



Devon YFC Newsletter

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Laura Persey



Laura was sadly taken from us on Monday 15th October. Everyone is going to miss her smiles and giggles. She was the life and soul of the party and took part in so much in YFC from club to national level. The thing I will always remember about Laura is her gift for making people happy, if she started to laugh it was hard to stop her. It's hard to know how someone so young can be taken so suddenly.

We will all miss you

Chuckles

Neil Pinguet

ARAC Report

As you may know we had the launch of the 'Devon YFC Fresh Start Academy' on the 26th September, a packed Wadsworth Pavilion played host to the evening, which saw a selection of speakers addressing various aspects of the 'Academy'. If you weren't able to attend the evening but would still like to join up, please contact either myself on 07970 174 819 or Nick in the office. Several members have already signed up and we hope the momentum will continue! By the time you are reading this we will have had the 1st of the twelve, monthly sessions. One of the sessions in the program focuses on energy - all areas, from reducing energy costs on the farm to renewable energy. To coincide with this session we hope to organise a trip to Oldwalls Hydro Electric Plant (near Widecombe), our Group have just been on a farm walk there, and it was extremely interesting, whilst being easy to relate to - the couple were farming 250 head of stock when the originally undertook the project of installing the hydro plant! They did all they could themselves and 12 years on it has proved hugely successful, the plant provides enough energy to run their farm, with the surplus energy providing enough energy to run approx. 80 homes. This trip will not be for a month or two, but keep an eye out for the date, I would certainly recommend going!

Kath

NFYFC stock and carcase judging fi- nals cancelled

Due to the recent outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease and Bluetongue, the Staffordshire and Birmingham Agricultural Exhibition Society has decided to cancel the English Winter Fair on 17-18 November. As such, NFYFC will be unable to hold its senior and intermediate carcase judging finals this year. Also cancelled due to the outbreaks are the live and carcase judging finals, which were due to take place at Countryside Live, Harrogate on 27-28 October, and the dairy stockjudging, Senior Stockman of the Year and Young Stock judge of the Year finals, which were all due to take place at the Dairy Event, Stoneleigh Park on 19-20 September.

“MAKING SOME SENSE OF IT ALL”

In a year which has embraced widespread flooding in many parts of Britain, a resurgence of Foot and Mouth and the ominous spread of the Blue Tongue disease from the continent, many farmers could be forgiven for thinking that this industry has not only been sidelined by the Government but also by the positive forces of nature itself. Never before have we been so well informed, measured, assessed and audited, yet it is also probably true to say that we face unprecedented changes in

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SPEAKING ROUNDUP

The Written Pub Quiz was held at the Waie Inn at Zeal Monachorum. I would like to thank Mr. Pete Smerdon for being our quiz master for the evening, and to the officers and members who helped mark the answer sheets! The results were as follows:-

- 1st Totnes YFC, South Dartmoor
- 2nd Yarcombe YFC, East Devon
- 3rd Cruwys Morchard YFC, Exe Valley
- 4th Honiton YFC, East Devon
- 5th North Molton YFC, North Devon
- 6th Winkleigh YFC, Tarka
- 7th Bow YFC, Haldon
- 7th Newton St Cyres YFC, Haldon
- 8th Meshaw YFC, North Devon
- 9th Withleigh YFC, Exe Valley

The top 6 teams will go on to represent Devon at the National Finals in Blackpool.

The Intermediate Brainstrust was held at the YFC centre, with four of the groups participating. Our thanks go to our judges, Ann Reed, Richard Horton and Will Dunn. The results are:-

- 1st South Dartmoor
- 2nd Tarka
- 3rd Exe Valley
- 4th East Devon

The best boy cup was presented to Jonathan Hunt, Totnes YFC who was also awarded the Peter Reed Travel Scholarship. The best girl cup was awarded to Lydia Furze, Bradworthy YFC.

Coming up in November

Junior Public Speaking at the YFC Centre, Thursday 8th November 7.30pm.

After Dinner Speaking at the YFC Centre, Thursday 22nd November 7.30pm.

Vicci Camp

NFYFC Competitions Weekend 2007 - Devon Results.

- Junior Floral Art – Emily York, Culm Valley – Competent
- Intermediate Floral Art – Verity Aldridge, Culm Valley – Excellent
- Senior Floral Art – Helen Williams, Culm Valley - Proficient
- Clay Pigeon Shooting – Robin Hatwell, Tavistock & Stuart Cole, Okehampton – 3rd
- Intermediate Tractor Driving – Henry Stevens, Withleigh - Proficient
- **Senior Tractor Driving – Jeff Harris, Bow & Ross Cottey, Whimble & Broadclyst – Proficient (A stitch up, we were robbed!)**
- Club Promotion – Withleigh YFC – 6th
- Junior Road Safety & Awareness – Mercedes Pemberton-Finch & Chloe Campbell, Wimble & Broadclyst – 1st
- Senior Debating – Peter Reed, Yarcombe, Sam Parris, Yarcombe, Dave Camp, Totnes, Steve Pomerory, Bradworthy & Mark Walters, Newton Abbot – 6th
- Intermediate Brainstrust – Kath Woodley, Totnes, Becky Gammin, Totnes, Lydia Furze, Bradworthy & Helen Pring, Withleigh – 3rd
- Promotional Business Card – Jane Thornber, Newton St Cyres – 11th
Becca Staddon, Ivybridge – 11th
Marion Chanin, Withleigh – 11th
- Design Board – Emily York, Culm Valley – 18th
- Promotional Discovery Board – Lizzie Greed, Wimble & Broadclyst – 7th

δ Well done to those who took part, but weren't placed:

- National Cookery Competition – Annabel Hill, Newton St Cyres, Georgina Davie, Newton St Cyres, Emma Greenslade, Culm Valley.
- Clay Pigeon Shooting – Steve John, Bow, Katie Cox, Witheridge, Phil Pearse, Axminster, Oliver Reed, Culm Valley.
- Pallet Recycling – David Butland & James Horton, Roborough.

A New YFC Year

The club and group AGM's are over for another year and all the new officers should be full of enthusiasm & energy for the coming 12 months. I hope to see all the officers at the Okeworthy training weekend on the 10th & 11th November for a packed weekend of fun and hopefully you will also learn some useful things for your club.

The county AGM is being held on the 13th December Tiverton Hotel 7.30 for 8pm. It would be good to see as many members as possible attending it's not just for the club officers but all are welcome. You can get to meet all the County officers and other friends and supporters of YFC. The most important part of the AGM is your club voting on who they want to see running the different parts of the federation for the coming year. The evening will be rounded off with reports from the year and presentations of trophies.

Laura Persey

I've only known Laura for three years during my time with Devon YFC. I will not forget the smile on her face, the helping hand she always offered or the enthusiasm she put into every thing she did. Laura will be missed by my self and all that had the pleasure and honour to meet her.

Nick

CLUB AND GROUP LEADERS TRAINING for 2007-2008

This will be held at YFC Centre Exeter on the **5th or 6th November** starting 7.30pm prompt (you only need to attend one of the nights). We strongly recommend all leaders attend if they did not attend last years training sessions. Leaders have found by attending this training it has often saved them time & effort and given new ideas for club programmes. It is also a good opportunity to finding out ways to help your clubs from other club leaders and update your knowledge on new policy, rules and regulations.

If you would like to attend would you please let me know by email nick@devonyfc.co.uk or phone numbers below:

If you have any further questions about training or being a leader please contact Nick Creasy 01392 272189 or 07843 386678 or you group VFO

Sports Report

First up on Sunday 21st October we held the county 7 aside mixed hockey. 15 teams took part. Thank you to Haldon for supplying the stewards. The results were
1st Withleigh A
2nd Whimble and Broadclyst
3rd Woolsey

Coming up we have ice skating part 2 at the Plymouth pavilions which is a sell out so that should be a good night.

The Creally challenge takes place on of November entry forms are with the club.

I have great pleasure in announcing DFYFC presents the "cold as ice" ball at the great hall Exeter university on sat 8th December 8.30-2am with Sixteen Stone Pig and Your perfect night Disco. There will also be a casino and buffet. £17 member and £20 non-members available from county office now. There something very special in store for everyone. We're going to make sure not only does this year ends with a bang it's going to go out with a boom!!!!

Dave

The National Trust Exmoor West

Full Time Volunteer Warden required for 6 Months with accommodation. With a veiw to an immediate start. A further position is available to start after Christmas. Please state which position you are applying for.

In return for your commitment we can offer a wide range of training such as hedging, ditch stone walling, brush cutting, first aid, manual handling, fencing, 4 X 4 driving etc. We can also facilitate training and assessment for an NVQ in Environmental Conservation, Landscapes and Ecosystems. A driving licence is essential for this post due to the size of the property

Please send for an application form to:-
julian.gurney@nationaltrust.org.uk



DEVON YFC PRESENTS
**'COLD AS ICE'
BALL**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2007 8:30PM – 2:00AM
GREAT HALL EXETER UNI
FEATURING
**'SIXTEEN STONE PIG'
AND
'YOUR PERFECT NIGHT LIGHT
AND SOUND ROADSHOW**
ALSO WITH CASINO AND BUFFET
MEMBERS £17 NON MEMBERS £20
AVAILABLE FROM COUNTY OFFICE 01392 272189



Kellogg Shield forms from Groups need to be returned to the office. AGM trophies need to be returned to the office cleaned and engraved (reminder letters have been sent). Club Accounts are now due –if you haven't already done so please send in ASAP

ment, lessons learnt from diversification, and an insiders view on the cereal market in it's many changing forms .We shall also have the opportunity to question the European perspective on industry problems when the chairman of the Agricultural committee for the European Parliament speaks in November.

For further details please contact David Hinshelwood (01884 266500) or Chairman , Lester Bowker (07967 025172).

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the way we manage our businesses. The Devon Farm Management Association has arranged four pertinent meetings over the coming winter months to hopefully encourage and stimulate all those involved in the management of this change. Under the general theme of "MAKING SOME SENSE OF IT ALL" we shall cover such topics as business establish-

Dates for Your Diary

Month Newsletter Entry deadline Month 20th all entries emailed to rcotgb@lycos.co.uk

November	
1 st	Members Meeting
2 nd	Bow YFC Late Autumn Disco. Bow Village Hall. 9-1. info from Pete on 07737 368969. No U18 non members. Members £4, non members £5
5 th & 6 th	Club and Group Leader training, YFC Centre. 7.30pm – 10pm
7 th	Ice Skating – Part II – Plymouth Pavilions
8 th	Junior Speaking Final, YFC Centre 7.30pm
9 th	Newton St Cyres YFC 70 th Anniversary Dinner & Dance, Exeter University
10 th -11 th	Okeworthy Training Weekend for Secretaries, Chairman & Treasurers
15 th	General Council
17 th	Interviews for 2008 Travel Scholarships at the YFC Centre
17 th	Roborough YFC Curry & Quiz Night @ Leg O'Mutton Pub, Yelverton, 7pm for 7.30pm start
17 th	Dartmouth YFC Dinner & Dance @ Dartmouth Golf & Country Club. 7 for 7.30pm. Black tie, tickets £21. contact Jo on 07977 219689
22 nd	After Dinner Speaking Final, YFC Centre
23 rd	Kingsbridge YFC Dinner & Dance, Thurlestone Hotel. 7-7.30pm sit down. £22 per person. Contact Becky on 07891 532514
25 th	Mens Rugby, Ladies Netball & Junior Mixed Tag Rugby. Broadclyst
28 th	Crealy Challenge
29 th	Fresh Start Academy, YFC Centre, 7.30pm
30 th	Yarcombe YFC Disco @ Yarcombe Village Hall. 9pm-1am, no U18 non members
30 th	Exe Valley Group Wine & Wisdom, Calverleigh Village Hall, 8pm start, teams of 4 (£12 per team). Disco afterwards
30 th	Winkleigh YFC Christmas Disco, Winkleigh Village Hall, No U16 members, No U18 non members

December	
6	General Council
8	Christmas Ball at Exeter University
13	County AGM, Tiverton Hotel, Bolham Road, Tiverton. 8pm
20 th	Fresh Start Academy, YFC Centre, 7.30pm
28 th	Whimble & Broadclyst Disco, details TBA
28 th	Chulmleigh YFC Disco @ Red Lion Hotel, Chulmleigh. 9pm til late. Ticket only entry. £4 per person, no members U16, no non members U18. No ID = no entry. Tickets available from Red Lion Hotel (non members) 01769 580384 or Chulmleigh YFC (members) 07964 532116. ROAR.
2008	
January	
10 th	BOM
24 th	Members Meeting
31 st	Fresh Start Academy



DEVON FARM MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Programme

Date: Friday 23rd November 2007 at 8.00
Venue: Exeter Court Hotel, A38, Kennford, Exeter
Speaker: Neil Parish MEP, Chairman EU Agricultural Committee
Title: Aided and abetted by Europe
Sponsor: Simpkins Edwards, Chartered Accountants

Date: Monday, 28th January 2008 at 8.00
Venue: Exeter Court Hotel, A38, Kennford, Exeter
Speaker: Alistair House, farmer Weston super Mare
Title: I would have done it differently
Sponsor: HSBC Bank plc

British Wool Training & Devon YFC are able to offer

TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS BY ROAD

NPTC Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Transport of Animals by Road (short journeys)

As you are probably aware that from 5th January 2008 legislation states that all those connected with transportation of livestock, horses or poultry by road (only) over 65km must hold a valid certificate of competence. This is another Government initiative led by EU directives. British Wool Marketing Training are now established as a Global On Line Assessment centre and as such are able to offer the necessary assessments for the above qualification, we are working with Devon YFC to offer the following

Keeping the cost to a minimum we are able to offer the assessment for the following

£47 Registered Wool Board Producers & Current Devon YFC Members
£67 for Non producers or current YFC members

If you are in any doubt of your knowledge or skills required for this test Training is available at £30 per head

For further information and registration forms please contact BWMB on 01392 477944 or YFC Office on 01392 272189