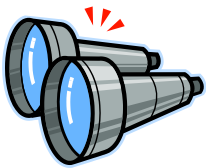




News & You July 2011

BERKSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUB ANNUAL COUNTRY SPOTTERS COMPETITION



On Wednesday 13th July at Rushall Farm, Bradfield fourteen teams competed in the country spotter's competition. The competition this year consisted of three parts. The first being an identification quiz with a mixture of things to identify such as what things certain animals ate, some crops fresh from the field and even a newt! The second part which looks as if it was the most challenging was the pond questions which were all questions about the pond at Rushall. Then finally it was the trail questions, which were all about items the teams, saw as they walked a route through the woods. A bonus part to get some additional points was to collect certain leaves off trees around the course. Overall the evening was a great success which many members seemed to enjoy. The results were very close, with just a point between teams in most places.

The much awaited results are as follows...

1 st	Mikey Phillips Scott Bailey	Bradfield
2 nd	Natasha Chamberlin Katherine Smith	Shefford
3 rd	Sam Austin	Shefford
4 th	Patrick Neid George Rabbits	Shefford
5 th	Jake Callaway Oliver Woods	Bradfield
6 th	Kai Williams Matt Lowe	Reading
7 th	Laura Williams Bryony Walters	Reading
8 th	John Munro-Ashman Robyn Wiggins	Bradfield

9 th	Holly Findlay Haply Ayres	Newbury
10 th	Hamish Mcmillian Vienna Amos	Reading
11 th	Shannon Nailer Charlie Gumbrell	Bradfield

And the results for the older ones who had a go...

1 st	Katherine Bunn Sophie Osgood	Shefford
2 nd	Ryan, Steve and Will	Shefford
3 rd	Tom Watts Ruth Woodley	Reading Newbury

National Sport Finals – Dodgeball

On a sunny and very early Saturday morning our Berkshire Dodgeball team - Beth Ackrill, Natasha Chamberlin, Emily Hiscock, Katharine Smith, Josh Mason, Patrick Neild, Sam Austin & George Rabbits set off for a sports centre in Warwick.

Once we had successfully found the sports centre, it was time to limber up and practice our immense throwing skills!!

The Berkshire YFC Dodgeball Team
The draw was made and the games

begun. After throwing and dodging many balls, our group's games finished. Unfortunately we didn't get placed in our group and so did not proceed through to the semi finals, but we thoroughly enjoyed playing all our games and representing Berkshire.

It was a great day and it was enjoyed by everyone who came along and a huge thank you to Steve Ackrill for driving us all up there and for James Mason and Katherine Bunn for coming to support our team.



Milly Vevers Competitions Chairman

PHOTOGRAPHS / ARTICALS WANTED!!!

ANYONE IS ALLOWED TO WRITE IN THE NEWSLETTER – PLEASE SEND IN ANYTHING YOU FEEL FELLOW YFC MEMBERS COULD BE INTERESTED IN!

ALSO PLEASE SEND IN ANY PICTURES YOU MAY HAVE OF YOUR WEEKLY CLUB MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES AND CAMPS!

Plans for the 2011/12 Year Book are underway!



Page Sponsorship

Letters are being sent to all Vice Presidents and Advisory committee members offering them the opportunity to sponsor a page for £5.00 as in previous years.

If members, parents and/or friends would like to sponsor a page, please drop us a line at berksyfc@btopenworld and we will get the paperwork to you for you to complete.

The closing date for sponsorship is 1st November 2011 to enable us to prepare for early printing.

Advertisements

We are also asking whether anyone has contacts for possible advertising in the Year Book. Again, closing date for inclusion is 1st November 2011; however for orders and payment received before 1st September we are offering a 10% reduction.

Please drop us a line at berksyfc@btopenworld and again, we will get the paperwork to you!

Lydia Bendall & Emma Collins



CALLING ALL YOUNG FARMERS

The search is back on for the UK's top young talent.

Young Farmer of the Year is part of a series that celebrates the working heroes of Great Britain. This year we're on the lookout for Young Farmers **aged 16-25**. This is an opportunity for people, other than dancers, singers and entertainers to finally step into the limelight. We want to showcase the unsung heroes at the heart of Britain.

If you are a talented young Farmer or know someone who fits the bill, then we want to hear from you.

We are looking for someone who is a true ambassador for their trade, up for a challenge and wants to showcase their skills!

To apply:

email: youngtalent@bbc.co.uk

Or call: 0161 244 3716

Standard geographic charges apply and calls may be included in your telecom provider's call package. Calls from mobiles may be higher



BLENHEIM PALACE
OXFORDSHIRE

22 - 24 JULY 2011

In association with **The Telegraph**

YFC members can enjoy special discounted rates to The CLA Game Fair, the world's biggest country sports event and national countryside show, which is being held at Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire from Friday 22 July to Sunday 24 July.

The CLA Game Fair attracts more than 140,000 visitors and, as the world's leading country sport event the show hosts the UK's biggest and best shooting and fishing shows as well as the most comprehensive gundog and falconry exhibitions alongside every other aspect of countryside activities and interests such as ferreting, gamekeeping, Estate Management, forestry and woodland, hounds and hunting.

Under the banner of the National Countryside Show, visitors will also enjoy the food, gardening, conservation and nature, food and cookery demonstrations, 4 x 4 driving, and many family orientated features included in areas such as Active Countryside for All where quad biking, parachute jumping, battlefield gaming and many other fun activities can be enjoyed.

Advance tickets offer discounts on all categories of entrance tickets. And YFC members can enjoy an exclusive offer of an extra £2 off the advance adult ticket price by buying tickets in advance before 8 July.

Order tickets by phone on 0844 581 12

Shefford YFC Club Report

As I am writing this we are currently getting ready for a very busy weekend, Friday our older members are doing a collection at Newbury Racecourse for Berkshire YFC Funds after what we hope will be a dry successful evening's racing. On Saturday we are part of a team from Berkshire heading up to Warwickshire to represent Berkshire and South East Area in the National Dodge Ball Competition finals. Then Sunday we have some of our advisory members running (or walking as the case may be) the Race for Life, so we wish them all luck in doing that. After the Race for Life most of Shefford YFC will be taking part in Newbury Carnival with our 'The Sound of Music' float there are over 50 floats this year which should be an excellent afternoon.

Then next week we are off on our Summer Camp – being held at Park Down Farm – Lambourn by kind permission of Mr. G Denton. We have an exciting itinerary planned and are praying for some good weather but will even enjoy in the rain, following this we are once again getting out the Coconuts to attend Great Shefford's Country Fayre on Sunday 17th July at the Primary School.

The County Rounders evening held at Brightwalton was a lovely (dry!) evening attended by over 80 people, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Our next meeting, if we recover from the above is Canoeing.

We meet at Brightwalton Village Hall every other Wednesday and during the summer some of meetings are visits but we always start from the hall so lifts can be arranged. If you would like to come along we are very friendly and would love to see you –please call Katherine Bunn our Chairman on 07810 461104.



Bradfield YFC Club Report

June has, as ever been a busy month for Bradfield.

We began the month with a visit to the local bowling alley. This evening was well attended and all members had good fun. There was a little bit of healthy competition amongst the members.

We have also visited a local fishery. Typical British summer it had been raining all day before hand so we all pulled on our wellies and went for a walk around the lakes. The history of the fishery was explained to us as well as the fish and other animals that you can find there.

Then in our calendar was the county BBQ, we would like to thank Shefford for hosting this evening. It was lovely to see so many faces from across the county. The rounder's was fun and as competitive as ever. Our junior members enjoyed the opportunity to play against the other clubs.

Rounding up June was our annual bike ride. This evening is always popular with our members, the route chosen this year was through the woods in Bucklebury, finishing with a splash around in the ford.

Our members are very excited for our joint club camp with Newbury which is coming up in July. Also coming up in July is our parents evening, the county country spotters evening, our monthly senior meeting and also a visit to Aquadrome for an evening swimming.

County Diary Dates

July

- 1 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 2-3 Council Weekend @ Stoneleigh
- 8 Race Meeting – YFC Collection
- 9 National Dodgeball Finals
- 13 Country Spotters Competition @ Rushall Farm

August

No Newsletter this month

- 3 Country Pursuits Day
- 8-13 Discovery Exchangee Here

September

- 1 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 3 Whitchurch Fete – County Stand
- 5 Exec Meeting
- 17-18 Royal County of Berkshire Show
- 24-25 Malvern Show (Cookery + Floristry finals)

Reading YFC Club Report

In the past Month Reading have had a games evening where we took part in some of the practical classes that were put on for this years Rally, we attended

Shefford's Rounders and BBQ evening and we all had a very good time. We have also been bowling and our last two meetings before we break up for the summer are the Country Spotters evening and our Annual BBQ and Rounders evening.

The Club would like to say that we all hope you have a good summer and see you all back in September.

Newbury YFC Club Report

Rounders

Newbury YFC went to play Rounders against Shefford, Bradfield and Reading. We played many games in heats. Lots of people came and so there was a very large attendance. After all of the matches, we had a lovely barbecue.

Carnival

We will be having a float in the Newbury Carnival about the Hey Day of farming.

Thatcham Fun Day

Some of the YFC members went to Thatcham Fun Day to help on the YFC stall to advertise and promote the clubs. It was a brilliant day and everyone enjoyed it and did some brilliant races too.

Bradfield YFC, Meetings

July

- 20th Bike Ride
- 27th Swimming @ Aquadome

Aug **SUMMER BREAK – NO CLUB MEETINGS**

Sep

- 6 Club Committee Meeting
- 7 Welcome Back and Bring a friend night
- 14 Parents and Programme Planning evening
- 21 Ice Skating

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

Newbury YFC, Meetings

July

20 7.15 pm All Wheel Driving and BBQ at Paices Hill Aldermaston RG7 4PH
22 to 24 July Summer Camp

Summer Break

Sept

7 7.45 pm Advisory Meeting Dodd's Farm
14 7.15 pm Kite Flying at Beacon Hill
17 to 18 Newbury Show – Stock Judging
28 Club Quiz – St Francis de Sales Wash Common

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

Shefford YFC, Meetings

July

16 Shefford YFC Camp
21 Canoeing and Picnic

Sept

7	Volleyball - Evelyn
8	East Garston Village Fate (TBC)
17 to 18	Royal County Berkshire Show
21	Police Talk - Milly
24 to 25	Malvern Autumn Show
28	Club Advisory

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

Reading YFC Meetings

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

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