



Berkshire Young Farmers' Clubs

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About us

Berkshire young Farmers is an exciting youth organisation, where you can meet new people, learn new skills and take part in interesting and fun educational activities in a safe environment.

You do not have to be a farmer or involved in agriculture to join all you need is the enthusiasm to try something new.

To find out where your nearest club meets or for more information please check out our website www.berksyfc.org.uk or call our Development officer, Ronnie on 07748 204287

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Berkshire FYFC's Member of the Year

This annual competition is due to take place 25th January 2010

You have to be in it to win it!
So start preparing your portfolio
and be proud of what you have achieved through YFC

Senior Meetings

As the county social chairman this year I am responsible for the organisation of all the senior meetings. I want to make them as much fun a possible, and get all of you involved in them.

The first meeting will be held at Milehouse farm on Thursday the 14th of January at 7.30pm.
(Of course pub o'clock will follow)

At the meeting we will discuss:

- Future meetings,
- Pub Crawl fancy dress themes,
- AGM tour top slogan,
- AGM - Torquay 2010 rules.

I hope you can all make this meeting, the more of you there- the more ideas we'll get for future meetings.

Jenny
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Berkshire FYFC's Yearbook

The Yearbook will be given to your Club Executive Representatives on 25th January

Public Speaking Report

On Sunday 6th December at Bradfield Village Hall, the Public speaking and Reading competitions were held.

Unfortunately we only had one Bradfield team who took part in the Reading competition. Eliza Watts, David Barnsley and Alice Vaughan took part and each read an extract from the book, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. They all read exceedingly well.

Then we had three teams competing in the junior public speaking, One Newbury team which consisted of Holly Findlay, Haply Eyres and Emily Hiscock.

Bradfield had two teams; the gold team consisted of, Eliza Watts, Mikey Phillips and John Munro-Ashman. Bradfield Black team was made up from David Barnsley, Melissa Dawes and Laura Harris.

We had three very interesting talks, from Mikey on British Blue Cattle, Haply's Chicken rearing enterprise and Melissa's antics with her horses! Each talk was very interesting and the audience all learned some new things throughout the afternoon.

Then we had Bradfield's senior debating team, debating the motion "This house believes that nuclear weapons make the world a safer place". Chaired by Stephen Waters, Jenny Rowe, Sam Breakspear, Simon Fernandez and Joe Brazell, they all debated some interesting points.

The Results for the Junior Speaking

1st = Bradfield Gold

2nd = Newbury

3rd = Bradfield Black

A big well done must go to all those who competed and wish both teams the best of luck going forward to the south east area competition!

Kate Munro-Ashman
Comps Chair

www.nfyfc.org.uk

Check out the latest news from the national office including upcoming events and other important announcements at

www.nfyfc.org.uk/national-news

See what clubs and counties have been up to at

www.nfyfc.org.uk/countyfederations

Polling is now underway to choose the fancy dress theme for this year's annual convention on the front page www.nfyfc.org.uk – don't miss your chance to vote.

There are links to all the external events that have come to the attention of the national office during the past week at www.nfyfc.org.uk/events, which you can also get to via 'Things To Do' in the 'For Members' section of the site.

All the agendas and minutes of the NFYFC council and steering groups are now online on the democracy page, which is accessed via the Resources For Clubs page at www.nfyfc.org.uk/resources

The club shop is now live

The first chapters of the updated Club Programme Guide are available via the Resources For Clubs page at www.nfyfc.org.uk/resources

And much more.

Snippets of information are being added daily to all areas like the convention page (www.nfyfc.org.uk/Annualconvention) and the calendar so don't forget to check back often to see what new information is available to organisers and members alike.

Shefford YFC Club Report

This month Shefford has been very busy. The ball was again a massive success with a great turn out. I think everyone who came had a great time and the band, target were fantastic (even though the lead singer had a sore throat!)

Our first meeting of the month was a game of skittles at East Garston village hall. We had a good time and we all had time to have a chat with our friends.

Shefford's last meeting was carol singing. We sung at three houses including our Chairman's, David Gardiner which we finished at with food and drinks. We would like to thank all the houses we sang at for their hospitality and kindness.

Next month we look forward to night of table tennis and other games and a visit from a bat man and we are visiting a police dog training centre



Real Reindeer in Hungerford

Newbury YFC Club Report

Christmas wreaths and decoration making

On the 2nd of December we got into the Christmas spirit by making beautiful wreaths to sell at the Christmas extravaganza. Jane Wells helped the juniors create their wreaths with festive decoration and greenery. It was a very fun evening and everyone was very proud of their finished wreaths.

Hungerford Victorian Extravaganza

The Hungerford extravaganza was a brilliant (But cold) evening. There were Ferris wheels, roasted chestnuts, hot chocolate, real reindeer, Santa on a sleigh, a Scottish pipe band and, of course, our stall. We sold hot chocolate, cakes, wreaths and mistletoe. It was great and we made a lot of money for the club.

Carol singing

On the 16th of December the Newbury Young farmers went carol singing in Burghclere. We started at Elkington Close and walked up the village, singing to various homes. I think that the people we sang to enjoyed it and they showed their appreciation by making a donation to the club and also for Jane Wells' charity which helps disabled children in the area. Although it was very cold, it was still a fun evening and raised some funds for charity. Thank you to the members that attended this very Christmassy evening.

Our next meeting

Our next meeting will be ten pin bowling at the Lakeside bowling alley on the 13th of January

Bradfield YFC Club Report

This past month we have had a fun and very active month. To start with, some of our juniors and older members went to Shefford's late summer ball which a good and enjoyable evening, with a fantastic turn out from all clubs – it was great catching up with everyone! We went ice skating where we had some the members who have never skated before.... they loved it!

We also had a couple of teams enter the public speaking competition, many of which had never done it before. They felt they learnt a lot from the competition and we also had a team entered in the young reader competition and a senior debating team – Congratulations to all who took part in the competitions.

We then all went to the pantomime at Newbury Corn Exchange which was a really funny evening.

We then had a mistletoe meal at the Bladebone Inn which was attended by both parents and members, we had a massive feast and the table decorations were made by members along with some yummy mince pies.

We hope you all had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sarah Collings and Laura Harris

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County Competition Winners 2008-2009

	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Reading Mercury Challenge Cup Junior Public Speaking	Newbury Andrew Findlay Haply Eyres Holly Findlay	Shefford/ Bradfield = Katherine Smith William Smith Holly McMordie	Luke Faithfull Oliver Rogers Michael Phillips
Junior Reading Competition	Shefford Holly McMordie Emma McMordie Bethany Ackrill		
Fred Leach Cup Under 13's Public Speaking	Newbury Haply Eyres		
Reading Mercury Challenge Cup Snr Brainstrust	Bradfield Kate Munro-Ashman Jenny Rowe Stephen Waters Simon Fernandez		
Berkshire Junior Challenge Cup Junior 5-aside Football	Newbury Black Tim Adcock Holly Findlay Paul Bowsher Jo Ribero	Newbury Red Matthew Adcock Andrew Findlay Ellie Sanderson Josh Alderman James Bishop	Bradfield Black Luke Faithfull Michael Phillips Ben Brown Melissa Dawes Leanne Harris
Wantage YFC Cup Ladies 5-aside Football	Shefford Katherine Bunn Sarah Bunn Ashleigh Evans Carrie-ann Young Samantha Bracey	Bradfield Gold Georgis Braby Kate Munro-Ashman Maria Collings Catherine Leach	Bradfield Black Katie Bowsher Jenny Rowe Sarah Collings
Goodenough Shield Men's 5-aside Football	Bradfield Stephen Waters Ed Leach Glynn Davies Simon Fernandez Tom Collins	Newbury Andrew West Toby Whiting Tom Cannings Martin Baikie Jonathan Harris	Reading Tom Watts Sam Watts Jack Waller Thomas Mason George mason George Graham
Junior Kwik Cricket	Bradfield Oliver Rogers Katie Bowsher Alice Vaughan Jax Dawes Jake Callaway	Bradfield Melissa Dawes Laura Harris Luke Faithfull Michael Philips Ben Brown Scott Bailey	Newbury Holly Findlay Haply Eyres Poppy Jackson Andrew Findlay James Bishop Josh Alderman
	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Nita Bucknell Memorial Cup Country Spotters	=Newbury Haply Eyres =Bradfield Melissa Dawes		Newbury Andrew Findlay
Astor Cup Junior Quiz	Shefford William Smith Sam Austin George Rabbits Katherine Smith	Reading Molly Moore Ellen Moore Georgia Robins	Newbury Andrew Findlay James Bishop Ben Hiscock Matthew Adcock
Benyon Cup Senior Quiz	Bradfield Stephen Waters Kate Munro-Ashman Jenny Rowe Sarah Wale		
Inkpen Challenge Cup Stockjudging at NAS	Newbury Ruth Woodley	Reading George Mason	Bradfield Sarah Collings
Mr & Mrs A Cooper Challenge Cup Jnr Stockjudging at NAS	Newbury Haply Eyres	Newbury Andrew Findlay	Bradfield Luke Faithfull

Thimbleby & Shorland Most points stockjudging	Newbury Andrew Findlay	Reading George Mason	Bradfield Melissa Dawes
Jesse Matthews Junior Boy	Bradfield Michael Philips		
Jesse Matthews Junior Girl	Newbury Holly Findlay		
Sir Ralph Glyn Club Efficiency	Bradfield		
Camp Hopson Cup Club who supports county the most	Bradfield		
Miss V Moore Platter Most dedicated member over club age	Reading Tom Mitchell		
Wantage YFC Cup Most meritorious achievement	Newbury Haply Eyres		
DJ Moore Cup Jnr Member of the year	Shefford William Smith	Newbury Andrew Findlay	
Hewlett Packard Cup Member of the year	Newbury Hannah Fisher	Bradfield Ed Leach	Bradfield Stephen Waters
Chairman's Tankard Outgoing County Chairman	Reading Tom Watts		

Bradfield YFC, Meetings

Please send your programme to the county office

If you are interested in joining us and having some fun please contact Kate on 07525 004064

Newbury YFC, Meetings

13th January
27th January

Ten Pin Bowling
Birds of Prey talk

If you are interested in joining us and having some fun, please contact Ruth on 0118 9714373

Shefford YFC, Meetings

Please send your programme to the county office

If you are interested in joining us and having some fun please contact Samantha on 01488 638248

Reading YFC, Meeting

Please send your programme to the county office

If you are interested in joining us and having some fun, please contact Andrea Petersen on 07933 725980

County Diary Dates

JANUARY

- 14th Senior Meeting – Mile House Farm – 7.30pm
- 24th SEA Meeting – Ripley Village Hall – 3pm
- 25th Member of Year Competition – Mile House Farm
- 25th Executive Meeting – Mile House Farm – 7.45pm

FEBRUARY

- 01st Newsletter Deadline
- 11/12th Staff Conference – Theddingworth – Ronnie away

MARCH

- 01st Newsletter Deadline
- 6th SEA Spring Competitions – Kent – TBC
- 15th Executive Meeting – Mile House Farm – 7.45pm

APRIL

- 01st Newsletter Deadline
- 19th Executive Meeting – Mile House Farm – 7.45pm
- 23-25th National AGM & Conference – Torquay

MAY

- 01st Newsletter Deadline
- 13th SEA Meeting – Maidenhead – 8pm

JUNE

- 01st Newsletter Deadline
- 06th Berkshire Country Show – Newbury Showground
- 12th After Show Party – Venue TBA
- 14th Executive Meeting – Mile House Farm – 7.45pm
- 26th SEA Summer Competitions – Farm day – Venue TBA
- 27th SEA Summer Competitions – Sports day – Venue TBA

JULY

- 01st Newsletter Deadline

AUGUST

- 02-20th Staff Annual leave – County Office Closed – No Newsletter
- 23rd Membership Returns for 09/10 due at National

SEPTEMBER

- 01st Membership Year 2010/11 starts
- 01st Newsletter Deadline
- 06th Executive Meeting – Mile House Farm – 7.45pm
- 18/19th Royal County of Berkshire Show – Newbury Showground
- 30th SEA Meeting – Ripley Village Hall – 8pm

OCTOBER

- 01st Newsletter Deadline
- 01st County AGM Preparations Begin
- 25th Executive Meeting – Mile House Farm – 7.45pm

NOVEMBER

- 01st Newsletter Deadline
- 21st County AGM – Bradfield Village Hall – 3pm
- 28th SEA Meeting – Maidenhead – 12 noon

DECEMBER

- 01st Newsletter Deadline
- 06th Executive Meeting – Mile House Farm – 7.45pm
- 27-31st Staff Annual Leave – County Office Closed

If you would like to promote any of your Club's activities in the Diary page,

please email your information to county on berksyfc@btopenworld.com