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Devon YFC Newsletter



DEVON FRESH START ACADEMY

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG FARMERS & NEW ENTRANTS

- Are you interested in a career in agriculture?
- Do you want to run your own farming businesses?
- Are you looking for further training to help you achieve this?

If the answers to these questions above are YES....then the Fresh Start Academy is for YOU!

The Fresh Start Academy is a programme for young people who want to be the agricultural and horticultural entrepreneurs of the future. The scheme offers training in various aspects of farm business management, an opportunity to discuss your plans with guest speakers, opportunities to develop a farming business and mentoring from established farmers and advisors in the industry.

- *Training and access to further training courses*
- *Guest speakers and discussion*
- *Business mentoring*

The Devon Fresh Start Academy will launch on the 26th September 2007 at West point Show Ground in The Wadsworth Pavilion at 7.30 PM. This is an opportunity for you to join a new and innovative project looking to develop the farm managers of the future.

For more information on the Academy please fill out the slip below and send to Nick Creasy- Academy Coordinator at YFC Centre, Retail park Close, Marsh Barton, Exeter EX2 8LG. or fax to 01392 274552 or call on 01392 272189 or email nick@devonyfc.co.uk

75TH ANNIVERSARY BALL

We would like to thank all those people and Companies that so generously supplies us with a superb selection of high quality draw prizes. Thanks go to St Merryn Foods for supplying the Beef, A J Liddlestone for supplying the Potatoes and especially to Lord & Lady Devon for allowing us to use Powderham Castle.

840 past and present members attending the Anniversary Ball on Saturday 14th July at Powderham Castle. With luck on our side, the rain held off right until the end, which didn't dampen the atmosphere of what was a truly fantastic night. It began with walking through the Rose gardens of the castle, before enjoying a refreshing glass (or two) of champagne over looking the marquee. All 840 guests were seated and serving began at 8.15 with all 840 people being served main course in 55 minutes! The deserts were handed and the speeches began with the county chairman, Neil, welcoming everyone and Lord Devon saying some very humorous words, he congratulated the Federation on the past 75 years and wished us all the best for the next 75 years. Neil Parish, Chairman of the European Agricultural Committee gave a very interesting speech with the county vice chairman, Peter, rounding the speeches off with a vote of thanks to all that had helped in any shape or form with putting this very successful event together. Hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Tour de Devon for the 75th Year

Whose Idea was it to cycle round all the clubs in 4 days? It was painful at times, occasionally very wet, often steep but always friendly. I was met at every club by members to sign the Tour shirt, have a photo taken and to collect donations (on route collection totalled £360). Other highlights included a home made pasty & hot flask of tea, a double Jack Daniels & Coke, a £20 note from a passing car in Kingsbridge, the welcome from Lewdown & Lewdown Pathfinders, being kidnapped and taken to Cornwall to Launceston Show dance (I only had 4 hour sleep thank you Lewdown), tea & home made cakes, very large breakfasts and 3 very welcoming farms to say the night at.



I covered the **381** miles in 25 hours & 25 minutes. So well done to Martin Allison from Tavy for getting the time right. A big thank you to every one for their support and a even bigger thank you to Exe Valley for the welcome home party food and cider at the finish line at Bolham. The final amount raised was £1000 which I will be donating to CLIC Sargent & Devon YFC.

Nick

REMINDER

AGM dates needed ASAP if you haven't already notified us!
New Officer nomination forms with this mailing – nominations need to be in the office by Friday 14th September (any received after this date will not be accepted). Remember to ask the person first if they are willing to stand!
Photos/reports of any club events needed for the next edition of the Year Book. Email to Joan.

Competition Report

Well done to everyone who went up to the wet and muddy Royal Show to compete representing Devon. The results are as follows:-

- National “Dressing Up” Competition – Withleigh YFC 18th
- National Decorated Wellington Boots Competition –
Emily York, Culm Valley 9th
Sarah Pidsley, Honiton 14th
- National Photography Competition – Jessica Pearce, Yarcombe 7th
Clare Davie, Newton St Cyres 27th
Alex Cavill, Newton St Cyres 36th
- National Club Flag Competition – Sara Spiller, Culm Valley 8th
Emily York, Culm Valley 16th
Marion Chanin, Withleigh 33rd
Amy Broomfield, Culm Valley, 33rd
- National Ladies Tug of War Finals - Honiton YFC 5th
- National Men’s Tug of War Finals – Yarcombe YFC 5th
- ATV Challenge Final –
Richard Hill & Sam Turner, Newton St Cyres 6th
- National Farm Business Development Competition –
Rhoda Squire, Winkleigh & Geoff Heywood, Bradworthy 4th

The Open Brains trust competition took place in the YFC office, with 5 group teams competing. The members discussed a number of topics from ‘arranged marriages’ to the ‘local pub’. An entertaining evening was had by all, and our thank goes to our judges, Rob Summers, Bill Luscombe and Julie Drake. The results were 1st East Devon, 2nd Tarka, 3rd South Dartmoor, 4th, Haldon and 5th Exe Valley, well done to all those who competed. The best speaker of the evening was Jon Cleave from Bradworthy YFC.

Another Autumn of Speaking Competitions!

- Thursday 6th September - County Call my bluff
- Thursday 27th September – County Written Pub Quiz
- Thursday 8th November - County Junior Public Speaking
- Thursday 22nd November – County After Dinner Speaking

Above are the dates for the county competitions, we start with the light hearted Call My Bluff competition, so get your Group rounds planned and encourage as many to take part as possible. We look forward to seeing the winners from each age category and group at the County final. Good Luck.

Vicci Camp, County competitions chairman

Employment Opportunities in New Zealand

We are looking for up to 6 tractor/machine operators, male or female, for the coming busy silage / grain harvest. Ideally October - March but can be flexible. We are situated Methven, Mid Canterbury on the South Island. Drivers must have experience with large machinery and a mechanical knowledge would be an advantage. Good sense of humour essential! Accommodation, pick up from the airport etc all arranged. Dairy positions also available. Apply to Rob Pooler by email, robpooler@xtra.co.nz (including CV or description of experience with 2 references) or by phone 00 64 3302 9244.



YEAR OF FOOD AND FARMING.

'The Year' will run from September 07 – July 08.

Nationally there is a website which has been set up to provide information and resources with regards to 'The Year'

www.yearoffoodandfarming.co.uk

Regionally you can visit

www.swcore.co.uk/sff/yff.htm to

find out what's going on in the region, how you can get involved and links to regional partners.

The valued support from the region for 'The Year' will enable it to leave behind a lasting legacy.

Skills For Life

The first trailer training courses have been under way over the last 7 months; several clubs have taken part in this opportunity. We have listened to the feedback from those people who have taken part and decided to change the format of the training. The Training will now be 3 people at one time spending a full day, rather than one person doing a 2 ½ session. We feel this will give more time for the course material to be taken onboard, time to ask questions and time to learn from others. The last point to mention is the test is stringent and you need all your driving skill not just your trail handling skill!!

Remember the law requires you to take the B&E test if you passed your driving test after 1997 and drive a vehicle & trailer. We can offer an initial assessment or novice training depending on your level of expertise. You will still need to take the test but will stand a better chance of passing it or gauging if you are ready. Call Nick on 01392 272189 or email nick@devonyfc.co.uk

Other courses are still available but not all are funded, please contact me for further details.

Dairy Stockjudging for the European Dairy Event - 19/20th September 2007

County Stockjudging training sessions for the above will take place on Sunday 2nd September and Sunday 9th September, at venues to be confirmed. If you would like to be part of the team representing Devon, please contact Vicci Camp on 07815 839469.

Factory Trip

North Devon Group YFC have organised a trip to see the IAE factory and JCB factory. We are going by coach on Wednesday 15th August. There are still a few spaces available. The trip will cost £20. The bus would leave from South Molton at 5am and return about 9pm. For more details or to book a place please phone Daniel Balment 07890389717 or Sally Ann Balment 07769776735 by 4th August.

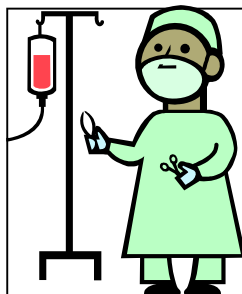
Work Wanted

My name is Mark, I am 33 years old and currently live in Taunton. I would like to get into farming. I would be looking for a position of farm worker with accommodation. Myself, my wife and my three dogs would relocate to a job, if one was found.

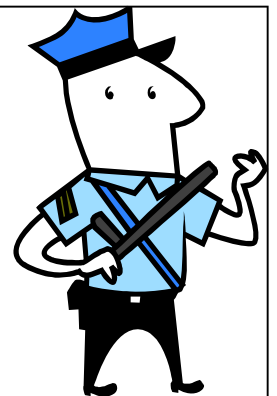
I have a keen interest in farming and working with livestock, early starts and late finishes would not be a problem as I worked as a chef for 11 years. Please could you help, and point me in the right direction with farmers who could possibly offer me employment? If so email me:

markwillcroc@aol.co.uk

Mr Mark Crocker-Corber.



**CALLING ALL:
Naughty Nurses
Dirty Doctors
Frisky Firemen**



DFYFC AUTUMN DANCE

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HATHERLEIGH MARKET

Emergency Services Theme!!



**YFC Members (16 & Over) £5
Non-members (18 & Over) £7**

**Friday 14th September
9pm - 1am**

Dates for Your Diary

Newsletter Entry deadline August 20th all entries emailed to admin@agrit.co.uk

August	
2 nd	Honiton YFC Honiton Show Disco @ Honiton show-ground. 9-1. members £5 Non members (no U16s) £7. Ticket only, call Rachael on 07737 662324. ROAR
3 rd	Withleigh YFC summer Ball @ New Hall, Tiverton, 8-2. Sit down fork supper, black tie/ball dress. Tickets £18. contact Marion on 07736 253364
10 th	South Dartmoor Group Barn Ball, Holsome Farm, Diptford. 9-late. No U16 non members. ROAR. Contact Helen on 07815 902605
12 th	County Beach Day, Bude, 4pm. Volleyball, Rounder's, etc. Bring your own BBQ & Food. For info call the office or contact a county officer. EVERYONE WELCOME!
16 th	General Council
16 th	Chagford YFC Chagford Show Dance at the Show-ground.
17 th	Newton Abbot YFC Beach in a Barn Dance, Fancy Dress, Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Cocktails & a Beach. £4 members £6 non-members no under 16 non-members. ROAR call Clare for more details 07817 843113
17 th	Yarcombe YFC Master Blaster Foam Party. TOW, Disco & BBQ at Newtown Farm. TOW 7.30 (contact Paul on 07890 812701). Disco £5 members, £7 non members. £1 extra after 10pm. No U16 non members. Roar. Contact Sarah on 07800 887708
24 th	Haldon Group wine & wisdom @ Tedburn St Mary Village Hall. 8pm. Teams of 4, £12 per team. Disco afterwards from 10.30pm. Contact Clare on 07966 052203
25 th	Blackmoor Gate YFC Ferret Race, Parracombe Village Hall. 8pm. Refreshments. Contact Gemma on 01598 763418
26 th	Devon County Show Lamb Shearing, Newton Poppleford
31 st	Culm valley YFC late summer ball 8pm till late, Black Tie, Bridwell park, Uffculme Tickets £20 contact Mark Davis: 07773371774

September	
1 st	Cruwys Morchard, Withleigh & District Ploughing Association Ploughing Match at Kersell Barton, Huntsham, Tiverton. Contact Mrs L Warham 01884 881238
2 nd	EDE training session – venue tbc
6 th	Call My Bluff Final – Waie Inn
7 th	Cruwys Morchard YFC Autumn Disco @ Tiverton Rugby Club. 9-1. ID required. No under 18 non-members, no under 16 members. Fore more info contact Amy 07969 447135 or Annabel on 07856 935022
8 th	Jon Cleave & Kate's wedding! Good luck to them both for the future.
9 th	Okehampton YFC Show Dance, Meldon Village Hall (nr Okehampton), 9-1
9 th	EDE training session.
13 th	General Council
14 th	Autumn Dance, Hatherleigh Market.
16 th	Cheriton Fitzpaine & District Ploughing Association Ploughing Match. Venue tbc. Contact Mrs J Davie 01363 772309
19 th – 20 th	Dairy event, Stoneleigh
21 st	Cheriton Tedburn YFC Disco @ Fingle Glen, 9pm – 1am. Contact Paul 07870-528690
22 nd	Witheridge Ploughing Group 100 th Ploughing match @ Hele Barton, Thelbridge. For more information contact Raymond Govier 01884-860576.
27 th	County Final Written Pub Quiz – Waie Inn.

BJ's Catering Mobile Catering & Buffets for all occasions

Please note the number change
since the year book!



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Sorry for the lack of service after the DC Show dance, out of our control!