



Devon YFC Newsletter

June
2007

Spring into Summer

If you have not already heard Helen (who looked after Skills for Life) has moved on. She enjoyed her year with Young Farmers and did say she learnt a lot. During the year more than 110 members took part in a range of courses where they gained national qualifications. Other Skills for Life courses did run in the same period at both club and group level, so on the whole a good start to the re launched of the project. I have got together with Kevin Bond (head of department at Bickton) to look at the future funding for the post. At the moment the post is on hold but we hope to move forward soon. In the meantime if you have Skills for Life enquires do contact myself.

Well done to all those who entered the county show the YFC marquee was very full of entries and there was also an excellent line up of YFC cattle & sheep. A big thank you to the YFC show

team who manned the marquee and stewarded the other YFC events and categories at the show.

If you have not already heard, on the 14th July 2007 we are holding a Ball at Powderham Castle to celebrate 75 years of Devon YFC. The tickets are available from the office and selling fast, at £28 each or you can book a table for 10; for more details call 01392 272189.

Devon has been challenged to a game of cricket this summer by the NFU, if you are interested in playing please contact Dave Lawrence. The game will be held on a Wednesday evening in August.

Don't forget if you need ideas or questions answered we can often help or point you in the right direction! 01392 272189

Nick

Culm Valley Show and Sale

CV held their annual Show and Sale at Exeter Livestock Centre on the 27th April. The event was well supported by both past and present members. The overall Champion of the show went to Gilly Manley from Hemyock with her beef steer and Reserve Champion went to Mark Davis from Westleigh with his Down calving Heifer.



the overall champion for the past members with her beef heifer. Reserve Champion went to Carol Farley with her four ewes and ten lambs. Other past members' results included Will Sanders winning Dairy Champion and Graham Cligg winning Pig Champion.

In the Young Farmers section, Beef Champion went to Gilly Manley and Dairy Champion went to Mark Davis. Sara Spiller won Sheep Champion with her four ewes and eight lambs as well as winning Pig Champion with her guilt and litter of 12 and the winner of the tame lamb class went to Daniel and Katie Stevens.

To celebrate the clubs 60th Show and Sale past members of the club were also invited to show their stock alongside present members. Standards were high with Helen Stoneman collecting

During the day, the club also held a minutes silence to pay tribute to former member, Private Eleanor Dlugosz who was tragically killed in a bomb blast in Basra four weeks ago.

**HAPPY
75TH
BIRTHDAY
DEVON FEDERATION OF
YOUNG FARMERS
POWDERHAM CASTLE
(BY KIND PERMISSION OF
LORD AND LADY DEVON)
ON
SATURDAY 14TH JULY
2007
TICKETS ARE ON SALE
AT THE OFFICE AT
£28.00**

National Competition Results

Ten Pin Bowling Final

It wasn't all beer and skittles this year for Whimple & Broadclyst getting disqualified for failing to attend the award presentation. Otherwise it was a well earned 2nd place. The editor shakes his head in shame at this point. Still... 'it wasn't me'

6th - Devon C (Honiton)
11th - Devon B (Totnes)

Freestyle Disco Dancing

With a total of 66 points the Devon A team came 8th. The judges thought you did rather well with a good routine but to really clinch it you need to bring out your personalities more (apparently). You know who you are boys and girls, pat yourselves on the back. I'm sure your still a long way from Hot Chocolate!

Club Shirt Competition

Sam Arscott of Yarcombe came first with the Devon A entry getting a total of 74 points overall.

While Andy Broomfield of Culm Valley came second with the Devon B entry totalling 68 points.

Written Pub Quiz Final

A valiant effort I'm sure but better luck next year. Results as follows:

13th - Devon A
(Newton Abbot) 52 points
25th - Devon C
(Honiton) 45 points
27th - Devon D & E (Witleigh & Winkleigh) 44 points each
48th - Devon B
(Bow) 36 points

Travel Report

The travel desk these last couple months has been really busy with finalising all the travel for both the Senior and Junior groups. The Junior group under the leadership of Mark Davis and Caroline Elworthy will depart on Sunday 22 July 07 and returning on Sunday 29 July 07. Not only will the junior travellers be travelling out on the 22 July but the Seniors will also be following. They will be departing to Muenster - (Germany) on Sunday 22 July 07 and staying with our German KLJB group of who hosted the Devon Seniors in 2006, the seniors will be under the leadership of Oliver Pearse and Becca Staddon, and will touch down back in Devon on Tuesday 31 July 07.

Unfortunately we have been unsuccessful this year in obtaining any funding from the British

Council to help with the travel arrangements. Therefore all the travel members are now on a serious mission to help raise funds to cover the final costs. Can I please urge you, your friends and family to all to come and support us on Friday 1st June 2007 at our Pledge Auction/Disco at Tedburn Village Hall. If any of you can get hold of any more items for auction can you please contact Becca Staddon on 07974604993, the more we have the more we will raise.

If you are interested in taking part in any of the travel please speak with your club secretaries as they will be sent information shortly on the 2008 travel venues. The interview date for 2008 scholarships will be the 17th November 2007 at the YFC centre.

ARAC Report

Firstly, I would like to thank the CLA and NFU for holding 'receptions' for us at this years Devon County Show, about 15 members went along to the NFU marquee on Thursday evening. Peter Kendall, National NFU President made a special effort to attend the evening, which was supported by EBLEX. Members were able to meet and discuss issues from TB to the closure of Unigate in Totnes, amongst many other pressing issues. A similar number attended the CLA's reception on Saturday lunchtime, with the theme being 'changing times'. Both of these receptions aim to improve the link with Young Farmers, by giving us the opportunity to meet with representatives & members. I would like to thank all those that were able to attend and hope that it is something we can build on for future years.

Cogent Trip

This is on Wednesday 6th June at Aldford in Chester. If you would still like the opportunity to go, contact Kath 07970 174819 to see if there are still spaces available.

Social Report

The Devon County Show Dance went exceptionally well. We sold out by the Wednesday before. The evening was the usual good night with no trouble and the bar troubles of last year were sorted with Heywood Bars doing there usual exceptionally good job. and it didn't rain so no wading needed to get to the toilets. Toilets were the venue for romance that evening. You know who you are!

Coming up we have Mackerel fishing at Beer on Sunday the 17th June.

Competitions Report – Devon County Show 2007

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Club With Most Points In The Cookery Section
Culm Valley YFC

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Culm Valley YFC

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Emily York, Culm Valley

Martin Challenge Cup

Individual With Most Points Overall In All Classes
Sarah Spiller, Culm Valley

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Best U26 Stockman Of The Year

Mark Walters, Newton Abbot

George Hingston Travel Scholarship

Top U21 YFC shearer

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Dressing Up

Myths And Legends
1st Withleigh YFC

Club Promotion Board

1st Ivybridge YFC

Club Scrapbook

1st Whimble & Broadclyst YFC

Vice Chair Rant

Thank you to all who helped with the main ring event at the show on the Saturday, I hope you enjoyed it as much as the audience and show committee. I know it was a difficult time scale to meet but we done excellent, well done. For those of you who weren't involved we had Rob Cann and James Moris dressed up as dame being the compares, thanks chaps, and 5 activities representing DFYFC, such as 2x cows for stockjudging, Newton St. Cyres National Finalist of disco dancing on the move onboard a tractor & trailer, 28 flags being carried to represent the DFYFC travel programme, sheep onboard a trailer, was going to be sheared but don't ask! and finally plenty of sports such as hockey, netball, badminton etc. The whole aim was to advertise and show off DFYFC to its full glory and it was achieved, so thank you once again.

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Dates for Your Diary

—deadline for July Newsletter is the 20th June 2007—Editor: rcotgb@lycos.co.uk

- June**
- 1st Auction of Promises & Disco in aid of Travel fund at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall. Auction starts at 8pm, disco to follow. No U16 non members to disco. Members £4, non members £6. Please come along and show your support, there are lots of items in the auction to interest everyone!
- 8th East Devon Group Barn Disco & TOW competition at Orway Porch, Kentisbeare. Disco, Bar & BBQ. £5 entry. Strictly no non YFC members! No U16 members. To enter a TOW team call Pamela on 07788 100564
- 10th South West Area competitions Day @ Gillingham
Shaftesbury Town & Country Fayre, Motcombe
- 15-17 Three Counties Show, Malvern
- 15th Bow YFC Disco @ Bow Village Hall. 9-1. Bar. £4 members, £5 non members. No U18 non members. Contact Steve on 07971 783112
- 16 Bradworthy YFC Grand Summer Ball, Wedfield Farm, Nr Bradworthy. Tickets £25. Band "Pennystone". Black tie, champagne reception & sit down buffet. Tickets on sale now - call Steve on 07733 228622 or Becky on 07813 955330
- 16th Chulmleigh YFC Duck Race & Disco at Gosses Farm, Bridge Reeve. Duck race at 7pm, disco 8.30 till late. Free entry intro field until 8.30pm. Bar & BBQ & free bouncy castle.
- 17th Mackerel Fishing, Beer
- 21st General Council
- 22nd Witheridge YFC Summer Ball @ Washford, Nr Black Dog. Tickets £18 call 07746 609560 or 01363 866354
- 22nd Honiton YFC Big Summer Barn Disco & TOW, Upton Ley Farm, Payhembury. Signposted off A373 from Cullompton & Honiton directions. No U16 non members. £5 members, £7 non members. To enter TOW call Rachel S on 07967 657285. ROAR. TOW sign in 7.30pm prompt. Disco 9-1.
- 23rd Chagford YFC Summer Barn Dance @ Beechleigh Farm, Bovey Tracey 8.30 till late. Bar, Disco, band & BBQ. Members £6 non members £8. ROAR
- 29th Axminster YFC Summer Ball @ Axminster Festival Showground featuring "Moondance" & Disco. Hog roast and cold buffet. 8-2. entry before 10.30. tickets £25, members £22 each. Black tie. Enquiries call Olli on 07970 463277, for tickets call Sammy on 07909 521681. ROAR.
- 29th North Devon Group Summer Disco & BBQ. 9-1 @ North Molton Sports Hall. No U16 members and no U18 non members. £4 members, £6 non members. ROAR. Tickets from Sharon on 07976 090102
- July**
- 1-4 Royal Show
- 6th Yarcombe YFC White Tie & Diamonds Summer ball, White ash Farm, Nr Chard. Band, Disco & Buffet. Black tie. Tickets £20 when ordered before 15th June, after 15th will be £22. contact Sarah on 07725 784446
- 6th Newton Abbot YFC Barn Dance @ Ullacombe Farm, Haytor, Bovey Tracey. 9-1. members £4, non members £5 (no u16s). ROAR
- 12th Board of Management
- 14th **75TH Anniversary Ball, Powderham Castle. Tickets £28 each or a table of 10 can be reserved. Tickets on sale in the office. Closing date 29th June**
- 19th Senior Brains Trust, YFC Centre
- 21st Clawton YFC Summer Ball @ Holsworthy Memorial Hall. 8-2. dress to impress! Bar, Buffet, Band & Disco. Tickets (over 16s) £18. contact Leanne 07877 122958
- 21st Bow YFC's Big Bash (venue tbc)
- 22nd Yarcombe YFC Raft Race, start Whitford Green, Musbury. £10 per raft (2-6 people) contact Sarah on 07725 784446
- 22nd Newton Abbot YFC Horse Show & Dressage @ Teigngrace. Schedules from Clare Edworthy, Merrypark, Widecombe in the Moor, Newton Abbot, TQ13 7TQ
- 26th Member Meeting

Male leaders still required for the Junior Activities Weekend, 17th-20th August 07. If you are over 18 please contact Peter Reed 07734 703288.

