travelled round the world and did a ski season. She had various roles in Marketing however hated the office life and actually stumbled into the family business when they were short staffed in 2006 and have never looked back since!

At this point they had an 800 sow unit at home and took the progeny through to slaughter, selling to Malton Bacon Factory. They now have 1700 indoor sows whose progeny goes to Sainsbury's and a 1500 outdoor sow unit, selling its progeny to Karro Foods. Kate manages the finishing side of the business, which currently has around 30 farmers who look after their finishing pigs on a Bed and Breakfast type system as well as two units of their own.

She is a very proud Nuffield Scholar and heavily involved in the pig industry as a member of the Young National Pig Association and on the committee of Yorkshire Future Farmers. She has been involved in a number of different campaigns from Pigs are Worth it to Jamie Saves Our Bacon and on the local TV and radio. They also take part in Open Farm School's Week and Open Farm Sunday.

Aylett Roan



Twitter: @AylettRoan

Aylett Roan work's alongside her husband Stuart on their dairy, beef & sheep farm near Dalbeattie in Dumfries & Galloway.

In 2015 they diversified and created Roan's Dairy. It was set up to sell the milk they produce on the farm direct to the consumer. On the back of this Aylett and her sister in law created The Udder Bar, a pop up Milkshake bar that attends festivals, agricultural shows, weddings, fairs, etc throughout the year.

Aylett studied Agriculture at Oatridge College and after many years of working in different aspects of agriculture she found myself office bound at SFQC (now Acoura). She was a scheme manager there for several different schemes.

She has two sons, Fergus (11) & Fraser (8). Their youngest has a keen interest in farming so they hope to leave a worthwhile legacy for them both to continue, if they decide to pursue a career in agriculture.

Aylett has a can-do attitude and believes you can do anything you want to do. Her passion is agriculture, in particular how to move forward and work within the industry to help educate others to give them a better understanding of farming as a whole.

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Kate Rowell

Scottish Enterprise Rural Leadership



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Kate is a fifth generation sheep and suckler cow farmer from a hill and upland farm near Peebles in the Scottish Borders.

Kate trained at the Royal Dick Vet School and graduated as a veterinary surgeon in 1995, then spent nearly 8 years working in a mixed practice in the dales of County Durham. After the Foot and Mouth outbreak in 2001 Kate and her husband moved back to her home farm to take over the business from her parents. In 2012 they were chosen as QMS Monitor Farmers and over the next 3 years hosted a total of 18 visits for local farmers and other members of the industry. This was initially quite daunting, but taking up several of the suggestions put forward during the project has greatly improved the efficiency of the business and resulted in many lasting friendships and connections throughout the industry.

Kate became a member of the Board of Quality Meat Scotland in 2015 and did the SERLP in 2015-16, which she thoroughly enjoyed. She has recently taken the Chair of the QMS Cattle and Sheep Standards Setting Body and is also part of the Scottish Sheep Industry Group.

She is a past President of Peeblesshire Agricultural Society, a member of NFUS, life member of RHASS and member of NSA. She frequently volunteers with RHET and also runs a Girl Guide unit in Peebles.

In her free time Kate enjoys reading, playing badminton and walking, as well as spending time with her husband and four children.

Louise Urquhart

Scottish Enterprise Rural Leadership



Twitter: @Louise_urquhart

Louise is a livestock farmer based in Aberdeenshire. Having grown up on a family beef and sheep farm, Louise went onto study Agribusiness Management at Aberdeen University and graduated with a Bsc (hons) in 2007.

She has been farming in partnership with her husband Ahren since 2013. They have two children Rose (4) and Isla (2). Together they have built up a flock of commercial ewes, a small herd of pedigree Simmental cattle and have a drift of rare breed pigs.

Louise has been a host farmer for the Quality Meat Scotland Grazing Groups 3 year project and is now involved in the Graze+ "a new grazing initiative for farmers keen to benchmark their business performance data in order to improve their productivity and performance"

Although being a farmer all her life Louise first became a pig farmer in 2015 as she wanted to do a hog roast for her 30th so she finished a few pigs and did a few meat boxes to friends and family. Since then Louise has identified a gap in the market for local outdoor reared free range pork. She has recently started to sell some of the meat from their farm under the Louise's Farm Kitchen brand. The diversification into the meat box business has been a great asset to the business and Louise is hoping to build an on farm butchery in the next twelve months to further increase throughput of their own meat.

Louise can also cater at events with her hog roast machine with her aim to provide a farm gate to your dinner plate experience. The business combines Louise's two passions farming and food.

In her spare time Louise enjoys going for long walks and spending time with her family.