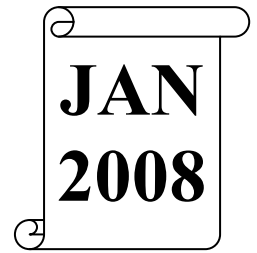




Devon YFC Newsletter



That's Mr Chairman...



Firstly I would like to thank you all for electing me to be your county chairman, it will be a great honour and I look forward to meeting many of you in the forthcoming year and along with the county officers and staff I hope for 2008 to a successful year for us all. Please remember that if you have any questions, problems or queries please do not hesitate in contacting me on 07734 703288 or reedpt@hotmail.com. I couldn't carry on with out thanking the past officers for all their hard work and dedication to the Federation, well done. I look forward to seeing you all at the County New Years dance on Friday 18th Jan an Newton Abbot racecourse, remember to dress up in your emergency services outfits!

New Levy System

At the County AGM it was voted in favour for the county levy to

go flat rate with a 5% increase, this means that from 1st September 08 the county levy will be £18.46.

Tanzania

Congratulations to Peter Reed, Linda Bealey, Sarah Bellow, Rachel Barnett, Sophie Cunningham, Anna Stephens, Chloe Mingo, Sam Parris, Tom Underhill, Liam Turner, Lyle Burrough and Howard Moss for being selected to travel to Tanzania in June to take part in a project where we shall be installing water driven pumps to provide drinking water for a local community and their livestock, maintenance to fences and livestock buildings. IT training in a college and numerous school visits to exchange cultures. To fund this trip we are holding a number of sponsored and fund raising events so please support them. If you would like to help with the fund raising activities please give Peter a call.

County Show Receptionist & Advance Sales Coordinator

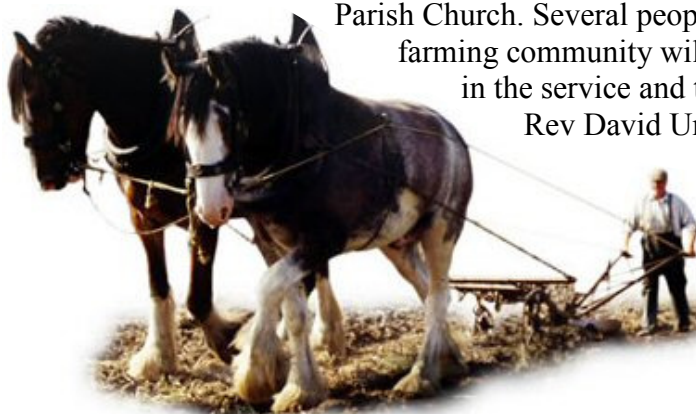
Would you like to be part of the organisation for Devon's biggest annual Event? We are looking for a motivated 'team player' to join us. Responsibilities include reception, general clerical/ typing duties, Westpoint Box Office and County Show advance sales. Please send your application in writing and enclose a current CV to: Ollie Allen, Devon County Show Secretary, Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, Devon EX5 1DJ. Please mark the envelope 'PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL'. Closing date for application: **Wednesday 19th December 2007**. Interviews will be held on: **Thursday 31st January 2008**.

Club Exchange Opportunity

Alberbury YFC from Shropshire
Contact: Rachel Price
(Secretary) 07813 591 280
rprice@hotmail.co.uk

Plough Sunday

All YFCs are invited to Devon Farm Crisis Network's Plough Service which is to be held on Sunday January 13th at 3 p.m. at Ottery St. Mary Parish Church. Several people from the local farming community will be participating in the service and the preacher will be Rev David Ursell, Organic Farmer from Dolton.



Refreshments will be served following the service.

From the office

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS

We bid farewell to Neil, Vicci & Dave at the County AGM and would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment during their time in office.



WELCOME to Peter, Rob, Mark, Kath, Clare, Nick, Matt, Andrew, Paul, Becca & Helen who took up their new officer positions at the AGM. Good luck for your year ahead, and we look forward to your phone calls!



Well done to Ali for producing another excellent Year Book, each club and group had a report included, and we hope you will all be delighted with the edition. Any photos or reports you would like included in the next edition (we never stop in the office)! Please email to admin@devonyfc.co.uk. Club allocations were taken to the AGM for handing out to club reps, invoices to follow in the New Year.

Lost & found at the Christmas Ball

Found

- "Savatini" Three button man's black jacket
- "M & S" three button man's black jacket

Lost

- Black shawl/wrap (Clawton YFC)

The Year of Food and Farming

You may have heard we are currently in the Year of Food and Farming; it started in September 2007 and will run until next July (not quite a year!) The year is all about reconnecting young people and hopefully some older people too!! with the Food they eat and where it comes from. The main very practical way is linking schools to their local farms, so they can visit or meet with farmers and find out more on how food is produced, grown, reared etc.

This theme will also be the focus for the Devon County Show and the YFC marquee at this years show. You will be receiving your schedules in this months mailing so do start to think about this and encourage others in your Clubs and Groups to have a go.

Have a Great New Year and good luck with all your coming activities and remember have a go, try some-

Trophies awarded at the 2007 County AGM

	2007 Winners
KELLOGG SHIELDS	
- East Devon Group	Culm Valley YFC
- Exe Valley Group	Withleigh YFC
- Haldon Group	Newton St Cyres YFC
- North Devon Group	Meshaw YFC
- South Dartmoor Group	Totnes YFC
- Tarka Group	Buckland Brewer YFC
COUNTY CHALLENGE CUPS & AWARDS	
David & Jill Baker Trophy - for the Group with the highest points for sport	East Devon Group
Broadlands Cup - for the Club with highest percentage increase in membership	Bampton YFC
Lutterell Cup - Overall increase in Club membership	Culm Valley YFC
Amory Club Award - Awarded to the Club outstanding in Skills for Life	=Culm Valley YFC = Totnes YFC
Horrell Recruiting Cup - for the Group with the highest increase in membership	East Devon
W R Wilson Award -Group raising most money for Charity in year Group AGM to AGM	South Dartmoor
Harold Retallick Memorial Trophy - Champion Stockjudger	Mark Walters, Newton Abbot YFC
David Thorne Craft Award - Highest placed individual at National Craft	Lizzie Greed, Whimble & Broadclyst YFC
Robson Cup - Runner up to Amory Individual Award	Andy Broomfield, Culm Valley YFC
Amory Individual Award - Outstanding Member in National Competitions	=Sam Arscott, Yarcombe YFC =Mercedes Pemberton -Finch, Whimble & Broadclyst YFC =Chloe Campbell, Honiton YFC
Bowden Shield - Outstanding individual contribution in the year	Vicci Camp, Totnes YFC
Veronica Ley Award - Best Member under 21	Annabel Edmonds, Cruwys Morchard YFC
John Spear Memorial Award - for the best Young Farmer	Clare Edworthy, Newton Abbot YFC

thing new this year you might have a lot of fun and find you have hidden talents!!!

If you need a hand or some ideas please do contact myself and the team in the county office on 01392 272189 or nick@devonyfc.co.uk

Trophy Winners 2007



New Year: New Mugs!



Starting from back left, Kath Woodley-competitions chair, Paul Glanvill-vice ARAC, Matt Heal-vice sports & social, Andrew Cork-ARAC chairman, Helen Blowey-vice travel linksperson, Claire Edworthy-vice competitions, Becca Staddon-travel links chair, Nick Harding-sports & social chair. Sat from left is Rob Cann-vice chairman and Peter Reed-county chairman. Mark Davis was elected junior vice chairman but couldn't make the AGM.

Dates for Your Diary

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

2008	
January	
4 th	Yarcombe YFC Christmas Disco (including buffet) Yarcombe Village Hall. 9-1. no U18 non members. Contact Sarah on 07800 887708 for details
4 th	Ivybridge YFC New Years Dance @ Sparkwell Wildlife Park. "Wildlife" theme. 8pm start. £5 members (no U16s) and £8 non members (no U18s)
10 th	BOM
11 th	Axminster YFC Fancy Dress Disco. Colyton Town Hall. 9-1. No U18 non members. No U16s. contact Sammy on 07909 521681 for info
13 th	Farm Crisis Network Devon Plough Service @ Ottery St Mary Parish Church, 3pm/ all YFCs invited, refreshments following service
18 th	New Year's Dance "Emergency Services" theme, Newton Abbot Racecourse
19 th	Roborough YFC Curry & Quiz @ Leg O'Mutton Pub, Yelverton. 7pm for 7.30pm
24 th	Members Meeting
27 th	Men's 11-a-side Football, Ladies 5-a-side Football and Junior Mixed Dodge Ball, Okehampton
28 th	Countryside & Safety Quiz – group rounds
30 th	Dairy Show at Bath & West Showground (postponed from 2007)
31 st	Fresh Start Academy
February	
7 th	County Final Junior Reading, YFC Centre
8 th	Bow YFC Valentines Disco at Fingle Glen. 9-1
11 th	Countryside & Safety Quiz Final, Waie Inn
18 th or 19 th	Farming Competition – 1 st Farm Viewing, venue tbc
21 st	General Council
Sat 23 rd	Farming competition – 2 nd Farm Viewing, venue tbc
March	
2 nd	County Final Entertainments, Member of the Year & Stars in their Eyes, Paignton
5 th	County Final Ten Pin Bowling, TenPin, Exeter
7 th	Bow YFC Spring Dinner & Dance @ Waie Inn
14-16 th	South West Area Weekend, Newquay
20 th	General Council
28 th	Deadline for Farming Competition projects
April	
3 rd	County Final Skittles, Waie Inn
4 th	Fundraising Event for Travel Programme
7 th	Milky Way Fun Evening, Milky Way
10 th	BOM

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