



News & You June 2011

County Rally

Sat 21st May 2011 held at Perrins Farm, Beech Hill, Reading, Berks.



Shefford's Float at the 2011 Rally

This year's Rally held at Perrins Farm by kind permission of David Cripps was blessed with good weather. The field had been topped and the marquee erected and everything was set for a fun day out. The day started with a bustling exhibition tent with many members setting up their exhibition classes with the main theme being "musicals". The practical classes then started, with a mixture of all types of classes from flower arranging to identify the cheese. The standard of the costumes in all the dressing up classes was very high with lots of effort being put in finding and making them, we saw a mixture of lions and witches, every time you saw someone they seemed to be in yet another great outfit. There was serious stuff too with tractor and trailer cases some of which were held up by competitors who were hot foot from driving tractors 'for real' silaging. I was told by one competitor in the shaving a balloon class that he had been practicing – now that is dedication.

Chris Austin

2011 SHOW CUP RESULTS!

	1st	2 nd	3rd	
1 Reading & Perpetual Best Trade Stand	N/A			
2 Berkshire Perpetual Fencing	Bradfield	Newbury 178	124	
3 Lever Beef Stockjudging	Bradfield	Newbury 92	Reading 42	12
4 BOCM Silcocks Dairy Stockjudging	Bradfield	Newbury 81	Reading 42	12
5 Bradfield Cattle Judging	Bradfield	Newbury 172	Reading 84	25
6 Harris Bacon Pig Judging	Bradfield	Newbury 83	Reading 32	17
7 Breakspear Sheep Judging	Bradfield	Newbury 96	Shefford 56	35
8 John Bucknell Rosebowl Overall Stockjudging	Bradfield	Newbury 351	Shefford 172	73
9 Gt Shefford Men's Tug of War	Not Awarded			
10 Amoco Tankard Ladies Tug of War	Shefford			
11 Redex Machinery	Newbury	Bradfield/Shefford 59	49	
12 J.H. Emmett Cookery & Needlework	Newbury	Shefford 319	Bradfield 235	232
13 A Froude White Flower Arranging	Bradfield	Newbury 213	Shefford 27	17
14 Fisons Identification	Bradfield	Shefford 75	Reading 70	49
15 Bracknell Practical Classes at the Show	Bradfield	Shefford 1000	Newbury 941	790

16	Major Owen Entertainment	Bradfield	Shefford	Newbury	
		134	120	49	
17	A Snelling Int/Snr Individual	Kate Munro-Ashman	Jenny Pearce	Sarah Collings	
		172	110	108	
18	Oldacre Highest Individual	Andrew Findlay	Kate Munro-Ashman	Hollie Findlay	
		179	172	130	
19	Cyla Mount Co-operative	Shefford	Bradfield	Newbury/Reading	
		90	75	60	
20	Faringdon Junior Classes	Newbury	Bradfield	Shefford	
		719	667	501	
21	A.T Lloyd Intermediate Classes	Bradfield	Shefford	Newbury	
		418	369	287	
22	Reading/Bayer Senior Classes	Bradfield	Shefford	Newbury	
		652	213	207	
23	1944 Open Classes	Newbury	Bradfield	Shefford	
		379	337	305	
24	Maidenhead Overall	Bradfield	Newbury	Shefford	
		2339	1964	1881	

Thank You and Well Done!!

I would just like to say a huge Thank You to Reading YFC for putting on our rally day this year, it is no small task and we all had a lovely day!

I would like to also say a massive 'well done' to all of you who competed in both the exhibition classes before the day and the practical classes on the day. All members did a brilliant job and I hope you all had fun doing them – I know I did.

Kate Munro-Ashman
Berks County Chairman



**This Year's Country Spotters Competition will be held on Wednesday 13th July
At Rushall Farm, Bradfield
Please speak to your Club Chairman for more details.**

Stockjudging at The South of England Show, Ardingly

On Saturday 11th June 6 members of Berkshire, consisting of George Mason, Andrew Findlay, Mikey Phillips, Ruth Woodley, Josh Mason & Sam Austin made the trip down to the South of England Show to compete in the individual stockjudging classes. Andrew & Mikey went onto to compete in Young Stockjudge of the Year and George Mason competed in Stockman of the Year.

Our members did us proud. The results below are for 1st, 2nd or 3rd, we are waiting the individual placing for all of our competitors.

Junior

Mikey came 1st in Pigs
Mikey & Andrew came joint 1st in Dairy

Intermediate

George came 1st in beef

Andrew came joint 1st in Young Stockjudge of the Year competition.

A massive well done to all the members who competed, some of them for the first time! They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and you all did exceedingly well. Andrew will now go onto compete at the National Young Stockjudge final in September.



Berkshire YFC judging the dairy stock

We also had entered into the Cube Exhibit Newbury's club entry that won at the show. They came 4th. Well done to you all the exhibit looked fantastic!

Milly Vevers

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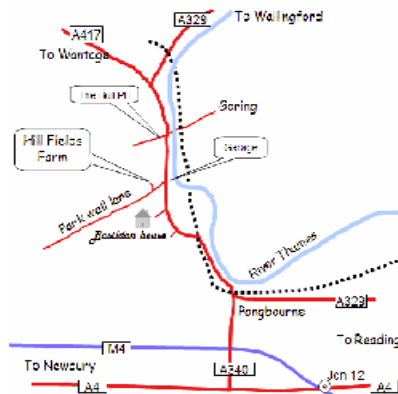
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Young shepherd qualifier for NZ world championships



There is a fantastic opportunity for two English young farmers to compete in the first ever World Young Shepherds Competition, taking place in New Zealand in November. The world championships are open to competitors aged between 20 and 25 years.

The qualifying competitions for English competitors will take place at:

NSA North Sheep event will be held on Wednesday 8 June 2011 at West Nubbock Farm, Hexham, Northumberland, kindly hosted by Lewis and Helen Forster.

NSA Sheep South West event will be held on Tuesday 14th June 2011 at Stantor Barton Farm, Marlton, Paignton, Devon, kindly hosted by Andrew Palk & family.

The highest placed eligible competitors from the NSA Young Shepherd competitions, held at the NSA North Sheep and NSA Sheep South West Sheep events will be able to go forward to the world championships being staged in South Island, New Zealand in November 2011 kindly sponsored by EBLEX. In addition, the highest placed northern and southern young shepherds at the regional NSA events, will qualify to represent NSA Northern/Southern Regions at the National Young Shepherd's competition to be staged at NSA Sheep 2012, at Malvern in July next year.

The Young Shepherd Award is designed to test the entrants' shepherding skills in a pentathlon of activities. Each entrant will be required to sort finished lambs for slaughter and demonstrate handling tasks, shearing, vaccinating and dosing techniques, along with stock judging. They will also be questioned on flock management and health issues.

"We are pleased to host and support this new award to select a qualifier to represent England in the new World Young Shepherd's Competition to be staged in New Zealand," says NSA North Sheep event organiser, Julie Sedgewick. "We are acutely aware that the biggest long term challenge which continues to face the sheep industry is to encourage young people to be involved. These two competitions are designed to help equip tomorrow's sheep keepers with the skills they need and give recognition once those skills have become honed."

For more information about the competitions and to enter contact:

NSA North Sheep 2011 Contact Julie Sedgewick on 07836 773888, www.northsheep.org.uk

NSA Sheep South West Sheep 2011 Contact Sue Martyn on 01409 271385 / 07967 512660 email suem@nationalsheep.org.uk

Bradfield YFC Club Report

This month we have been preparing for our Young Farmers Rally Day. This has included float building, completing show classes and practising for the practical classes which were held on the day. The float this year was to be done to the theme on 'Musicals' so we came up with the idea of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. This meant a lot of painting before the show and deciding on outfits. On the day our float came second which we were all pleased with. Well done to Shefford who's float came first. Everybody put a lot of work and effort into the day and it paid off because we came away with quite a bit of silverware and everybody had a fun day out of it. The week after the rally we had a club barbeque and sport as a thank you to everyone for all their hard work.

We are now getting ready for our Bradfield's pre harvest barn dance which is on June the 11th. We hope to see everyone there!!!

Sarah Wale

Newbury YFC Club Report

Float Building

We went to Fuces Farm to build the float and paint all the boards, sort out the costumes and also to rehearse some of our show class performances.

Ardingly

This year, Andrew Findlay and Ruth Woodley both went to Ardingly to compete. Andrew won the stockman of the year this year. **The Rally**

Well done for everyone who competed in the rally. Newbury won five cups.

Sponsored walk

We went on a sponsored walk around Newbury and Dodds Farm to raise money for camping in summer. We all raised lots of money to make the camp even better than last year.

Next meeting...

Our next meeting will be playing rounders with Shefford Young Farmers.

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

- 3 Country Pursuits Day
8-13 Discovery Exchangee Here

September

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

Newbury YFC, Meetings

June

- 22 7.15 pm BBQ and Rounders with Shefford
26 Thatcham Family Fun Day, Henwick Thatcham
publicity stand

July

- 6 7.15 pm Sausage making at Long Court Farm
Brocks Green Ecchinswell RG20 4UP
20 7.15 pm All Wheel Driving and BBQ at Paices
Hill Aldermaston RG7 4PH
22 to 24 July Summer Camp

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

Bradfield YFC, Meetings

June

- 29th Over 16's Car Mechanics Evening

July

- 5th Committee Meeting
6th Parents Evening
13th Country Spotters Evening
20th Bike Ride
27th Swimming @ Aquadome

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

Shefford YFC, Meetings

June

- 22 Rounders & BBQ

July

- 10 Newbury Carnival
16 Shefford YFC Camp
21 Canoeing and Picnic

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