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WHAT ARE WE SNUFFLING FOR?

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# 2016 Highlights



- New Facebook page and Twitter account (@juniorpigclub)
- Six school groups have joined the club
- British Landrace project helping to increase numbers of rare lines
- Trip to World Pork Expo in the USA
- #teampigs at Countryfile Live
- Camp at Mr Bemand's farm including pig autopsy
- Championships sponsored by Sacrewell held at Three Counties Showground Malvern
- Appearing on "The Farmers' Country Showdown" at the English Winter Fair
- Two Gold Awards achieved for the junior sausage-making competition



# What is the Junior Pig Club?

- Set up 2011 by a small group of volunteers as a branch of the British Pig Association
- Aims to encourage young people into learning about and keeping pigs, particularly pedigree native breeds
- We now have members all over the country, including six schools (so far!)
- The age range is from 3 years old to 21 years old and several ex-juniors now help to mentor and develop our current members
- School subs are just £25 per year which gives the newsletter and access to our various events, as well as Practical Pigs magazine 4 times per year





# What do we do?



- Not all activities are aimed at those who keep their own pigs
- We hold events and competitions across the UK though mainly at Yorkshire, Stafford, Peterborough and Malvern showgrounds
- As our membership grows so does the area which we cover, and the range of activities that we can run
- We coordinate conservation breeding programmes for rare bloodlines of rare breeds
- Offer advice and support to all our members on pig-keeping topics



## Things without pigs:



- Our calendar competition
- Christmas card & other merchandise design competitions which are then sold to raise funds for the club's activities
- Our annual sausage-making event at the English Winter Fair, Stafford
- Pig Camp, held at a different venue each year such at Humble by Nature in Monmouth
- Young Handler classes at county shows-we can always find pigs for you to borrow on the day!
- Taster day on the pig unit at Harper Adams University



# Things with pigs:

- Helping to get started with showing your own pigs at county shows
- National Young Stars competition
- Fat Pig competition at the English Winter Fair
- Young Handler Championships at Three Counties Showground in September, sponsored by Sacrewell
- You could even have pigs on loan as part of the pedigree conservation projects-this is a good way to get started in breeding
- Annual trip to the World Pork Expo in the USA





# Hunters Hill College: A case study



- A new school farm in 2016 but had a long association with the club at previous school
- Took two British Landrace sows from the conservation project & both farrowed at school in Feb
- Junior Pig Club held a selection and tattooing workshop at the school with students
- Students went on the Harper Adams taster day in April 2017
- One of the original sows was then transferred to Bebington School Farm
- Also home of the RBST-bred boar, keeping links with that organisation as well
- Boys were excited to be featured in Practical Pigs and the RBST magazine
- Plan to attend the English Winter Fair with pigs & for sausage competition

# Key points for starting in pigs



- Why? What's the plan- logistics of raising for meat
- Housing and space requirements
- Breed choice- can you support a native rare breed by buying pedigree?
- Contact BPA breed rep for local contacts
- Holding number (if not already got) from RPA
- Herd Number from APHA
- Register for movements on eAML2
- Equipment needed
- Feeding rules
- <http://www.britishpigs.org.uk/>







You might even end up on the telly!

