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News & You February 2011

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 County Chairman, Kate Munro – Ashman 07525004064

Berkshire Public Speaking Competition 2011!

On Sunday 23rd January at Memorial Hall, Upper Bucklebury, the Public speaking and Reading competitions were held. There were 3 junior teams entered in the speaking and 1 junior team in the reading. Unfortunately there were no intermediate or senior teams entered in either competition.

Patrick Neild & Sam Austin of Shefford took part in the reading competition and they each read an extract from Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. They both read excellently and have qualified for South East Area.

Then we had three teams competing in the junior public speaking. One Newbury team which consisted of Holly Findlay, Andrew Findlay & Haply Eyres, one Shefford team which consisted of Sam Austin, Natasha Chamberlin & Patrick Neild and one Bradfield team which consisted of Eliza Watts, Mikey Phillips and John Munro-Ashman.

We had three very interesting talks, from Mikey on his hobby of ferreting, Haply's Wool enterprise and Natasha's gun dogs! Each talk was very interesting and the audience all learned some new things throughout the afternoon.

THE RESULTS

Junior Public Speaking

1st = Bradfield

2nd = Newbury

3rd = Shefford

Junior Public Reading

1st = Shefford

A big well done must go to all those who competed, especially those for the first time and wish both teams the best of luck going forward to the south east area competition! And finally a big thank you to Mike Kimber and Alethea Snelling for judging both competitions

GROW A RAINBOW' COMPETITION

We are pleased to invite all Schools/ Youth Groups in Berkshire, Hampshire & surrounding Counties to enter the Flowering Container Competition at the West Woodhay House Garden Show to be held from June 4th. 2011 in the secret gardens of West Woodhay House, near Newbury, Berkshire, the home of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Henderson. The theme for the Flowering Container competition will be 'GROW A RAINBOW' and the finished container can be anything in which the plants can grow successfully (i.e. have free drainage etc). The filled container must be freestanding and reasonably portable in order that it can be moved to the showground site without the use of machinery (such as a fork-lift) therefore a stone trough might not be appropriate! Innovative, homemade or recycled containers will be looked upon very favourably. The plants should include coloured flowers and/or foliage arranged to mirror all the colours of a rainbow, with contrasting or cleverly blended textures and shapes also used in the arrangement. **The most innovative and colourful scheme with plenty of fresh ideas for plant and colour combinations will receive the most points.** The plants should include coloured flowers and/or foliage arranged to mirror all the colours of a rainbow, with contrasting or cleverly blended textures and shapes also used in the arrangement. **The most innovative and colourful scheme with plenty of fresh ideas for plant and colour combinations will receive the most points.**

The winning entries will receive a prestigious award and the winning school will also receive additional prizes.

Entries must be made by **1st May** at the latest to guarantee acceptance in the Show, and all containers must be delivered/displayed at the Show by 9am on Friday 3rd. June 2011 at the latest. They may be delivered on Tuesday May 31st. Wednesday June 1st. or Thursday 2nd. June 2011 to Newbury Showground or on Thursday 2nd. to West Woodhay House.

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED PLEASE CAN YOU LET GORDON KNOW AND HE WILL SEND YOU AN APPLICATION FORM!

Senior Ambassador and Junior Member of the Year Competition 2011

On Monday 24th January the Junior Member of the Year & Senior Ambassador of the Year competitions were held. There were two entries for the Junior Member of Year from Newbury and one entry for Senior Ambassador of the Year from Bradfield.

Thank you to Gordon Fletcher and Lydia Bendall for judging both competitions and well done to those who competed and good luck to those going on to compete at South East Area.

The results for Junior Member of the Year

1st = Andrew Findlay

2nd = Haply Eyres

The results for Senior Ambassador of the Year

1st = Stephen Waters

2011 YEARBOOKS HAVE NOW ARRIVED!!!!

The yearbooks contain all the information for this year's County rally competitions.

Please ask your club chairman if you have yet to receive yours!

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Tuesday 29th March – Cookery Competition @ Milehouse farm

Sunday 10th April – Pre show competitions hosted by Bradfield YFC @ New Barn Farm, Bucklebury

Saturday 21st May – County Rally Day @ White House Farm, Spencers Wood

Newbury YFC Club Report

Bowling

At the start of this year, we all headed off to Lakeside to do some bowling. It was a really good evening and we all enjoyed it.

Dream teams

Biddy Findlay hosted the dream teams training session. We all took part in games and exercises that helped us with general skills and teamwork. It was a really good evening.

Public Speaking

Public speaking took place at Bucklebury Memorial Hall. There were three teams; Shefford, Bradfield and Newbury. Bradfield won the competition with Newbury coming second and Shefford in third. Sadly, there was only one team in the reading competition which was Shefford.

Junior Member of the year

The junior member of the year competition was held in Milehouse farm this year. Andrew Findlay won the competition.

Bradfield YFC Club Report

Bradfield have had a very busy month, at the beginning about 20 of us went ice skating at Bracknell which was great fun however there was a few bruises the next day!!

We then had our jibber jabber evening which consisted of games that made us practice our public speaking skills. Mikey, John and Eliza then used those skills in the county public speaking competition!

On the 19th we had a senior evening where some of our senior members got together for dinner.

We finished the month by having our usual sports evening up at Bradfield hall. We had a great evening playing football.

The next few weeks look exciting with a jazz dance evening, cookery evening and senior curry evening!

Shefford YFC Club Report

The Young Farmers have a busy year ahead which got off to a wonderful start with Teams entered in both the County Public Speaking and the Public Reading Competitions, our Public Speakers came third and our Reading Team did very well and now go on to represent Berkshire at the South East Area Competition. Well done to all who took part.

Once again back in December we held our Carol Singing Evening raising money for charity, singing at in a wonderful barn setting on the Welford Estate by kind invitation of Mrs Puxley and also at the home of our President Mr David Gardner, we raised a wonderful £135 for Charity. We would like to thank our hosts and their guests for supporting us and for a lovely evening.

This weekend we have a Quiz Night planned in Brightwalton and have sold 80 tickets – with a Fish and Chip supper on order it should prove a fun evening.

We have some brilliant meetings coming up – Ten Pin Bowling, Pancake making, a talk by FWAG, Bricklaying and lots more. We also hope to enter the Crafty Raft Race this year and have planned canoeing in the summer.

We meet every other Wednesday in Brightwalton Village hall for our indoor meetings and before each trip outside the hall so lifts can always be arranged with our Club Leaders/ Advisory members from there.

If you would like more information or would like to come along and meet us you would be very welcome. Please contact our Chairman Catherine Bunn on 07780 00 11 20.

Beth Ackrill – Press Secretary

Reading YFC Club Report

Since the last newsletter, Reading have played team games provide by one of our Leaders and have had a quiz as well as deciding what to do for our float for this year's Rally.

Our next meeting is a night hike around Swallowfield Park. Over the next coming weeks we will be making a start on our Show classes.

We hope all the other clubs like the classes we have come up for the Rally which is to be held on Saturday May the 21st!

County Diary Dates

February

1 st	Newsletter Deadline
13 th	County Sports Day @ Willink Leisure Centre
12 th	Newbury YFC Dance
12 th /13 th	Council Weekend
14 th	Valentines Day

March

1 ST	Newsletter Deadline
5/6 th	SEA Competitions Weekend

April

1 st	Newsletter Deadline
10 th	Pre show Competitions @ New Barn Farm, Bucklebury
25 th	Executive Committee Meeting

Bradfield YFC, Meetings

Wed 09 th Feb	Cookery Evening
Wed 16 th Feb	Sport Evening
Wed 23 rd Feb	Curry Evening (16's and over)

If you are interested in joining us and having some fun please contact Stephen Waters on 07960346889

Newbury YFC, Meetings

Wed 09 th Feb	Preparation for Valentine's Day
Sat 12 th Feb	Valentines Disco
Wed 23 rd Feb	Visit to the Police Station
Tues 08 th March	Shrove Tuesday
Wed 09 th March	Pancake Making

If you are interested in joining us and having some fun, please contact Andrew West on 07771657950

Shefford YFC, Meetings

Wed 2 nd February	Bowling
Wed 15 th February	Talk

If you are interested in joining us and having some fun please contact Katherine Bunn on 0778001120

OFFICE TIMES

Chris is in the office between 1pm and 5pm most Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please give him a call / email etc if you have any questions, things to put in the newsletter etc!

Reading YFC, Meeting

Wed 2nd Feb Night hike

If you are interested in joining us and having some fun please contact Tom Watts on 07818094361

Social Report

Sports Night Report

We have recently had a senior sports night on the 20th January. This evening was well attended. We managed to have a 5aside kick about. We weren't brilliant, but it was a fun evening, and good to get everyone mixing together. Please can you all go back to your clubs and advertise the senior meetings, as it would be good to get more members there. I am planning to hold another senior meeting at the end of February.

National AGM Update!

The AGM accommodation has now been booked. There are 14 members in total coming. 9 from Bradfield, 2 from Reading and 2 from Shefford. Plus one extra Shropshire YFC member has asked to book in with us. The group leader will be Lisa Hayward.

Jenny Rowe



YFC SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Team Swimming, Junior Dodgeball and 5-side football is being held on Sunday 13th February
at Willink Leisure Centre in Burghfield (RG7 3XP)

Please remember membership cards and to wear suitable clothing and footwear

Even if you are not taking part please feel free to come along and support your club!!

Saturday 12th February **Newbury YFC**

7.30- 12.00

Tickets **must** be pre-booked

Ecchinswell Hall

Bar

Quiz

Retro raffle

Hog roast

Duck shooting

Time travellers disco

New prices!
All tickets £10!

Fancy dress from any era; optional

To book tickets, call
Bidy Findlay on:
01635865615
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