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News & You January 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

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
Biddy Findlay on:
01635865615
Or Andrew West on:
07771651950

QUIZ NIGHT

Where: Brightwalton Village Hall

When: 29th January 2011

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: £10 a head to include quiz and fish and chip supper, a bar will also be available



Teams: 4-6 people to a team

Tickets from Katherine Bunn

Mobile: 07780001120



SENIOR SPORTS NIGHT

THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY

AT

BRADFIELD VILLAGE HALL 7:30PM

17 AND OVER ARE WELCOME!!

PLEASE CONTACT JENNY ROWE FOR MORE
INFORMATION

07502424840



Berkshire FYFC's Public Speaking Competition

The County public speaking will take place on
Sunday the 23rd of January at Bucklebury
Memorial Hall.

Booking in will take place at 1:00pm, and will start
as soon as possible after this.

The rules can be found on the National Young
Farmers website.

Hope to see you there!!!

West Woodhay House Garden Show June 4th. & 5th. 2011

'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.**

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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!

COUNTY DIARY DATES

JANUARY

- 1st New Year's Day
- 4th County Office re-opens
- 24th Executive Meeting and member of the Year and Ambassador of the Year Competition
- 27th SEA Meeting
- 29th Shefford YFC Quiz
- 30th Public Speaking Competition – Venue TBC

FEBRUARY

- 1st Newsletter Deadline
- 12th/13th County Sports Day – date and venue TBC
- 12th Newbury YFC Dance
- 12th/13th Council Weekend
- 14th Valentines Day

MARCH

- 1st Newsletter Deadline
- 5/6th Sea Competitions Weekend – Berks, Bucks and Oxen venue TBC

APRIL

- 1st Newsletter Deadline
- Pre show date- TBC
- 22nd - 25th Easter

Executive meeting

MAY

- 1st Newsletter Deadline
- 6th - 8th National AGM – Blackpool and Conference
- Reading YFC Rally Day
- 30th Bank Holiday

JUNE

- 1st Newsletter Deadline
- 9th - 11th South of England Show , Ardingly
- 16th SEA Meeting
- 25th - 26th SEA Compass Day- Kent- Date TBC

JULY

- 1st Newsletter Deadline
- 2nd - 3rd Council Weekend
- 9th or 10th National Competitions Weekend – Sport

AUGUST

- 31st Bank Holiday

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Newsletter Deadline
- 7th YFC year begins
- 17th - 18th Royal County Berkshire Show
- 24th - 25th Malvern Show

OCTOBER

- 1st Newsletter Deadline
- National Competitions Weekend
- Executive meeting
- 20th SEA Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 1st Newsletter Deadline
- 5th - 6th Council Weekend
- 27th SEA Training day –TBC and SEA Meeting

DECEMBER

- 1st Newsletter Deadline
- 24th - 26th Christmas

If you would like to promote any of your Club's activities in the Diary page, please email your information to county office.

Shefford YFC Club Report

CAROL SINGING

On Wednesday 15th December 2010 Shefford Young Farmers organised a Carol singing evening as we do every year to raise money for a charity. This year our Charity was Gordon Palmer Memorial Trust chosen by our President Mr David Gardner.

We started off at a barn on the Welford Estate by kind invitation of Mrs Puxley, where young children from the local school were doing a traditional Nativity Play unfortunately due to traffic problems we arrived too late and the play was over and we missed it. However we got our carol sheets and before we knew it we were ready to sing our first carol of the night. We sang several carols and our collecting tins were circulated. Then after a brief stop off at Ann Bunn's home it was on to our President Mr. Gardener's house. We arrived at Mr. Gardener's house; we knocked and commenced singing outside. Following this we were invited in to sing further carols and received some welcomed light refreshments.

As a bonus we also got to purchase photos taken by Carol Pallet at our late Summer Ball held in October, some wonderful memories.

Overall it was another successful evening and we would like to thank everyone who gave so generously and both Mrs Puxley and Mr Gardner for hosting

Bradfield YFC Club Report

This month Bradfield YFC have had a varied selection of meetings. We started off with a craft night where the members made some Christmas cards and present labels.

Next we had a visit to the Panto (oh yes we did!) where we had a good turn out of 54! And it was nice to see Newbury YFC there as well.

Then a few of the seniors went to the NADAS carol service at Chieveley, which was a nice evening.

Finally we had our Christmas meal at the Bladebone, where it was nice to see and talk to some of the members and see some of the older faces who used to be in the club! It was a very enjoyable night and a chance to relax at the end of a busy year!

We are looking forward to our up and coming programme which consists of a sport evening, a senior evening and we are going to be getting our dancing shoes on for a jazz evening!

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

Berkshire FYFC's Yearbook

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

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

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 first chapters of the updated Club Programme Guide are available via the Resources For Clubs page

Reading YFC, Meetings

Wed 12 th Jan	Games
Wed 19 th Jan	Float Design
Wed 26 th Jan	Quiz
Wed 2 nd Feb	Night hike

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

Bradfield YFC, Meetings

Wed 12 th Jan	Jibber Jabber night
Wed 19 th Jan	Senior Meeting
Wed 26 th Jan	Sport Night
Wed 2 nd Feb	Jazz Night

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

Newbury YFC, Meetings

Wed 12 th Jan	Ice skating/ bowling
Wed 26 th Jan	Club meeting.
Wed 09 th Feb	Preparation for Valentines Day
Fri 11 th Feb	Valentines Disco

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

Shefford YFC, Meetings

Wed 5 th Jan	Games Night
Wed 19 th January	Woodturning
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