

DEVON YFC Newsletter

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DAY!

Well a fantastic day was had by over 200 members on Sunday 22nd April at Bicton College, The wide variety of classes offered something to everyone to have a go at. Members took part in team events of Fence erecting and Pallet recycling. So what do you imagine you can make from 2 pallets with 2 YFC members in 2.5 hours? Well the results were excellent, we had Cheriton Tedburn YFC building a Bird Table, Roborough A building a picnic table and Roborough B building a dog kennel! All were of a very high standard with the Bird table winning.



I wasn't envying the fencing teams putting in stakes and gate posts after such a long spell of dry weather, but the fine sandy soils of Bicton, were dug through in minutes and fences were soon being stapled to the posts and the gates hung. Thanks goes to Mole Avon for supplying the fencing equipment and Dave Camp for the gates. The Fence erecting was won by Lewdown YFC. Digger driving was the most popular class of the day, with over 40 members competing, to collect hoops from the top of cones! A series of driving challenges were on offer with various courses to challenge the members. Clay pigeon shooting was also well supported, thanks goes to Dave Sampson and Claire Rowland for organising the shoot. For the stock fans we held Dairy and Sheep stockjudging classes. I would like to express my thanks to everyone who made the day possible, Bicton College, the Judges, The YFC office, all the county officers and the willing volunteers of stewards, and of course all the members who came along and supported the day. I was very pleased to see a lot of new faces, and hope to see many of the members again at other county events in the near future. Full results are with your Club Secretary.



Vicci Camp Competitions Chairman

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A PUSH FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Lewdown YFC held their annual sponsored 10 mile push on Sunday 17th September 2006 and presented the cheque to Mary Barkwell on the 28th March 2007.

It was a wheelbarrow push dressed up as grannies and granddads – because the chairman at the time, Robert Bickle, has an obsession about dressing as a woman! The route was again from the Fox & Hounds at Bridestowe, along the old A30 through Lewdown finishing at the Arundel in Lifton.

We raised a total of £350 for Cancer Research UK, and thanks go to all that made donations and supported us.



Montana

We are delighted to be sending Jenny Rowland from Ivybridge YFC to Montana this year. Jen is due to fly out in the summer for about 2 months where she will be spending time with several families across Montana.

We are also lucky enough to be hosting Sarah Smith from Beverhead. Sarah will be coming to Devon in October, and we will host her for about 6 weeks. Please can I have some more volunteers to host Sarah, call me on 07974 604993 before its too late!

Thanks, Becca

CULM VALLEY YFC ONCE AGAIN SHOCK FRIENDS AND FAMILIES AT HEFTY SUM OF MONEY RAISED FOR CHARITY

Culm valley YFC club held yet another fundraising event at the Taunton vale Harriers point-to-point on Easter Monday. The club arranged for a cake sale, head shave, leg and chest wax and mud bath for the event to raise money for their chosen charity this year, the Devon and Cornwall MS Society. Cakes were on sale throughout the day, all made and donated by members and the sight of the gruesome looking mud bath certainly drew a crowd to their marquee. During the afternoon, once the generator had finally kicked into action, the head shaving commenced, with Jamie Greenslade being the first to go for the chop, followed closely by Chris Walker, Mark Davis (Club Chairman), Daniel Stevens and Stuart Persey. Judging by the worried expressions on their faces, some of them prided their hair more than they would have ever willingly let on. The torture then continued as Simon Kittow volunteered to have not only his legs waxed, but also his chest. John Snell and Paul Baker then proceeded to have their chests' waxed as well. To many peoples mind, however, the best bit of the afternoon was yet to come. It had taken much bribery to convince people that some of the female members were actually going to be going in the mud bath, but to everyone's delight, they came running down through the crowd in bikinis. Emma Greenslade kept the suspense running wild as she started up the crowd clapping her into the bath (now full of shaved hair as well as mud, compost, grass and various other things!), followed by Emily York, Sara Spiller, Gaby Fielding, Becky Davis and Rozina Hazel. By this time, much of the crowd was also covered in mud as well and many other members joined in the mud fight, which resulted in Stuart Persey being thrown in the bath fully clothed!!

The members had a brilliant day at the races and at the end of the day, when all of the cakes were sold, the boys were bald and the girls (and Stuart) had washed in a murky looking water trough and water from a freezing cold mains water supply, the total money taken on the day rose to almost £800. It is hoped that by the time all of the sponsor money has been collected, they will have raised somewhere in the region of £1500, for research and care into Multiple Sclerosis. The club would like to thank all who made cakes for the cake sale, those at TVH who made it possible for them to hold the event, Will Sanders for donating the mud for the mud bath, Kevin Lock and "the lady in the spar shop in Hemyock" for sponsoring the eggs in the jar, everyone who sponsored, donated or bought cakes, and finally the members themselves, as they are the people who really made the event possible.

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SPORTS AND SOCIAL REPORT

I hope everyone enjoyed the spring dance. We had around six hundred people through the door and by most accounts it was a pretty good evening. Queen B lived up to their reputation. There were various items of clothing left around the market. As for why anyone would be undressing in the prime cattle holding pens anyway!!!!..... and I'm glad Newton Abbot members are taught to play safe!!!!!!

Coming up — Devon County Show Dance

This year we have Les Heywood and his team doing the bar so we shouldn't have the problems that occurred last year. The ticket order forms are with your secretary now this event is all ways a sell out so don't hesitate book now.

Devon YFC 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.

Skittles Results

- 1st North Devon
- 2nd Haldon

Darts Results

- 1st East Devon
- 2nd North Devon

Pool Results

- 1st South Dartmoor
 - 2nd Exe Valley
- Dave Lawrence



ARAC Cogent Trip

Open Day on Wednesday 6th June at Aldford, Chester, opportunity to see the winners of the RABDF Gold Award, you will be able to view the 3 milking herds, with trips to the Stud Farm. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible, as depending on numbers I will try and organise a bus. I should know more details in the next few days.

Cheers Kath Woodley

Devon YFC presents Devon County Show Dance



Saturday 19th

May

9pm-1am

Members £6

Non Members £8

ROAR

No entry without ticket

No admission after 10.30

Tickets available now from the office.

Mid Devon Show Scholarship

The Mid Devon Show is offering scholarships to people for the purpose of studying agricultural or allied trades either in the UK or abroad for the show year 2008 / 2009. Applicants should have a connection with the Mid Devon Show area or the Show itself, but this will be interpreted in its broadest sense.

Application forms available from Carolyn Branton, (Show Secretary) 01884 821815 or email carolyn@middevonshow.fsnet.co.uk or from www.middevonshow.co.uk Applications close 30 September 07

TRAVEL SCHOLARS

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DIARY DATES

Deadline for the June Newsletter is the 20th May 2007

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May	
4 th	Cruwys Morchard YFC Mouse Racing Night @ Cruwys Arms, Pennymoor, 7.30 for 8pm. Contact Annabel on 07856 935022 or Amy on 07969 447135
5 th	Lewdown YFC Dinner & Dance at the Eagle House, Launceston, 7pm. Tickets £16.50. contact Alex on 07792 380688
5 th	Blackmoor Gate YFC Clay Pigeon Shoot @ Cowley, 2pm onwards. Contact Gemma on 01598 763418
10 th	General Council
11 th	Exe Valley Group Disco @ Calverleigh Village Hall, Tiverton. 9-1. ROAR. contact Claire on 07857 606139
13 th	Main Ring Event Practise, Westpoint
16 th	County Show set up
17-19 th	Devon County Show
19 th	County Show Dance. 9 – 1. Members (16 and over) £6, non members (18 and over) £8. no entry without ticket & no admission after 10.30. contact Dave on 07779 128981/Nick 07787 530685
25 th	Culm Valley YFC Disco. 9-1. Luppit Village Hall. £4 members, £5 non members. No U18 without m/card
June	
1 st	Travel Scholars Auction of Promises and disco at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall For more details contact Becca on 07974 604993
6 th	Cogent Visit for more details contact Kath 07970 174819
10 th	South West Area competitions Day @ Dorset
15-17	Three Counties Show, Malvern
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
17 th	Mackerel Fishing, Beer
21 st	General Council
22 nd	Witheridge YFC Summer Ball @ Washford, Nr Black Dog. Tickets £18 call 07746 609560 or 01363 866354
23 rd	Chagford YFC Summer Barn Dance @ Beechleigh Farm, Bovey Tracey
July	
1-4	Royal Show
6 th	Yarcombe YFC White Tie & Diamonds Summer ball, Whiteash Farm, Nr Chard. Band, Disco & Buffet. Black tie. Tickets £20 when ordered before 15 th June, after 15 th will be £22. contact Sarah on 07725 784446
12 th	Board of Management
14 th	<i>75TH Anniversary Ball, Powderham Castle. Tickets £28 each or a table of 10 can be reserved. Tickets now on sale in the office. Closing date 29th June</i>
19 th	Senior Brains Trust, YFC Centre
21 st	Clawton YFC Summer Ball @ Holsworthy Memorial Hall. 8-2. dress to impress! Bar, Buffet, Band & Disco. Tickets (over 16s) £18. contact Leanne 07877 122958
22 nd	Yarcombe YFC Raft Race, start Whitford Green, Musbury. £10 per raft (2-6 people) contact Sarah on 07725 784446
26 th	Member Meeting
NEW EDITOR	
<p>This is my last newsletter after two years. Ross Cottey from Whimple & Broadclyst has kindly offered to take on the role. Please send details for the newsletter to Ross by email to rcotgb@lycos.co.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you, Vicci.</p>	
<p>With Sadness Private Eleanor Dlugosz, aged 19, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, was one of four soldiers killed by a roadside bomb near Basra on Thursday 5th April. Eleanor was a member of Culm Valley YFC and was actively involved in the Young Farmers, music and public speaking. Our thoughts are with Eleanor's family.</p>	