



Junior Farm Newsletter



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Calf feeding at the farm

It's that time of year again. All of the lambs have been weaned off their milk and are out on the grass, which means that the big barn is now filled with five very hungry and slobbery calves.

We have four girls, which are called heifers and just one boy, which are called bulls. They're all different breeds; we have a British Blue Cross, a Belgium Blue, a Belgium Blue Cross, and two Aberdeen Angus Cross calves. We have named the boy Jupiter. The girls are named after the moons of Jupiter and are called Io, Callisto, Leda and Elara.



If you would like to meet our calves and help us bottle feed them, please come along at 11.00 and 3.30.

Update on Diddle



Those people who are regulars on the farm will know that our Simmental Cross calf, Diddle, was very poorly when he first arrived on the farm. He had to have a minor operation which involved having a valve fitted to his rumen (stomach), to allow all the excess gas to escape.

He still has his valve and it's working very well. He's a very happy calf and is always very intrigued by his surroundings and likes lots of cuddles!

We're hoping that some time in the future his rumen will start working properly and he will be able to have his valve removed.



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New Pond View Bird Hide

For those bird lovers that visit the farm, we now have the opportunity for you to watch all of our birds on the pond from the peace and quiet of our new bird hide. As well as our ducks, geese and swans, we're hoping to attract lots of different wild birds to the area for you all to see.



Susie Fowler-Watt from BBC Look East will officially open the hide on the 3rd of September at 11:30. The RSPB will be on the farm with lots of activities, including pond dipping, bird spotting with telescopes and information on how to look after our wonderful native wildlife.

New arrivals

On Saturday 18th July, Panda the Saddleback sow gave birth to 11 very healthy and happy piglets. Some of the piglets are completely black, whereas others are a mixture of black and pink, but they have all sorts of different shaped spots! Panda will go back to her farm for a rest, but her piglets will be staying for a little while. Catch them whilst they're small as they grow very quickly and before you know it they will be their mum's size!



Eileen, Jo, Kate, Ross and the rest of the farm team hope to see you all soon.

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