



Devon YFC Newsletter

Sept
2007

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES WEEKEND



44 members of Devon FYFC aged between 13-17 years along with 6 leaders headed off to the Brecon Beacons for what turned out to be an action packed weekend. The sun was shining on us as we arrived at the adventure centre where we were met by Richard, our manager for the weekend. We had a tour of the campus to show us where we could and couldn't go (the latter being the truth!) The first evening saw us having some ice breaking games and general getting to know each other activities before the main activities started in the morning.

Saturday saw the group split into 4 smaller groups with each group having a go at one of the four activities on offer, which were kayaking, sailing, climbing and trapeze. All activities were enjoyed by all but the water sports seemed to please everyone, whether it was because they could get the instructors wet or even the leaders but no one escaped dry! Evening entertainment was either provided by the leaders such as rounders, tag, cards etc or by the centre staff, mainly being the generation game, which was interesting and messy!! Sunday saw

the completion of activities with all members having a go at each activity. The weather was very wet on Sat morning but slowly improved during the weekend, well stopped raining anyway! Accommodation was 4 beds to a tent but one evening saw 14 members in 4 beds, I think a game of dodge the leaders was going on but we found you in the end!

A huge thank you to all the members that went, I think you enjoyed yourselves with the main comment on the evaluation questionnaires being 'met loads of new friends and had a great time' which in my view was the reason we put this on for junior members. Watch this space for a repeat next year, maybe at a different centre in the Lake District!! Thank you to Pingu, Becca, Dan, Sarah and Anne-Marie for being great leaders, we had fun too!!

Cheers – Peter Reed

If anyone has lost a pair of wet shoes and clothes in a Waitrose bag, please contact me.

Another YFC year comes to a close!

All clubs will be finishing another year over the next two months. This means a change of officers and other positions in the club. As you all well know it does not always mean every one changes but many people do. It can be hard to hand over the reins but YFC is all about giving people a chance to learn new skill and gain confidents. If your thinking about taking on a position at what ever level talk with a person that has done it before, older members of the club or one of your leaders I am sure they will give you guidance.

We are holding a training weekend 10-11th November for new officers. This date has changed due to all the venues being booked up for weekend before. There are limited places so do get your forms back as soon as you have had your club AGM.

We are also holding a two evening training session for club leaders on 5th & 6th November (your leaders only need to attend one). We strongly recommend all leaders that did not attended last years events do so this year.

If you need any further detail with either of these two training events please contact myself at YFC Centre 0n 01392272189 or email nick@devonyfc.co.uk

Good luck to all those people taking on new roles!

ARAC Report

As you have probably heard from Nick, the Devon Fresh Start Academy is well underway. Andrew & I had a brief meeting with Nick last week and the program that is being put together certainly looks to have great potential.

All we need now is some keen members, if you are interested you can contact any of the three of us and we will be more than happy to help! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the launch on the 26th September. Part of the program includes a session on energy, which we hope to follow with a visit to Oldwalls Hydro electric plant.

Cheers
Kath

Devon Proficiency Test Committee

The main objective of DPTC is the advancement of education and training in relation to Agriculture, Horticulture & Forestry within Devon and surrounding area. Bursary are awarded to young people who are taking on training and qualifications in full time collage or university courses.

DPTC already support most of the courses that Devon members take part in through the Skill for Life programme.

If you would like to find out more or apply for a bursary Contact : Mr M Bendle.

Collick Park,
Play Hidon
Cullompton
EX15 3TQ

Horse Show

Newton Abbot YFC held their annual Horse Show and Dressage on Sunday 22nd July at Twelve Oaks Farm Teigngrace. After months of hard work and preparation the day finally arrived, members were on site from 6:30am for the final setting up praying that it would not rain! The day was a great success the sun shone and we had 109 entries in total. The show field was a hive of activity with all 37 classes being well supported keeping the secretaries very busy. The Show made just over £2000 for club funds which is a fantastic achievement and made all the hard work worthwhile. A draw was also held which raised £129 for the Dartmoor Rescue.



LOST SINCE 2002! –

Prudential Cup for the Winning team of Written Pub Quiz (please search for this trophy amongst your silverware - fine amnesty if returned to the office)

Membership—

Your current membership card (blue) expires on 31st August -

Go along to your club meeting to re-join – U18s please complete a new Parental Consent form (copies in this mailing)

NO CARDS WILL BE ISSUED FROM THE OFFICE WITHOUT THE COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP FORM AUTHORISED BY AN OFFICER OF THE CLUB (*no exceptions; pleadings, tears or tantrums will not be accepted*)

New Secretaries – please rejoin asap to ensure your details are on the database to receive mailings

Travel

2008 County scholarships applications with your Secretary – further copies can be obtained from the office – completed forms to the office please by **Friday 2nd November** at the latest

Discovery Brochure and application forms can be downloaded from the National website – completed forms to the office please by

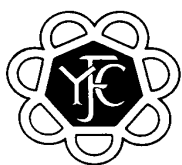
Friday 16th November at the latest.

Groups - Please send in your completed Kellogg Shield forms for 2006/07 – copies are available if originals lost!

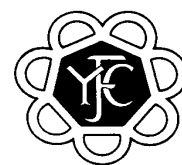
Contact Joan either 01392 272189 or joan@devonyfc.co.uk

New Officer Nominations

Forms with your Secretary—these need to be returned to the office by Friday 14th September (any received after this date will not be accepted). Remember to ask the person first if they are willing to stand.



**THE DEVON FEDERATION OF
YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS**



**Neil Pinguenet
County Chairman request the pleasure of your company**

**at the
County Annual General Meeting**

**To be held at
The Tiverton Hotel,
Blundells Road, Tiverton**

**on
Thursday 13th December 2007 at 8pm**

**RSVP Neil Pinguenet, c/o YFC Centre, Retail Park Close,
Marsh Barton Road, Exeter, EX2 8LG
By Monday 26th November 2007**

FOR SALE— Working collie pups, 2 dogs 1 bitch, £80

contact—Ashley Pitts on 07989 790577 or Berkeleyw05@aol.com [mailto:Berkeleyw05@aol.com]



If you want your newsletter to be interesting and packed out with news please make sure you send Ross your reports in plenty of time —don't leave it to him to chase you each month—we are very grateful that he took over from Vicci and we need your input for him to edit the newsletter.

Dates for Your Diary

September Newsletter Entry deadline September 20th all entries emailed to admin@agrit.co.uk

Sep-tember	
1 st	Cruwys Morchard, Withleigh & District Ploughing Association Ploughing Match at Kersell Barton, Huntsham, Tiverton. Contact Mrs L Warham 01884 881238
6 th	Call My Bluff Final – Waie Inn
7 th	Cruwys Morchard YFC Autumn Disco @ Tiverton Rugby Club. 9-1. ID required. No under 18 non-members, no under 16 members. Fore more info contact Amy 07969 447135 or Annabel on 07856 935022
8 th	Jon Cleave & Kate's wedding! Good luck to them both for the future.
8 th	South Dartmoor Group Field Day @ Great Haye Farm, Lamerton, Tavistock by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Young. Many competitions, refreshments. Contact Helen on 07815 902604 for more details
13 th	General Council
14 th	Autumn Dance, Hatherleigh Market. Members (no U16s) £5, non members (no U18s) £7.
16 th	Cheriton Fitzpaine & District Ploughing Association Ploughing Match. Venue tbc. Contact Mrs J Davie 01363 772309
16 th	Roborough YFC Pantomime Horse Race and Fun Day, Moristow Estate Nr Roborough, 2pm start. 5 races for all ages and abilities, BBQ, Tote and other activities. Raising money for the Devon Air Ambulance. For more info contact Sarah on 01752 695458
19 th – 20 th	Dairy event, Stoneleigh
21 st	Cheriton Tedburn YFC Disco @ Fingle Glen, 9pm – 1am. Contact Paul 07870 528690
21 st	Yarcombe YFC Disco, Yarcombe Village Hall. 9-1 £4 members (no U16s), £5 non members (no U18s). ROAR
22 nd	Witheridge Ploughing Group 100 th Ploughing match @ Hele Barton, Thelbridge. For more information contact Raymond Govier 01884 860576.
23 rd	Cullompton & District Ploughing Association Annual Ploughing March. Little Clyst William Farm, Plymtree. Schedules and details from Sarah Hammett on 01392 461268
27 th	County Final Written Pub Quiz – Waie Inn.

October	
11 th	Intermediate Brains Trust, YFC Centre
13 th -14 th	National Competitions Weekend, County Showground, Stafford
18 th	Board of Management
19 th	Newton Abbot YFC, Dinner and Dance at the Lavender House Hotel, Ashburton, for more info call Heather 07814724645
21 st	Mixed Hockey, West Exe College
24 th	Ice Skating – Part I – Plymouth Pavilions
26 th	Cheriton Tedburn YFC Halloween Disco, Fingle Glen. 9-1. ROAR. Contact Paul on 07870 528690 for details
26 th	Bampton YFC 75 th Dinner & Dance, Upplowman Village hall. Contact Diane on 01398 331376 for info
27 th	Pillar Decorating for Harvest Festival, Exeter Cathedral
28 th	Harvest Festival Service
November	
1 st	Members Meeting
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
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
18 th	National Primestock Show, County Showground, Stafford
22 nd	After Dinner Speaking Final, YFC Centre
23 rd	Kingsbridge YFC Dinner & Dance, Thurlstone 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

Farm Crisis Network

Helping farming people through difficult times

National FCN Helpline

07002 326326

www.fcnet.org.uk

Open 7 till 11 365 days a year!

Devon Co-ordinator—Brian Warren

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