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News & You

February 2009

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY

- 18th & Staff Conference
- 19th Ronnie out of office
- 22nd Club Officer Training
- 27th Senior Meeting
Talk, Mile House Farm

MARCH

- 1st 5 a-side Football
Gordon's Waxing
- 10th Newsletter Deadline
- 22nd SEA Public Speaking
- 23rd Executive Meeting

APRIL

- 2nd Senior Meeting
West Berks Brewery
- 10th Newsletter Deadline
- 26th Pre-Show Comps
- 27th Executive Meeting

**If you would like to promote
any of your Club's activities in
the Diary column, please email
your information to county on
berksyfc@btopenworld.com**

5 A SIDE FOOTBALL

Sunday 1st March 2008 3pm Kick off

The Clere School, Burghclere. RG20 9HP



Club Officer Training

22nd February 2009

1.30pm to 4.00pm

Mile House farm, Theale

A must for Club Chairman, Secretary's, Treasurers

Contact Ronnie to book your place

Newbury Young Farmers are hosting the

PRE SHOW 2009

on Sunday 26th April

at Dodds Farm, Burghclere

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Alan Whiting

Classes to include:

- ✓ *Cookery theme "Climate Change"*
- ✓ *Efficiency with Safety*
- ✓ *Fence Erecting*
- ✓ *Junior Farm Safety*
- ✓ *Dairy, Beef, Pig & Sheep Stockjudging*

Full set of rules can be found on the NFYFC website
[http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions_rules.html]
and will be sent out with the entry forms.



2008/09 National Competitions Programme
Theme: Climate Change



Entries will be required by Monday 6th April 2009 to Mrs Emma Collins
Contact details on entry form.

Discovery Programme

Two spaces remain for the Canada 4H under 21s exchange which will take place in October 2009. The exchange is for 5 weeks and the member will be hosted by one state before flying to Toronto to meet the other delegates at the 4H conference. The member must be willing to host their Canadian 'twin' in July; they will then spend their first week with them in Canada.

Members should be aged over 18 but under 21 on 1 January 2009. Please encourage anybody who you think would be suitable and that would make a good ambassador for YFC.

Please contact the office for further information and an application form

Discovery Programme

One space has opened up for the Switzerland exchange which will take place in June/July 2009. The exchangee can arrive anytime between June 22nd and 28th 2009 and then stay for six weeks.

Members should be aged 18 or over on 1 January 2009. Please encourage anybody who you think would be suitable and that would make a good ambassador for YFC.

Please contact the office for further information and an application form.

Message from the Ambulance Service

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

All you need to do is save a contact number to your phone memory but use ICE instead of a name.

Open Farm Sunday 7th June 2009 – get involved!

We would like to invite you to get involved in this year's Open Farm Sunday on 7th June 2009.

Building on the fantastic success of last year's event when 400 farmers all over the country organised farm tours for local families, friends and neighbours, we would like to invite you to organise a farm open day to show the true story and value behind food and its link with nature.

To help you organise an event LEAF will provide a free pack to include – publicity material (posters, flyers); suggested activities; H&S guidance; polo shirts and lots more!

Want to know more? LEAF will be running afternoon workshops where you'll be able to meet other farmers who've done it before and learn from their experiences, as well as get great ideas on a whole range of topics.

If you would like to attend a workshop, register your event, order your free pack or know more about Open Farm Sunday please visit www.farmsunday.org or telephone LEAF on 02476 413911

Year Book corrections that have been brought to our attention:

S Whiting to be added to Newbury YFC, Vice President list.

Andy Kimbers' postcode; SL6 4NR

If you have spotted something that isn't quite right please e-mail the office

Bradfield YFC & The Bladebone Inn

Present

“Gordon’s Charity Waxing”

Sunday 1st March from 7.30pm

Gordon Fletcher will undergo a B.S.C Wax! You can join in the fun (torture) by purchasing wax strips for his legs or even bid to wax his chest!

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and the Chiltern and Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

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To find out more, or donate online;

<http://www.justgiving.com/gordonswaxing>

For the Air Ambulance

<http://www.justgiving.com/gordonswaxing2>

For Macmillan

This Young Farmers’ Charity event is kindly supported by the Bladebone Inn and Brian from “Sorted Salon” (LA Fitness)

Bradfield YFC Club Report

Happy New Year!

Bradfield started the year well with a trip to the ice rink. This is always a popular trip and was an entertaining evening, with many members falling over in spectacular ways! John winning the award for the most falls of the evening. Soon after were the Public Speaking competitions, a cold afternoon spent in Bradfield primary school. Well done to all the members that took part. A number of us are now looking forward (*I was told to say that!*) to going up to Oxfordshire and the SEA round next month. January also saw us begin practices (kick around surely? – Ed) for the County football tournament, the older members realizing that maybe they need a little more practice (fitness?) than the younger ones!

We also enjoyed a brilliant visit to the Yattendon Cookery School with a butchery demonstration of rabbit, pheasant and venison from Alan Hayward. This evening was extremely informative and popular with all the members and parents alike, some were very keen to help! We are very much looking forward to returning there in a couple of week's time to sample the finished product with the School's very own TV Chef, Mike Robinson.

A particularly amusing evening was our arts and crafts night. All the members were split into three groups to work on different ideas, all involving the environment. We had Wind-mills being made out of plastic bottles, 'why we should recycle?' posters being designed and drawn and also environmentally friendly eco-houses being designed. This proving that some of our junior members have some very imaginative ideas!

We've got a very exciting and busy programme coming up over the next few months, with many things to look forward to.

Jenny Rowe

Shefford YFC News

Our recent carol singing evening proved to be very successful. We managed to raise over £200 for Riding for the Disabled despite our singing! The first meeting back after Christmas was Table Tennis. Once everyone had had a quick practice with balls flying everywhere, a tournament was established. Eventually the final took place as a round robin between 3 members with new member Michael Carter winning.

Recently we have come 2nd in the Junior Public Speaking Competition and first in the Reading competition. Will Smith has also become Berkshire Junior member of the year. So a big well done to all the members who competed

Next meeting is car and bike maintenance at Home Farm, Woolley, and the next few meetings planned include lambing and pancake making so if anyone is interested in joining us and having some fun please contact Sam Bracey on 01488 638248.

Plans are well underway for the annual Young Farmers Show, which this year is being held at Newbury Showground on Sunday 31st May. This is always a great family day out with lots going on including all the Young Farmers competitions.

YFC Press Secretary

Katherine Bunn

Reading YFC

At Reading young farmers this month we have been very busy doing a quiz and games evening, going to the Reme museum in Arbofield and practising our football skills in anticipation of the competition in March, which we are sure to win!

At the quiz and games evening we did a cow race were you race cows up a track using a dice and a quiz thought up by the adults as they were all very hard questions on farming, old music, tractors and science we didn't know! We all enjoyed it though as there were sweets to spur us on and the satisfaction of beating all the others including the adults!

Bracknell YFC

Good news from Bracknell, THE CLUB IS NOT CLOSING!

Bracknell will continue to run as a Senior club, thanks to a group of people that have been meeting in Jealotts Hill.

Steven Frost contacted Andy recently, enquiring about the club as he was a member years ago, he then attended our recent Advisory meeting where it was apparent that he and a group of friends would like to continue running Bracknell but as a Senior club. They will also be attending the Senior meetings run by county.

Meetings will be held on alternate Wednesdays. A programme is yet to be compiled and the officer roles will be decided at the first official meeting on 18th February at the Leathern Bottle, Jealotts Hill, Warfield. 8pm

Senior News

The last senior meeting saw twenty members enjoy a game of glow bowling in Reading. Members enjoyed the evening by competing not so quietly, against each other.

Our next meeting will be held on 27th February, 8pm at Mile House Farm, where we will be introducing new members to the group, debating issues and discussing our programme which needs altering to keep the members involved. Don't forget the standard £2 fee. Please have a think about what YOU would like to do as we want to include meetings that are out of the norm, fun and age appropriate.

If you are a member of Berks YFC that has just turned 18, please contact Ronnie for information regarding Senior meetings.

FOR SALE

2001 Peugeot 306, 2.0HDI, 90Meridian, 5dr (AC) Diesel Hatchback, 160000miles
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Tel; Stephen on 01635 866849