

DEVON YFC Newsletter

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The County New Years Dance, held at Newton Abbot Racecourse on Friday 19th January and was attended by about 450 members from across the county. A great evening was had by all in this new venue for the YFC for quite a number of years.

Please can we have your feedback on the event

- **Did you like the venue?**
- **Did you enjoy the disco?**
- **How was the bar?**

Please forward your comments good and bad to Dave Lawrence.

Raymond Burrough— It was a tragic loss to the farming community and young farmers in particular when we heard of the tragic death of Raymond Burrough. Raymond joined Whimble/Broadclyst YFC at the age of 13 and was a very active and enthusiastic Club Leader, encouraging his members to take part in every activity going, from speaking to stock judging and believing that everything was possible for young people if they put their mind to it. We extend our sympathies to Margaret and family for their loss; Raymond will always be remembered within the YFC for his enthusiasm, his love of the countryside and being a "gentleman".

Neil Pinguenet, County Chairman

SPORTS AND SOCIAL REPORT

The **Freestyle Disco Dancing** competition has been moved to the Waie Inn to take place prior to the **Country-side and Safety quiz** final on Thursday 22nd February .

Next up is county **Ten Pin Bowling** taking place on Wednesday 7th March at Exeter. Your club should have received their entry forms, please can they be returned to the office ASAP.

We've had to split the skittles, pool and darts, so the **skittles is now on the 5th April** and the **pool and darts are still on the 19th April**. **PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE IN YOUR DIARIES**.

A date for your diaries

Friday 13th April, Devon YFC Spring Dance Presents 'IT'S A KIND OF MAGIC' featuring QUEEN B top national queen tribute act as featured at National AGM. Keep this night free this should be summat special! More details next month.

Any one want to see pictures of any of this year's sport and social check out my 'myspace' site. www.myspace.com/holsteindave

I'm still looking for a vice for this year so if one interested in getting involved in Devon YFC please get in touch. Also if anyone has any ideas, and or suggestions for events or criticisms. Don't be afraid to get in touch

Cheers Dave, Sports and Social Chairman

Is the age of Devon YFC members getting younger?

As a national federation for some time the average age of members has been falling. In the year 2000 the number of junior members 16 and under across the country made up 22% of the total membership in 2005 the number had risen to above 45% in the same age group.

In 2000 Devon's 16 and under's made up 25% of the membership compared with around 27% in 2005. From last year figures we have seen another rise and junior members made up 31%.

"So why am I telling you this?"

I believe it is very important to ensure that the programme of opportunities for members reflect the membership. The challenge for Clubs, Groups and County is to ensure we do just that!! "So how do young members get their points across at all levels?" In all the usual ways but do ensure you make space and a comfortable situation were younger members can feel able to put their point across and be listened to. Very importantly make sure these points are fed through clubs to group and on to county so more of what is wanted by all can be incorporated into the programmes.

If you need a hand or ideas do contact me 01392 272189 or nick@devonyfc.co.uk

Nick Creasy, Devon County Organiser

Competitions Report

Countryside and Safety Quiz. Good luck to all the teams taking part in their group rounds of the Countryside and Safety quiz, being held on 1st of February at a venue near you. I look forward to seeing the winning YFC team and non YFC team from each group on February 22nd at The Waie Inn. Also don't forget to bring along you **Club Shirt Designs** to enter the National competition being held at the AGM in Torquay. All the information and rules are with your club secretaries.

County Drama and Member of the Year are being held at Exmouth Pavilions on Sunday 25th February. Please let the county office have all the details of your winning group Drama, as soon as you can and also forward the Junior Member of the Year portfolios and Seniors forms to the office ASAP.

Outdoor Activities Day, a new event for the county diary. This day will incorporate many of the outdoor activities and competitions Young Farmers enjoy, including

ATV Challenge	Efficiency with Safety	Fence Erecting	Mini Digger Driving
Road Safety	Nature Trail	Clay Pigeon Shoot	Pallet Recycling
Tractor Handling		Tug of War	Cookery? Tbc

A schedule of events, rules and entry forms will be in the next county mailing at the beginning of March.

Devon County Show, the schedule is nearing completion and will be out with clubs in the near future. Many of the classes are similar to those you run in your group field days, rallies and local shows, so please do not be afraid to enter because its county level. If you can not get you entries to the show I'm sure someone from your club can!

If you would like to be a 1/2 day steward on either the Thursday, Friday or Saturday please contact me. The Theme for the cubicles this year is 'Myths and Legends' so get your entries in soon, for you allocation!

I'm still looking for a Vice-Competitions Chair to help me with all these exciting competition running through the year. If you would like more information on any of the above do not hesitate to contact me.

Vicci, Competition Chairman

Devon County Show YFC Butter and Junket Making classes. If any clubs or members would like classes please contact Sarah Hammett on 01392 4612687.

SKILLS FOR LIFE
FIRST AID COURSE

Cost: £25

Duration: Two days, consecutive Saturdays

Numbers: 12 YFC members needed

Where: Venue to be arranged

Why do it: Recognised Qualification
Useful at work and at home

What next: Contact Helen on 01392 272189
Or 07783729474
Or email helen@devonyfc.co.uk

Several members have expressed interest but we need to enrol 12 members. Minimum age 16 in August 2006.



ARAC REPORT

I HAVE A FEW THINGS IN THE PIPELINE, BUT I'M KEEN TO HEAR FROM YOU ALL IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS DURING THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE CLA ARE KEEN TO INCREASE THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH US, AND AS A RESULT THEY INTEND TO INVITE US TO AN INFORMAL RECEPTION IN THEIR MARQUEE AT DEVON COUNTY SHOW, (SOMETIME ON THE SATURDAY). MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SOON.

AFTER JOHN'S SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO THE WILLS BROTHERS LAST YEAR, I HAVE HEARD MANY REQUESTS TO GO AGAIN, AND WILL BE LOOKING INTO DOING THIS SOMETIME IN JUNE.

I AM ALSO LOOKING INTO THE POTENTIAL OF ORGANISING A TRIP TO BRUSSELS, THERE IS AN EVENT TAKING PLACE ON THE 17TH APRIL, WHICH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER, MARIANN FISCHER BOELS, IS KEEN TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE INDUSTRY TO ATTEND, I AM IN THE PROCESS OF FINDING OUT MORE INFORMATION AND WILL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE ON MY PROGRESS!

KATH, ARAC CHAIRMAN

**From The Right Reverend Michael Langrish,
Bishop of Exeter**

Thank you all so much for voting me in as your President for the next three years. This is a great honour, which I was delighted to accept.

I am now looking forward very much to attending some of your events and to meeting as many of you as possible. You certainly have a varied programme, but I don't think you can count me in on the Freestyle Disco Dancing competition!

+ Michael Langrish

"STILL MISSING"

Prudential Cup (Winning team Written Pub Quiz) and Hunt Cup (AGM trophy) - club with highest increase in membership.

Bribery has failed, but these two trophies do need to be found as they represent YFC "history" -

someone has them somewhere!

please look in your cupboards, mantelpieces, car boots and any other strange places they might be- you never know they could be there!

TRAVEL REPORT

First of all myself and Becca would like to wish you all a happy new year and look forward to working with all those who have won a junior and senior scholarship. At present I am still in talks with both countries as to the dates of both exchanges but anticipate they will take place during August 07, my apologies for those who are anxiously awaiting the final dates.

Shortly arriving with your club secretary will be an application form for anyone who is interested in applying for an exchange to Montana for anything up to 3 months or less.

The applicants will again be selected via interview process. Date of interview to be arranged once applications start arriving into the office. The county officers would strongly recommend that any member that wishes to venture out of the UK should apply for this travel programme.

The only cost that will occur is the flights outbound and return with accommodation being provided by host families in and around Montana, but you may be lucky enough to know of a company who will be willing to sponsor you.

All the best and good luck.

Rob, International Links Chairman

DIARY DATES

Deadline for the March Newsletter is the 16th February 2007

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February	
1 st	Group rounds Countryside & Safety Quiz. Contact your Gp Secretary to enter.
2 nd	Winkleigh YFC New Year Disco @ Winkleigh Village Hall. 9-1. No U16 members, No U18 non members. ROAR.
2 nd	Honiton YFC Disco @ Luppitt Village Hall. 9-1. No U18 non members. Tickets £4 members, £5 non members. ID required. ROAR. Contact Rachael 07737 662324
2 nd	Newton Abbot YFC Advisory Quiz @ Newton Abbot RFC. 7.30pm. £5 per person, max of 6 in team. Refreshments & raffle – everyone welcome! For info call Clare on 07817 843113
3 rd	Wessex Group YFC Cartoon Characters Disco @ The Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster, 8-1. £4 fancy dress, £5 non fancy dress. No 16's members with m/cards. Call Naomi 07795 143406 or Georgina 07810 883334.
9 th	Okehampton YFC Disco @ Okehampton Rugby Club. 9-1. ROAR.
9 th	Tavistock YFC Disco @ Ordulph Arms, Tavistock. 8.30 – 1am. Contact Helen on 07815 902604.
15th	General Council
16 th	Kingsbridge YFC Valentines Disco @ Crabshell Inn, Kingsbridge. 9-12. £4 members £5 non members. No U18 non members. ID will be required. Call Richard on 07866 596292
16 th	Cheriton Tedburn YFC Valentines Disco, Cheriton Village Hall. 9-1. No U16 members, no U18 non members.
17 th	Tarka Group Drama Final, Parkhouse Centre, Bude
17 th	South Dartmoor Drama Finals 2pm, Ariel Centre, Totnes
18 th	South Dartmoor Drama Charity Performances, 2pm Ariel Centre, Totnes
22 nd	Countryside & Safety Quiz Final & Club Shirt Design. Waie Inn. 7.30 for 8pm. Freestyle Disco Dancing—note change of date.
23 rd	Whimple/Broadclyst YFC Disco @ Dunkeswell Air Centre. 9-1
25 th	Drama & Member of the Year Finals @ Exmouth Pavilion
March	
7 th	Ten Pin Bowling Exeter
9-11 th	South West Area Weekend, Weymouth
15 th	General Council
23 rd	Lewdown YFC present Traffic Lights Disco, Lewdown Village Hall, 9pm –1am. Members £4 non members £5. no U16 no members. Contact 07814 723954
30 th	Totnes Young Farmers Annual Dinner and Dance, at the Elfordleigh, Plympton. For tickets and more details contact Kyla 07732 380064
April	
5 th	Winkleigh YFC East Disco @ Winkleigh Village Hall. 9-1. no U18 non members, no U16 members
5 th	County Skittles Final, Waie Inn. Note change of date.
6 th	Cheriton & Tedburn YFC Disco @ Fingle Glen. 9-1. no u16 members, no U18 non members
7 th	Totnes YFC Easter Bingo, Harberton Village Hall. Eyes down at 7.30pm.
12 th	BOM
13 th	County Spring Dance, Livestock Centre. It's a kind of Magic, featuring Queen B.
19 th	County Pool & Darts Final, Waie Inn
20 th	Haldon Group Ball. Further details later
22 nd	County Outdoor Activities Day, Bicton College
26 th	Members Meeting

<p>County Christmas Dance 2007 This event will be held on SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER At Exeter University, Please note it is a Saturday night, not a Friday .</p>

HOW TO PUT A DATE IN THE COUNTY DIARY
 Ring, Fax or Email the details of your event to the County Office and ask for it to be included in the county diary dates.

REMINDER
 Club Accounts for last year need to be sent into the office if they haven't been yet. Thank you.