

DEVON YFC

NEWSLETTER



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A Note From The Chairman.....



Firstly, I'd like to congratulate you all on the excellent shows around the county which I have attended that haven't been cancelled due to the lovely summer weather we've had!! It's great to see the members getting involved.

I guess this will be the last month for some of you as club/group officers. May I take this opportunity to say well done for taking on the roles and I hope you enjoyed it. I hope you gained a lot from the experience and I thank you for your support.

Please make a note of the County AGM, which is on the 27th Nov at Exeter Racecourse.

Cheers!!

Pete – Devon YFC County Chairman

Bring a friend to YFC.....

If you're reading this newsletter, there is a good chance you are already a member of YFC or an ex member. There is also a good chance you get stuck into most of the things your club offers. You probably have lots of friends through YFC and other friends who are not members. We are after those other people! This coming YFC year (1st Sep 08) we are trying to increase the members in each club by 3 people. This would give Devon 111 extra new members. Now I'm sure some of you are saying "it's not about numbers or size, it's about quality" and you're right, but it would still be great to have the largest county members in the country; currently we are second to Yorkshire on this front.

The other issue we may need to overcome is why would you want to bring a friend? Some of you may not want to share all the good things with other people and others may still be hiding in the YFC closet and really feel you do not have the time or energy to explain to yet another person that **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A FARMER TO BE IN YFC!!!!!!** Either way its good to share and you don't have to tell them it's a YFC do when they first attend, just don't take them to a business meeting for their first experience of YFC life, they may never come again especially if you are discussing the dress code for the next dance or the design for the club shirt again!

If I can help with any of the above or other ideas for your club or group do contact me on 07843 386678 or email nick@devonyfc.co.uk

Nick creasy – Devon YFC Federation Organiser

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By the time you are reading this, we will have had the County Call my Bluff final, which took place on Thursday 28th August, so look out for my report in the next newsletter.

Moving on to September we start to approach a busier time, with training and team selection arranged for the European Dairy Event. All members are welcome to come along, we will be looking to select 3 senior, intermediate & junior competitors to go up to Stoneleigh on Thursday 18th September to represent Devon in the National Finals. As yet the breeds have not been confirmed but normally consist of Holsteins, Jerseys, Dairy Shorthorns etc. The seniors will carry out a linear assessment on four cows, before placing them in an order and giving their reasons. The intermediates will judge to rings of 6 cows, giving their reasons on one class, and the juniors' judge two rings of 4, again giving reasons on one class. The training days have been arranged for Sunday 7th & Sunday 14th September, details with Club secretaries. It would be great to see lots of you there, especially those clubs who have just started stock judging again, as it's a fantastic opportunity to get more experience and potentially to gain a place on the Devon team!

Also on the 18th is the 'Beef & Growing Cattle South West' event taking place at Hatherleigh market. The day runs from 9am – 5pm and is well worth a visit. There will be stock judging classes on the day, with the opportunity to take part in the 'Hoof to Hook' competition which is always well worth doing, to enter or for more info please give me a ring. There is no entry fee for stock judging and some brilliant prize money up for grabs! Admission is £5 with YFC membership card, or £8 without.

Coming up on the competitions front we have the Written Pub Quiz final on the 25th September, followed by Intermediate Braintrust on the 16th October, Junior speaking on the 6th November and Senior Debating on the 20th November.

Finally I would like to wish good luck in advance to those selected for the Devon team, and to all the members taking part in Stockman of the Year and Young Stock Judge. I hope I haven't left anything out, as it is a bit of a last minute report!

If you have any queries or would like to know more on any of the above please give me a ring.

Kath – Competitions Chair



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www.holsworthycats.org/

Honiton Show 2008

There were nearly 900 entries for the Young Farmers Classes from Members of East Devon Group Of YFC's, producing a very full and interesting marquee once again at this year's Honiton Show. Members from each of the six Clubs within the Group competed in a whole range of classes from cookery & craft to Stock judging and Tug of war.

With competition tight between The Clubs, the eventual winner of the Acland Cup for the Club winning the most points was awarded to Honiton YFC. The joint winners for The Senior boy winning most points were Phil Bird of Axminster YFC & Matthew Tidball of Honiton YFC. The Senior girl winning most points was Vicki Thomas of Axminster YFC. Harvery Pile of Culm Valley YFC won the Junior Boys Cup and Sara Spiller also of Culm Valley YFC won the Junior Girls Cup.

Other awards went to Whimble & Broadclyst YFC who won the WR Wilson Award for winning the boys tug of war and Honiton YFC who won the Yarcombe Young Farmers Cup for winning the girls tug of war. Gill Manley of Culm valley YFC won the Hampshire Down Sheep Breed Trophy for winning the breeding sheep stock judging competition. The Martin Street Cup went to Zea Burton of Axminster YFC for the best photography exhibit. Samantha Surridge of Honiton YFC won the St Johns Ambulance First Aid Quiz and Phil Pearse of Axminster YFC got the highest points in the FW Perkins Ltd Animal Health Questionnaire.

East Devon Group would like to thank their sponsors; **Thomas and Gentry Independent Financial Advisors, The Vale Veterinary Group** and **Tiverton NFU Mutual** for their very much appreciated support.

Also, a big thank you to everyone that helped on the day.



The Chuckles Weekend of Fun

And the Launch of

The Laura Persey Trust Fund

October 18th & 19th 2008

At Allhallows, Blackborough, Near Cullompton.

Richard, Jill, Ashley, Kathryn and Stuart are hosting 'The Chuckles Weekend of Fun' to launch the Laura Persey Trust Fund set up in Laura's Memory following her sudden death last year. The date will coincide with the weekend Laura would have celebrated her 21st birthday, and we hope it will be full of fun which Laura would have loved!

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER— THE CHUCKLES BALL

An evening of fantastic food and entertainment and live auction. Tickets £30 each from Carole on 07734191966.

Admission strictly by ticket only.
Over 18's ONLY—ROAR

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER— THE CHUCKLES FAMILY FUN DAY

WITH FUN FOR ALL AND TO INCLUDE SPONSORED CYCLE RIDES for YFC and all abilities, skill demonstrations STALLS, BOUNCY CASTLE, ENTERTAINMENT AND MUCH MORE!

Highgrove Visit

20 members from across Devon travelled up to Highgrove on Tuesday 19th August, by kind permission of Prince Charles. The group consisted of members who had completed the Farm Business Competition earlier in the year and also those members that had completed the Fresh Start Academy.

It was a fantastic day out, we left the YFC Office at around 10am to travel up to Gloucester. Arriving ahead of time, we found somewhere for lunch, which was an experience in itself! We then met with David Wilson the Farm Manager of Home Farm. David gave us a brief introduction of all the different enterprises on the farm, before taking us around to have a look. Members were impressed to hear how they managed their Organic Farm, with clover playing a key role in everything they do. At present they grow about 50 acres of vegetables, several acres of corn, milk 150 Ayreshires through a Tandem Parlour, keep a flock of Pedigree Lleys and they also keep native beef breeds, including some rare breeds, to do their bit for the Rare Breeds Society.

The tour itself lasted over two hours and gave us a real insight into what they do.

We very much appreciated the time David gave up to do this for us and I hope some more Devon members will get the opportunity in the future.

Kath – Competitions Chair



The second
Devon YFC Academy is starting
on Tuesday 16th September.

If you are interested in joining this years group come along to the launch evening starting 7.30 prompt at the YFC Centre Exeter. The Academy sessions will be normally be held on Thursday evenings once a month. Last year 24 members joined, all stayed the full term and all said they had gained something useful to them or their agricultural work or business.

For more info contact Nick on 01392 272189

Dates for your diary

September	
5 th	Culm Valley Late Summer Ball, Bridwell Park, Uffculme by kind permission of Lord & Lady Mountbatten. Dancing to DT8 with Your Perfect Night Disco. 8-2. tickets £20. black tie. Info/tickets call Mark on 07773 371774. ROAR
6 th	Kingsbridge Show
7 th	Dairy Event Training, details to follow
12 th	Whimble & Broadclyst YFC Charity Dance @ Broadclyst Victory Hall. 8-1. featuring "The Rhythm Kings". Bar, buffet and a night of 60s & 70s classics. tickets £12.50. contact Dan on 07886 290214
	Ilminster YFC Togo Party, The Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster. 9-1. fancy dress £5, non £7. No U18NM
	Bradworthy & District Ploughing Match, Produce Show and Vintage Display. Ploughing starts from 9.30am. Entries welcome from young farmers. Schedules from Liz on 01409 261312. entries close 6 Sept. All welcome, refreshments available.
13 th	South Dartmoor Group Open TOW competition at the Annual Field Day, Lower Mead Farm, nr Ashburton (just off A38). Team registration 3.30pm. dance to follow in the evening. Contact Kath on 07970 174819 to enter/more info.
14 th	Diary Event training
	Whimble & Broadclyst YFC Fun Ride in aid of Devon Air Ambulance + W & B YFC from Elbury Farm (Near Town & Country Supplies) Broadclyst. Start 10.30 & 12.30pm. 10 miles approx. adults £10, children £8. Entry includes a free burger or hot dog at the end of the ride. Entries taken on the day. For further information contact Emma Burrough on 07816871727 / 01404 812830
16 th	Fresh Start Launch, 7.30pm YFC Centre
17/18 th	Dairy Event at Stoneleigh
18 th	Beef Event at Hatherleigh
	General Council
19 th	East Devon Group End of Year Party @ The Guildhall, Chard. 9-1. Band "Pop of Ages" & Disco. Black Tie & Cocktail dress. No U18 NM. Tickets £10M, £12 NM. Ticket hotline 07775 628491
	Scholarship Report deadline for Juniors and Seniors
21 st	Axminster YFC Pleasure ride. Proceeds to Laura Persey Fund/Axminster YFC. Start 10am-12pm. Woodend Farm, Shute. Approx 8-9 miles. £10 per rider. Call Phil 07774 001829.
25 th	County Final – Written Pub Quiz @ the Waie Inn, 8pm
26 th	Autumn Dance @ Hatherleigh Market
27 th	Totnes Harvest Ball, £12.50 per ticket, to include Hog Roast, Salads and Homemade Desserts. There will be a slave auction to follow the meal and music by a local band. Dress: Smart/Casual. For more info contact Tom on 07974 021401 or Kath on 07970 174819.
28 th	Axminster YFC Pleasure Ride, Proceeds to The Laura Persey Fund and Axminster YFC, Starting 10am-12pm, Woodend Farm, Shute sign posted from A35, Approx 8-9 miles £10 per rider, Rosette's on completion, All riders must be wearing a safety hat and all children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. For more info call Phil Bird on 07774001829
October	
1 st	2008 Diary Show @ Bath & West Showground
9 th	BOM, 7.30pm
16 th	County Final Intermediate Brains Trust
17 th	Whimble & Broadclyst YFC Disco. Venue TBA
18 th	Laura Persey's 21 st "CHUCKLES BALL" at Allhallow's. Tickets £30 from Carole on 07734191966. Advert on previous page.
19 th	THE CHUCKLES FAMILY FUN DAY at Allhallow's - Advert on previous page.
	County Final Mixed Hockey
23 rd	Member Meeting
24 th	Roborough YFC Dinner & Dance @ Elfordleigh Hotel, Plympton, Plymouth. Tickets from Sarah on 07876 662711
25-26 th	Countryside Live @ Harrogate
25 th	Pillar Decorating @ Exeter Cathedral
26 th	Harvest Festival & Harvest Supper @ Exeter Cathedral
30 th	Ice Skating Part 1 @ Plymouth Pavilions
31 st	Newton Abbot YFC 75 th Anniversary Dinner & Dance @ The ERC, Torquay

Looking For A Band?

Hi! I'm Matthew Dean, the lead singer and guitarist of the three piece band Serpents Kiss. We're looking for gigs in the South West and wondered if maybe you had some slots to fill? We play rock covers and our own material. Follow the link below to hear some of our material: www.coombesheadstudios.co.uk We usually play two 1 hour slots per evening but would be happy to fit in with whatever you require. Look forward to hearing from you!!

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