

# **DEVON YOUNG FARMERS** **NEWSLETTER** **JUNE 2025**



**DEVON COUNTY SHOW  
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# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

***I am so proud of all the members that filled the Devon County Show tent with over 1100 entries showcasing their talent and creativity.***



What a month it has been with Devon County Show taking over everyone's attention and what a show it was! We had a great week at Westpoint and I am so proud of all the members that filled the tent with over 1100 entries showcasing their talent and creativity.

This year the Show President was Princess Anne and a few of us were lucky enough to get the chance to talk to her and promote the great work young farmers do. She was very engaged and passionate about the rural community which was great to hear. We also had the pleasure of welcoming Kaleb Cooper into the tent for a Q&A and book signing, which was fantastic. It was great to see the tent so full of people passionate about the countryside.

From competitions over the three days, to a brilliant Agri debate focusing on young people in agriculture, it was a jam packed show and definitely a highlight of the year. To top it all off we were awarded the Gold Award for the most attractive show feature of the whole show, which reflects the hard work and dedication of our brilliant team and members. A massive thank you to all the team for all your work to ensure everything ran smoothly. Well done and thank you to our Competitions Chair Hannah Rich and our Show Secretary Fran Lee for all your hard work leading up to and during the show.

The time is flying by and as we reach the halfway point, I'm excited for everything still ahead of us. We are running a calving bingo which is great fun, so please get involved and I can't wait to continue to see the fantastic work our members and clubs are doing. With our county sports just around the corner and Outdoor Activities Day hot on its' tail, I look forward to seeing lots of you this next month and hopefully we can all enjoy the sunshine.

*K. Lovegrove*

**Kayleigh Lovegrove**  
County Chairman

Devon YFC

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# COUNTY ORGANISER

## Fern Lindsay



We enjoyed another fun and successful week at this year's Devon County Show and I would like to thank all the stewards and helpers for all their hard work leading up to and during the show. It was lovely to see Vice Patrons and many of our other supporters of Devon YFC at the annual Chairman's Reception too. Well done to Hannah and the team!

### Get involved in our Safe Driving Awareness Campaign

Keep an eye out this month, Club Officers, for the 'How to' guide for you and your members to use when creating videos about how to stay safe on the roads. Vision Zero, FCN, Devon and Cornwall Police, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service and NFU Mutual are all offering their support to members so feel free to reach out for more information. Some of our partners

have also kindly offered clubs thank you gifts for taking part in the county-wide project.

### Call out for helpers

Devon YFC has teamed up with Southwest Handling and Gooseford Dairy to help out at their third annual Family Fun Day at Gooseford Farm, Whiddon Down, on Saturday 13th September. They are kindly letting us host an After Party in the evening too. During the day YFC stewards will help out with car parking and run some fun games in the field. Please let Fern know if you would be willing to join the YFC team to help to steward on the day.



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## COMPETITIONS

### Hannah Rich

**D**evon County Show is always the highlight of May and what a week it was! It was fantastic to see over 1100 entries in the marquee – a brilliant showcase of YFC talent. We had an incredibly packed programme of competitions and events. Including the agri debate, a Q&A with Kaleb Cooper, livestock classes, stock judging, TOW, junket making and even a visit from HRH Princess Anne.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work of so many. Thank you to the county team and YFC members who helped steward throughout the week, and to Fern, Denise, and Scarlett in the office. A big thank you to Millie Cheriton for stewarding the livestock section, and a very special mention to Fran Lee, our Show Secretary who puts so much work into the show - it couldn't happen without you, and it is greatly appreciated by us all. Thank you also to Katie and Alison from Country Harmonies for keeping the great atmosphere going in the tent!

We also couldn't have done it without our tent sponsor Clinton Devon Estates, as well as NFU Mutual who sponsored our Chairman's Reception and Agri Debate. To top it all off, we were

awarded the gold award for the most attractive showground feature - something we haven't won since 2014! This is a true testament to everyone's hard work and all the members for producing such fantastic entries. You can see all the results over on our social media.



May also saw the South West Area round of After Dinner Speaking (rearranged from earlier in the year). The team – Katie Grist, Harry Sprague, Molly Clist, Alex Rodd, and myself – secured 2nd place, earning a spot in the national finals in July! A special congratulations to Harry, who was named Best Speaker!

Coming up is Outdoor Activities Day on 14th June at Exe Valley Farm Shop by kind permission of the May family.

There is lots going on, so I look forward to seeing many of you there! We also have Clay Pidgeon Shooting taking place on 21st June at Holbrook Farm Shooting.







## AGRI Chloe Arscott



**T**he highlight of May was definitely the Devon County Show, with a busy week in the YFC tent. On the Friday morning we held our annual Agri debate entitled "There is no incentive for young people to get into farming", chaired by David Fursdon. I was joined on the panel by Lizzie Chance, Harry Pinsent and fellow young farmer Jack Tucker and we discussed farm succession, the closure of the Sustainable Farming Incentive and capital grants, market uncertainty and other barriers and opportunities for young people within agriculture. It was great to have the audience also involved with the discussion. Thank you to NFU Mutual for sponsoring the debate yet again this year.

Following the agri debate we were joined in the YFC tent by the one and only Kaleb Cooper who also talked about the incentives for getting into agriculture amongst other things including his favourite tractor and what it's really like to work with Jeremy Clarkson!

On the Friday evening of the Devon County Show we also announced the winner of the farm business competition. Dan Meek, of South West Norse, commented on how close the competition was this year. Congratulations to Ellen Pearce and Katie Grist for winning this year's competition and picking up the trophy and £250 prize money, kindly sponsored by the Western Counties Agricultural Valuers Association. Thank you to everyone involved in

getting this competition back into the county programme this year - keep an eye out for next year's competition!

Coming up next we have a tour of Arla Foods Taw Valley on 11th June which is already fully booked up. The creamery produces around 125t of cheddar cheese every day!



### Dates for your diary!



#### British Wool

#### South Molton Tour

Monday 23rd June - 11am

#### Brinicombe Plant Tour

Wednesday 16th July - 6:30pm

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# Hannah Frost

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# SPORTS & SOCIAL

## Phoebe Parker

**Tag Rugby Success at Devon County Show.** What a brilliant evening of tag rugby at the Devon County Show! Congratulations to all four teams who competed in a fantastic evening of sport.

### Tag Rugby Results

- 1st:** Exe Valley
- 2nd:** Newton St Cyres
- 3rd:** Kingsbridge
- 4th:** North Molton

A huge thank you to Harry Sprague and Alex Rodd for their excellent commentary throughout the event!

### What's Coming Up in June?

#### Sunday 8th June Devon YFC Sports Day

At QE School, Cridton for an action-packed afternoon with ladies' netball and men's football – both national qualifiers. Kick-off is at 1:00pm.

#### Saturday 14th June Outdoor Activities Day

Hosted by Exe Valley Farm Shop, the annual event includes the TOW finals, junior tag rugby, fence erecting, and much more. A fun day for all ages!

#### Saturday 21st June Clay Shooting Finals

Taking place at Holbrook Farm Shooting, Cheriton Bishop. Please arrive at 2:30pm for a great afternoon of competition.

**Sunday 22nd June  
Splashdown Quaywest Social**  
Our much-loved annual trip to Splashdown in Paignton. A fantastic event for all ages to enjoy the sun.

**Sunday 29th June  
SWA Competitions Day**  
Best of luck to everyone representing us at the South West Area Competitions Day at Hartpury University. We're cheering you on!



## TRAVEL

### Harry Sprague

So with a busy May now finished, we find ourselves heading into June and only a couple of months away from both of our scholarships flying out to their respective countries.

And it is with this that I can finally announce the destinations of this year's scholarships! Our Juniors will be happy to hear that they will be heading off to Scotland. Undertaking a tour of the country and visiting some of its most breathtaking spots

and exploring around the highlands of the country.

Our Seniors are going to need to pack their suncream as they will find themselves heading on a plane to Spain! They will be linking up with the local rural youth organisations and will be exploring Madrid and the Palencia Mountain regions and will be getting involved with local celebrations like San Roque.



I'm sure both teams are very excited to receive this news and can't wait to jet off in August. Of course fundraising is still underway. You may have seen us at Devon County Show with some amazing hampers in a raffle. Thank you to everyone who supported this. Make sure to keep an eye out for more events coming up in the future.



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# CLUB UPDATES

YFC updates from across the county



## CHERITON & TEDBURN

It has been a busy month for Cheriton and Tedburn! We have held a number of socials including pottery painting, rounders and jewellery making with our very own Chantelle Rae. We have also had a go at butter making with thanks to Sue Burrow from the Waie Inn, and had an Arla tour with our very own Lydia Gough showing us around!

Members competed in the Devon County Show with our promotion board coming first, and we also had Ellen Pearce and I coming first in the Farm Tenancy competition!

To finish the month we held our annual Pizza and Prosecco Quiz! This was a really successful evening and we managed to raise approximately £700 for our chosen charity - Choices Pregnancy Centre. Thank you to Fingle Bridge Inn for donating our first prize and the Waie Inn for the use of their prosecco glasses!

**Katie Grist**



## WOOLSERY

Woolsery YFC have had a busy month planning and getting ready for the carnival season. We have picked our theme and are all planning together to get ready to start the preparation ahead.

Baz and I attended the Devon YFC Tractor Run talk with the police and learnt about the best and safest ways to plan and organise a tractor run event. We are now looking forward to putting this advice into action for upcoming tractor run events.

We had a fun meeting down at Clovelly with the RNLI, we got to watch the boat head out on a training session and met some of the amazing volunteers who go out and save lives at sea. We had a tour of the station and got to



look at some of the equipment. They are an amazing charity and we highly recommend that you support them too.

Upcoming we are in the process of planning a cider and pasty walk for the community.

**Georgia Daniel**





# CLUB OF THE MONTH

## HONITON YFC

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Honiton YFC are officially the largest club within Devon Young Farmers, with over 70 members signed up so far this year. The club has a busy programme to keep all of their members engaged, with a focus on making sure that there is something for all age groups.

The list of activities and events they have already held this year is incredibly long. From holding events such as a Valentines Disco and a big breakfast, to agricultural tours and first aid training, there is a huge amount of variety on offer for their members.

The club have also got involved in lots of competitions this year.

A highlight being their club pantomime 'Aladdin' which won the East Devon Group round and placed third at the county finals.

Jacob Rabjohns, Honiton YFC Club Chairman, says: "Having so many members comes with its challenges, but communication is key. In meetings we make sure we are always asking our members what they want to be taking part in. A recent tour to the Beer Quarry Caves was something that was particularly popular.

"I was particularly proud to see the club come together for our club pantomime, and it is amazing to see members continue to shine in lots of other competitions this year too."

The club also have big plans for charity fundraising this year

**"Fun group activities that all ages can get involved with is what YFC is all about."**

**Jacob Rabjohns**

and their events have already started to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. On 9th August they will be holding a summer ball to raise further funds for the charity, which aims to improve treatment and support for people with Dementia.

Jacob adds: "The Alzheimer's Society is a charity close to many of our hearts, so we wanted to do something big this summer to raise funds. We haven't held a ball for many years, so we are looking forward to welcoming past and present members to our event this summer.

"Organising events like this is another way to bring the club together as it will need to be a big team effort. We're making memories, whilst raising money to save someone else's."







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## Training Opportunity

### Lantra Rough Terrain Telehandler

**Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th June**

Gooseford Dairy, Whiddon Down, EX20 2QQ  
2 day course £336.00. Funding from DCBT available.

### Cow Themed Pinch Pots Workshop

**Saturday 21st June 2025**

Devon Rural Hub, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6JH  
1 session course – £35.00

### Shotgun Introduction and Safety

**Saturday 28th June 2025**

Holbrook Farm Shooting  
1 day course – £130.00

### Lantra Rough Terrain Telehandler

**Friday 4th July 2025**

Gooseford Dairy, Whiddon Down, EX20 2QQ  
1 day course £215.00. Funding from DCBT available.

### Summer Themed Tote Bag Printing

**Friday 18th July 2025**

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### Glass Fusion Workshop

**Saturday 9th August 2025**

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1 session course – £35.00

## Training spotlight: Shotgun Introduction and Safety

Shotgun Introduction and Safety course at Holbrook Farm Shooting on Saturday 28th June 2025.



This course is suitable for people over the age of 14 years old. You are not required to have a shotgun license to take part, so if you're thinking about getting into shooting at any age this would teach you the basics, including:

- Introduction to shotgun types and construction
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- Types of cartridges
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- Applying for licence
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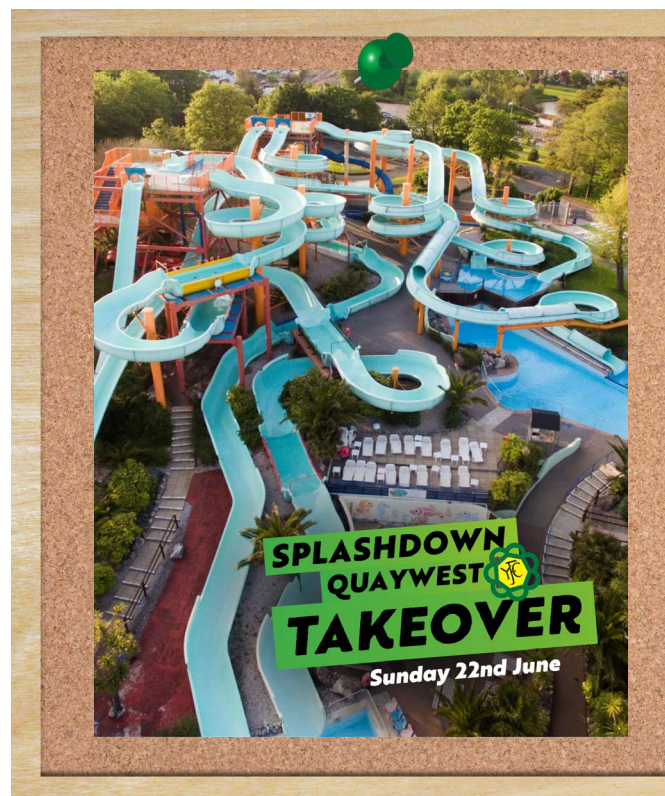
# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## JUNE

- 5th:** General Council
- 7th:** North Molton 80th Anniversary Ball
- 8th:** County Sports Day
- 11th:** Arla Tour
- 13th:** Roborough YFC Quiz & Pasty Night
- 14th:** Outdoor Activities Day
- 14th:** Chulmleigh YFC Charity Duck Race
- 14th:** Lewdown YFC Big Breakfast
- 20th:** Bradworthy YFC Foam Party
- 21st:** Clay Pigeon Shooting Finals
- 22nd:** Splashdown Quaywest
- 23rd:** British Wool Tour
- 28th:** Cheriton & Tedburn YFC Decks and Dealers Party
- 29th:** SWA Competitions Day

## JULY

- 4th:** Anstey Hi-Vis Hillbillies Party
- 5th:** NFYFC Competitions Day
- 11th:** NFYFC Dairy Stockjudging finals
- 16th:** Brinicombe Plant Tour
- 24th:** Members Meeting
- 26th:** Mid Devon Show



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