

NOVEMBER 2022

NEWSLETTER

DEVON
Federation



FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

As I write my last ever report for the county newsletter, I reflect on what a fantastic twelve months we have had as a county and I'm very proud of what has been achieved! All club and group AGMs have been held and I wish all new officers the best of luck - no doubt you will have a fantastic year.

I am very pleased to announce that our new County Organiser Fern has started with us this month. She has hit the ground running and some of you may have already had the chance to meet her. I know she will be an asset to the federation so please do make yourself known over the coming months.

October has seen another very busy month for Devon YFC and I'm really pleased to see how well attended all the new members meetings are! When starting out on my County Chairman journey, I had one idea, for which most people thought I was mad... the mystery night out! Never did I think it would happen; however, the Katie dream team pulled it out the bag!

How on earth we kept it a secret for so long I will never know. I hope all that attended enjoyed themselves, I'm not sure you'll ever go to another party with Paul Chuckle again!



We concluded the month with our Harvest Festival at Exeter Cathedral. All groups decorated the pillars beautifully and it was amazing to see over 270 people attend the service. Thank you to the NFU for partnering with us on this wonderful occasion.

As I conclude, I want to thank you all for the wonderful support, making the year so much fun and for all the memories made! I feel like we've become one big family! Remember my moto ... you only regret the things you don't do, not the things you do! Over and out.

Rosie Bennett
COUNTY CHAIRMAN



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COUNTY ORGANISER REPORT

FERN LINDSAY

Hello DFYFC! I am so pleased to have joined you all as your new County Organiser. In the short time (only 5 days!) I have been in the job I have met a wonderful bunch of people and every single one of them - without exception - has been absolutely delightful. You all play such an important and valuable role in the DFYFC community and I am thoroughly looking forward to working with you.

Last week I had the pleasure of watching exceptional speakers at the Senior Brainstrust competition and I was warmly welcomed at the Members Meeting. We had a great Harvest Service on Sunday 30th October at Exeter Cathedral with a fantastic attendance. Well done again to everyone involved. I was really impressed with the enthusiasm, the decorations, and the effort that you all put in. A thank you also to all those at the cathedral for ensuring the smooth running of the service.

Looking ahead, the County AGM is just round the corner but we

have plenty of competitions coming up before then, so best of luck to all those involved.

Although my time with the current County team has been brief, I have been very impressed with all their hard work, and they have made me feel truly welcome. There will be lots of fun times ahead!



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COMPETITIONS

ALICE CHAPPLE



Hey everyone! I can't believe this is my final newsletter report. I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has participated, stewarded or judged competitions this year, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as your Competitions Chairman.

We had carcass stock judging training on the 29th September, a thank you to Lang's Abattoir for having us and to Dave Camp for training. We hope to have some teams going forward to represent us at the English Winter Fair.

We have then had our Call My Bluff competitions for all three age categories. First up we had the intermediates competition on 4th October. A team was selected to represent us at the South West Area round of Jack Tucker, Georgie Pengelly and Bethany Ansdell with reserves of Katie Davie and Luke Stevens. Good luck to you next year.

On Thursday 6th October we had our Senior Call My Bluff competition and then we had our Junior Call My Bluff on 20th October, which was the first time we had held a junior competition and it was fantastic to see 5 teams participate.



Next up was Senior Braintrust on Tuesday 25th October. The team chosen to represent us at South West Area is Camilla Crocker, Tom Maynard, Shelley Ford and Jake Richards with the reserves of Georgie Pengelly and Andrew Heywood. Good luck to you all next year at South West Area.

Next up we have Situations Vacant on 10th November and Junior Reading on 1st December. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Dawn the very best for next year.

INTERMEDIATE CALL MY BLUFF

1st	East Devon
2nd	North Devon
3rd	South Dartmoor
Best Male	Jack Tucker
Best Female	Georgie Pengelly

SENIOR CALL MY BLUFF

1st	Exe Valley
2nd	Tarka
3rd	South Dartmoor
Best Male	Tom Nancekivell
Best Female	Chloe Burrough

JUNIOR CALL MY BLUFF

1st	South Dartmoor
2nd	East Devon
3rd	Haldon
Best Male	Charlie Hurford
Best Female	Isabelle Pearse



SENIOR BRAINTRUST

1st	East Devon
2nd	South Dartmoor
3rd	Haldon
Best Male	Tom Maynard
Best Female	Shelley Ford



SPORTS & SOCIAL

KATIE GRIST & KATIE NORTHMORE-LAND



October may have been our favourite month of the young farmers year yet. On the 8th October we held our first event - the County Mystery Night Out! Each group were collected by coach and taken to the mystery location of Exeter Racecourse. Members enjoyed an evening socialising, dancing and playing games. We also had two guest appearances: Mrs Blobby (aka Rosie Bennett) and the one and only Paul Chuckle, who was our guest DJ alongside Dan Copp. We hope that everyone who attended had an enjoyable night and fingers crossed this is the first of many mystery night outs held by Devon YFC in the future.



As our year comes to a close, we managed to squeeze in one last sports tournament - Junior Basketball, Ladies Rounders and Men's Rush Hockey at Okehampton College. These are all national qualifiers, so good luck to East Devon who came first in the rounders and hockey, as well as Exe Valley in basketball.

Christmas Ball tickets are now live! The ball is being held on the 17th December at Westpoint Arena with a Fire and Ice theme. It is set to be bigger and better than ever and we can't wait to welcome as many members as possible through the doors.

Finally, we would both just like to say a huge thank you for all of your support throughout the year. It has been an absolute honour to be your Sports and Social Chairmen's and we have loved putting on such a varied programme for you all to enjoy! A massive good luck to Annaliese for the coming 12 months.

MEN'S HOCKEY

1st
2nd
3rd

East Devon
Haldon
Exe Valley



LADIES ROUNDERS

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2nd
3rd

East Devon
Haldon
Exe Valley



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2nd

Exe Valley
Haldon





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AGRI REPORT

RUPERT SHINNER



Hello all! Here's my final AGRI report. Just to say a huge thank you to those of you who have come along to what I've organised over the last year!

Since the last newsletter we have started the Agri Business Programme and we also had our trip to Dunbia which filled up very fast indeed! It was great to be able to learn about their business, learn more about the beef supply chain and look around the facility and see the efficiency in which it is ran. If you'd like to attend but were unable to get signed up, please email the office and ask for your name to be put on the list!

At the time of writing we have our trip to Gooseford Farm, Whiddon Down on the 1st of November and also our trip to Matford Arable Systems coming up on the 10th of November. Then on the 27th we will be heading to C&R's workshop & VB Farms beef unit. Keep your eyes on socials for the forms!

Joke of the month:

How does a pig hit on another pig?
They invite them over to Netflix & swill!



TRAVEL REPORT

SHELLEY FORD



Hi Everyone, thank you to everyone who has applied for the 2023 travel scholarships, we have had a massive amount of applications and I wish you all the best of luck with the interviews.

As this is my last report I just want to take a moment to thank all of our sponsors who make the scholarships possible. I also want to thank anyone who has attended any of the fundraisers or contributed in any way, I know it meant a lot to the 2022 travel teams.

Last but not least I would like to thank the office for the support given throughout the year. One final thing from me is that I would urge everyone to apply for a scholarship during their time in young farmers, it was one of my best experiences and I know a lot of others feel the same, so just apply. You will make friends for life. See you all at the AGM.



CLUB UPDATES

TOTNES YFC

Well, first off I would like to say a massive welcome to all the new and returning young farmers members, it's been a busy year and one full of much enjoyed events.

As a club, Totnes should be immensely proud of the work they have done and the things they have achieved over the past year; wedding bars, quizzes, dinner and dances and much, much more!

Totnes YFC have ended this past year with a smash, raising just shy of £26,000 for our chosen charities, Devon Air Ambulance, Yellow Wellies and Ukraine Aid. The funds raised throughout the events of the past year will be presented to representatives from the charities in the coming weeks with great hope that the money raised will be much needed contributions to such great causes.

However, with the end of one year comes the handing over of roles and though I'm sure our past committee have enjoyed every moment, they'll be pleased

to hand the torch over to other budding members to potentially achieve more. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the committee from the past year; your hard work, sacrifices and achievements have meant that this past year has been one of Totnes' best and most profitable years for fundraising, and has undoubtedly helped keep the YFC morale and members numbers raised for the coming year.

So to those of you taking up the torch of a committee members role for Totnes this year; well done and good luck. This is your year to get involved and make a difference to the young farmers and the charities we support.

Finally to top off a new start to the year, we've had a wonderful turn out for our new members evening, resulting in a fantastic 27 new members! Welcome, we hope you all thoroughly enjoy being part of Young Farmers and our words of advice are; the more you put in, the more you will get out.

So go for it this year Totnes and fellow Young Farmers, and let's make this an even better year than the last.

Hannah Roberts-Cossey



BLACKMOOR GATE YFC

Blackmoor Gate have had a busy Sunday afternoon, kicking off with our Car Treasure Hunt followed by our Harvest Supper. It was fabulous to see so many people attend and enjoy a very busy day!

Megan Snowden



CLAWTON YFC

Clawton YFC have had a very busy start to their new year! After a very successful new members evening, we have already crammed lots in. After adding to our carnival float, Clawton won their class at Launceston Carnival and were also presented with the highly commended award too! Recently, we have also organised a club day out to Exeter Chiefs. With a large group of members going, we all

had a superb day together and this gave everyone some much needed downtime together – our chairman even got himself a selfie with a Saracens player which he is pretty proud of!

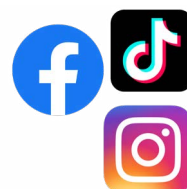
In the past month, we have held two club meetings. During the first one, we invited the local charity BASICS to attend and provide us with some essential first aid training before presenting them with a cheque for £1000. This is a charity very close to our hearts and one we were very proud to contribute to.

We have also been to Trethorne for a bowling night, where we saw all our members getting into some healthy competition with one another; there were plenty of debates about the use of sides, which balls were lucky and some interesting nicknames as the night went on. If you would like to join Clawton or know more about us as a club, it is still not too late to join up for the year.

Hannah Barriball



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Kingsbridge YFC



Chulmleigh YFC



Newton St Cyres YFC



Braunton YFC



Whimple & Broadclyst YFC

NEWTON ABBOT YFC

Newton Abbot have hit the ground running within the new YFC year with all new officers taking on their roles and cracking on with lots of different events.

We started the month off with our Dinner & Dance which was attended by a massive 150 people! This is where we got to say congratulations to last year's officers for all their hard work throughout 2021 and 2022 and making it a fun filled jam packed year. We also handed out many of our awards to other members who have also dedicated their time to our club this year. The food and many drinks were enjoyed by everyone. All Newton Abbot members would like to thank everyone who attended, we hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did, we would also like to say a huge thank you to Russell Steer our guest speaker and the Lavender House for having us! We can't wait for next year!

Next up we had our New Members evening at the Ashmoor centre in Ashburton. We had over 20 new members come to see what the fun is

about. Our leaders and officers put together some entertaining team building activities and games, it gave us lots of time to all get to know each other!

On Friday 21st we had our club lamb stock judging practice in preparation for the group final. On the following Monday lots of members attended a training with our very own president Helen Pearse, who taught us lots of different knowledgeable information on how to judge a lamb. Thank you to the Irish family for hosting and putting on a lovely spread of food!

After this on the Monday some of our members attended South Dartmoor's Lamb Stock judging final. Our very own member Rob Smerdon got 1st in the senior round followed by another of our members Josh Quant placing 2nd, well done to the both of you!

We've still got some bits we are planning to fit into the end of the month including our club's pumpkin carving & Dominoes social evening! And finally, our Halloween Party at Rattery Village Hall on Saturday 29th October which we hope to have seen many of you attending!

Tori Squire





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- 4th: Okehampton YFC Dinner & Dance
- 5th: Bow YFC Big Breakfast
- 8th: Leaders Training
- 10th: Matford Arable Seeds/Feedco Walk & Talk
- 10th: Situations Vacant Finals
- 12th: Culm Valley YFC Harvest Supper
- 12th: North Devon YFC Dinner and Dance
- 12th/13th: Training Weekend
- 18th: Chagford YFC Dinner and Dance
- 18th: Blackmoor Gate YFC Bingo
- 18th: Ivybridge YFC Dinner and Dance
- 19th: Whimble & Broadclyst Crealy Ball
- 19th: Holsworthy Carnival After Party hosted by Lewdown
- 23rd: Chittlehampton YFC Christmas Bingo
- 24th: Treasurers Training
- 25th: County AGM
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