



# Devon YFC Newsletter

July  
2007

## Devon's success at The South West Area Competitions Day.

South West Area Competitions Day was held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Country Fair, kindly hosted and organised by Dorset YFC. Many members from across Devon took part in the range of competitions, after successfully winning their places at either the Devon County Show or the Outdoor Activities Day.

Good luck to the ATV team and the Men's and Ladies Tug of war teams who go forward to represent the South West Area at the Royal Show on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July. Also good luck to those members taking part in the static classes at the Royal Show: Club Flag = Sara Spiller CV, Emily York CV, Marion Chanin Witleigh, Amy Broomfield CV. Photography = Jessica Pearce Yarcombe, Alex Cavill NSC, Clare Davie NSC.

Decorated Welly Boots = Emily York CV, Tamsin French CV, Sarah Pidsley Honiton. Dressing Up = Witleigh YFC

**The results as follows –**  
ATV Challenge – Richard Hill & Sam Turner, NSC YFC 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mini Digger Driving – Colin Anstey, Winkleigh YFC – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Club Promotion –  
Witleigh YFC – 1<sup>st</sup>

Junior Road Safety - Mercedes Pemberton-Finch & Chloe Campbell, W&B YFC – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Woodwork Shield – Gary Muchmore, Witheridge YFC – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Fence Erecting –  
Lewdown YFC – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Rounder's – East Devon group YFC – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tug of War Ladies – Honiton YFC – Joint 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tug of War Men's – Yarcombe YFC – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Stockman of the Year**  
Ashley Persey 1<sup>st</sup>  
Laura Persey 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Michael Pincombe 5<sup>th</sup>

**Young Stock judge**  
Oliver Reed 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Richard Stanbury 4<sup>th</sup>  
Stuart Persey 6<sup>th</sup>  
Rachael Pincombe 9<sup>th</sup>

### Competition Coming Up

**Open Brains trust**, this competition is open to all members, 26 and under on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006. So get a team together from your club to compete in your group rounds, or if you're keen and others in your club aren't, rally some other members from your group to bring a team straight to the county final. I would like to see all six group represented! Please let Gill in the office know if you're entering a group team by July 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Recommend Speaker for club meetings

Farm Crisis Network is a charity which helps farming people through difficult times. They have two speakers in the Devon area Brian Warren  
Tel 0786672299  
brian@warrenbrian3.orangehome.co.uk  
and Steve Dennis  
Tel: 07971 412898  
srg.dennis@btinternet.com  
they are very good, entertaining speakers even though the subject is a very serious one. Give them a call today to get them to your club meeting.

### A message from the new editor

These first two months have gone relatively well, its been a bit hectic but then I understand I will always be chasing Mr Lawrence for his report. Its odd really roughly 12 months ago I was moving back home from my student digs in Coventry wondering if I would have much time for the YFC and hear I am getting my teeth right into a YFC role. I'm sure Vicci conned me, somewhere, but its been alright so far I have but one complaint. So far all I have had to do is play around with words, I hear my own club members asking what happened to the photo's? and the truth is there haven't been any! So next time your club is having a bit of a do, get those shutters clicking and get emailing those photos, or if you have kept up to speed with the latest mobile, send it to me via MMS, 07817636340.

And for those of you wondering who the hell is this babbling fool, look-out for a YFC member with a big set of side burns, you can't miss me, even Elvis would be proud to have them. Ciao, Ross

## 75 Years and still going strong!

If you have not already heard the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball at Powderham Castle on the 14<sup>th</sup> July has **SOLD OUT**. I am sorry if you missed out on tickets, it is not often that Young Farmers events sell out a month before the actual date, it may be worth keeping an eye on EBAY!

I would like to thank all those that have worked so hard in helping to put the event together and for the generous donations that have been made to make the event so special. Next month there will be a full report and list of the sponsors. One of the things that really inspires me about YFC is the amount of community projects and fund raising members and clubs do for other people, last year alone the total raised in Devon was over **£48,000**. This is often for a local cause or sometimes raising money for well



known National charities.

As it's the 75<sup>th</sup> Year I thought I would do my bit and mark the occasion with a tour of the Devon clubs. (A few less miles than the Tour de France but still a long way and lots of hills!!!!) I will be starting in Exeter 7am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July and finishing 4 days later Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at Witleigh. I will be visiting all 38 clubs or villages and hopefully meeting a member or 2 who will be signing my tour shirt and having a photo to show I had visited. I am asking people to sponsor me £1 to guess how long I will be pedalling for or how many miles I will cover in the 4 days. **The closest guess will win £50**. The money raised will be split between CLIC Sargent & DFYFC.

Witleigh YFC are holding a BAR-B-Q at Bolham after the Exe Valley event so if you would like to come and give me more money for charity or just see how much I am suffering after the ride it would be great to see you.

*Nick*

## Travel Report

The 2007 scholars arranged a fundraising evening on 1<sup>st</sup> June at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall. The evening was a huge success and we raised over £1,800 from the auction alone. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.

We would like to wish to Jen Rowland from Ivybridge the best of luck with her trip to Montana. Jen leaves for the US on 9<sup>th</sup> July until the end of August. We look forward to hearing all about her trip.

Also 22 members leave for Austria and Germany on 22<sup>nd</sup> July for 10 days. We hope they have a fantastic time, and I'm sure well here all about their trips when they return.

If anybody would like to host Sarah Smith from Montana later this year please let me know.

Thanks  
Becca

# CHANCE OF A LIFE TIME!



Fancy a trip to Tanzania and Kenya?  
Working on a project to help farmers  
and rural communities?

Devon FYFC and the charity BOAT are trying just that!



Peter Reed (county vice chairman) is organising a chance in a lifetime opportunity to visit Tanzania for 2-3 weeks in June 2008. The plan is to work on a project in a rural location to either build shelters for farm livestock, make up a water borehole/collecting centre or general work to make their communities more connected.

If you are interested and will be 18+ in June 2008 please contact Peter for more information. Ideally we are looking for a mixture of skilled members who can build in all aspects, do some plumbing and basically will work hard. There will be time during the visit to enjoy breath taking scenery, safaris etc.

Contact Peter Reed on 07734 703288 or reedpt@hotmail.com  
Come and make a difference to someone else

## Cogent Visit

Nine members travelled up to Aldford in Chester for the 'Cogent Open Day'. Chris Horton kindly organized a minibus, which he & Ed Perraton volunteered to drive for the day, providing much entertainment for the 10 hours we spent travelling! The Open Day itself involved a welcome from the Duke of Westminster, with an introduction to Grosvenor Farms by Mark Roach, the Managing Director. The theme for the day was 'Good team work - the key to successful dairy farming', with David Levick talking about 'getting the most from your staff'. Once the speeches had finished we were able to walk around the farm itself, which included the calf rearing & heifer rearing unit. Buses were running to Hatton Heath Farm, to see the Gold Cup winning herd. There was also an opportunity to visit the stud farm, and view some of the top selling Cogent Bulls, which members particularly enjoyed. We were lucky with the weather, but unfortunately this meant a lot of members that would have come along were doing silage etc., so apologies to those that missed out! I would like to thank Cogent and in particular Chris for organizing the day and providing lunch. Lastly I must thank Ed & Chris for driving all that way between them and for the amusement it provided!

Kath

## Social Report

Had a quiet month really.

Congratulations to Honiton Girls who came =1st and Yarcombe came 2nd in the south west area tug of war round And east Devon juniors who came 3rd in the rounder's also at South West Area.

We had the mackerel fishing that took place on Sunday the 17th of June after two hours of torrential rain five rather wet boats returned with east Devon victorious and tarka a close second.

If any ones interested in a game of cricket with the NFU please get in touch for more details

cheers  
Dave

## 75th Anniversary Ball

All tickets for the ball are now **SOLD**. For those of you still without, bad luck, for the rest make sure you don't forget!

July 14th @ Powderham Castle

### Juniors 75th Beach Party!

Its on Sunday 12th August 4pm @ Bude beach BBQ, rounder's, volleyball etc. Members to bring their own food! It's mainly aimed at the Juniors but seniors are welcome to come and be taxi driv-

# Summer is here!

(If only it would stop raining)

## Which means its Barn Disco Season!

July:

**6th: Newton Abbot  
YFC Barn Dance**

**@ Little Joy Farm**

**13th: Axminster  
YFC TOW &  
Disco @ Park**

**Farm**

**21st: Bow YFC's  
Big Bash @  
Nymphayes Farm**

**27th: Whimble &  
Broadclyst YFC  
Big Bash @**

**Sheridon Farm**

**(Courtesy of Greg  
Down, promising to be  
the biggest barn bash of  
the season!)**

August:

**10th: South Dart-  
moor YFC Barn  
Ball @ Holsome  
Farm**



CLUB/GROUP AGM DATES—I know we ask every year but just in case your date or venue changes if you have not already done so please let the office have the details to ensure an officer will be in attendance.

### OUTSTANDING INVOICES

Please ensure these are paid before the end of the financial year (31<sup>st</sup> August) and definitely before the changeover of signatories for Treasurers.

# Dates for Your Diary

August Newsletter Entry deadline August 20th, all entries emailed to [admin@agrit.co.uk](mailto:admin@agrit.co.uk)

July	
1-4th	Royal Show
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yarcombe YFC White Tie & Diamonds Summer ball, White Ash Farm, Nr Chard. Band, Disco & Buffet. Black tie. Tickets £22. contact Sarah on 07725 784446
6 <sup>th</sup>	Newton Abbot YFC Barn Dance @ Little Joy Farm (call Claire on 07817 843113 for directions). 9-1. members £4, non members £5 (no U16s) ROAR
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cheriton & Tedburn YFC Foam Disco. 8-1. Bar, BBQ & Bouncy Castle! ROAR. Follow signs from Cheriton Bishop.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lewdown YFC Rally Disco. Bratton Clovelly Village Hall. 9-1. members £4, non members £5. No U16 non members. ROAR. Contact Antony on 07814 723954
12 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Management
13 <sup>th</sup>	Axminster YFC TOW (7.30pm start) & Disco. Park Farm, Membury, Axminster. TOW £3 per person. Disco £4 members & £5 non members. No U16 non members. Contact Phil Pearse on 07886 000980
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>75<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Ball. TICKETS SOLD OUT</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Brains Trust, YFC Centre
21 <sup>st</sup>	Clawton YFC Summer Ball @ Holsworthy Memorial Hall. 8-2. dress to impress! Bar, Buffet, Band & Disco. Tickets (over 16s) £18. contact Leanne 07877 122958
21 <sup>st</sup>	Bow YFC's Big Bash, Nymphayes Farm, Zeal Monachorum. Bar, Disco, TOW & BBQ. 9 till late. Members £4, non members £5. contact Steve on 07971 783112
21 <sup>st</sup>	Roborough YFC's Pantomime Horse Race and Fun Day. 2pm at Maristow Estate, Nr Roborough. 5 races, Tote, BBQ & other activities. Raising money for the Devon Air Ambulance. Contact Sarah on 01752 695458
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yarcombe YFC Raft Race, start Whitford Green, Musbury. £10 per raft (2-6 people) contact Sarah on 07725 784446
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Newton Abbot YFC Horse Show & Dressage @ Teigngrace. Schedules from Clare Edworthy, Merrypark, Widecombe in the Moor, Newton Abbot, TQ13 7TQ
26 <sup>th</sup>	Totnes YFC Show Dance, Time TBC
26 <sup>th</sup>	Member Meeting

27 <sup>th</sup>	Chulmleigh YFC Fair Disco @ Red Lion Hotel, Chulmleigh. 9 till late. Entry £4, members 16 & over. Non members 18 & over only. ROAR. Ticket only entry. Members contact Tor on 07966 843359. non members contact Red Lion Hotel on 01769 580384
27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whimble &amp; Broadclyst YFC Big Bash at Sheridon Farm, Feniton. 7.30pm onwards. TOW, Hog Roast &amp; Disco. To enter a TOW team call Phil 07816 331409</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>	Buckland Brewer YFC It's A Knockout. Bar & BBQ. Littleham Village Hall. 6 per team, £3 per person. Contact James on 07717 134130
<b>August</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Withleigh YFC summer Ball @ New Hall, Tiverton, 8-2. Sit down fork supper, black tie/ball dress. Tickets £18. contact Marion on 07736 253364
5 <sup>th</sup>	Roborough YFC Sand Sculpture Competition @ Bigbury Beach, 7 for 7.30pm. Contact Jen on 07832290135
10 <sup>th</sup>	South Dartmoor Group Barn Ball, Holsome Farm, Diptford. 9-late. No U16 non members. ROAR. Contact Helen on 07815 902605
12 <sup>th</sup>	County Beach Day, Bude, 4pm. Volleyball, Rounder's. Bring your own BBQ & Food. For info call the office or contact a county officer. EVERYONE WELCOME!
16 <sup>th</sup>	General Council
17 <sup>th</sup>	Newton Abbot YFC Beach/Hawaiian Theme Barn Dance, Little Joy Farm, Newton Abbot. Call Clare for more details 07817843113
24 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Blackmoor Gate YFC Ferret Race, Parracombe Village Hall. 8pm. Refreshments. Contact Gemma on 01598 763418
26 <sup>th</sup>	Devon County Show Lamb Shearing, Newton Poppleford
31 <sup>st</sup>	Culm valley YFC Late Summer Ball, Bridwell park. 8.30-2am

Late addition -

2nd August, Honiton Show Disco at Honiton Show-round. 9-1. Member £5, Non members (No U16s) £7. contact Rachael on 07737 662324

## Having something to advertise?

**Place an Ad in the county newsletter for as little as £50/month which reaches 1400 members!**