



## News & You October 2011

### Royal County of Berkshire Show 2011

Another year, another RCBS... well not quite, it was, however, another fantastic show for BFYFC. NFYFC Tug of War finals, Farm Business Development final, first place in the Agricultural Trade Stand competition (yes!) as well as members breed board carrying, stock-judging and a great stand with lots of interest shown in our clubs.



It was not a great weekend weather-wise, but that didn't seem to dampen YFC spirits. The stand looked smart and inviting – the judges obviously thought so too, awarding first place against the likes of Lister Wilders, PJS and Oakes Bros. The John Deere tractor and guess the number of balloons competition went down really well with the public and members alike. Thank you to Andrew West and Hunts for the tractor and to Mr. Michael Kimber and SCATS for the prizes – congratulations to Tom Watts on his winning guess, accurately calculating 101 balloons in the tractor cab. Kate and her team had a good balance with the stand; interest, information, pictures and activities. Well done to all who manned the stand. Berkshire members and their white coats were seen in the main arena for the Grand Parade

on both days with the breed boards. Again, thank you to everyone who helped with this responsibility.

The National Tug of War finals were with us for a second year and provided some real crowd pleasing entertainment in the arena. Teams from around the country showing just what it takes to become an NFYFC competitions winner, fantastic levels of skill, determination, team work and general passion and pride – it's a great showcase for YFC and we're really lucky to have it at RCBS. In the ladies competition Yorkshire came out the winners and Derbyshire were the Men's worthy champions. South East Areas' own Sussex Men's team coming an excellent third place, these guys have put some serious training in, and could well be the ones to watch in 2012. Thank you to our own Lisa Hayward for stepping forward to help steward this





competition. Quietly going on behind the scenes was the Farm Business Development competition run by Sarah Palmer and the ARAC steering group. With Judges from the sponsors' Savills and the TFA this is yet another prestigious competition at RCBS in 2011. The winning team was Peter Richards and Andrew Rees from Pembrokeshire.

In our own stock judging we saw a tightly contested competition in both the junior and senior sections. Only a single point separated Andrew Findlay from Newbury YFC and Michael Phillips from Bradfield YFC in the juniors, and three points between William Smith, Shefford YFC, and winner, Ruth Woodley, Newbury YFC, in the seniors. Well done to all the competitors and thank you

for your patience. Thank you to everyone who made this competition happen it is not always easy fitting it in around everything else that goes on and bringing together, members, stewards, judges and the all-important stock is a thankless task.

**RESULTS;**

**JUNIOR SECTION**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Findlay	Newbury YFC	240pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Phillips	Bradfield YFC	239pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holly Findlay	Newbury YFC	194pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	Josh Mason	Shefford YFC	182pts

**SENIOR SECTION**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ruth Woodley	Newbury YFC	213pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	William Smith	Shefford YFC	210 pts



The results for the Members who only judged Sheep; Debbie Townsend, 87 pts and Matthew Cox, 84pts.

Thank you to everyone who helped, supported, transported, manned the stand, lent kit, gathered items and generally contributed to this years' effort – it was a great team effort. Exactly as it should be.



The takedown crew pose with the cup at the end of the Show



The County Stand with club boards

Gordon Fletcher

# **Berkshire Young Farmer's senior meetings!**

These meetings are open to all Berkshire members aged 16 and over.

*(Some meeting may be 18+ due to locations)*

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Visit London Irish vs. Bath Rugby game at Madjeski Stadium.

*Limited numbers, first come first served basis.*

Date TBC November – Cocktail making lesson at Revolutions Bar Reading (over 18s only)

Please contact Jenny Rowe for more information.

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## Berkshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Invites you to attend its

66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

to be held on

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 3pm

Bradfield Village Hall, Southend Bradfield

Meeting will be followed by light refreshments by

Newbury Y.F.C

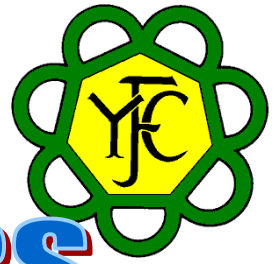
### **Berkshire FYFC County AGM Cups**

A reminder to all Clubs to please give any **CUPS** that are due to be handed out at the AGM to their Exec Reps so they can bring them to the October Exec on the 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Please make sure they are engraved and cleaned.



# SHEFFORD YOUNG FARMERS



## LATE SUMMER BALL

BAR

RAFFLE

When: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Where: Brightwalton Village Hall

Price: Members £10 / Non members £15

Time: 7pm till midnight

To reserve a table or book a ticket please contact  
via email: [sheffordyfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheffordyfc@hotmail.co.uk) or phone:

01488 638249

mobile:07810461104

LIVE BAND

2 COURSE MEAL

## National Competitions Day

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October our Junior Public Reading team of Haply Eyres, Patrick Nield & Sam Austin and our Junior Cycler, Josh Mason made the long trek up the M6 to Staffordshire Show Ground for the National Competitions.

After arriving on time and a brief practice our Junior Reading team were first on. Any nerves that were present beforehand quickly disappeared and they read their passages from the chosen book 'The Wind and the Willows' really well. It was their first time at a National final competition and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Josh Mason then set off for his cycling competition. The competition was very similar to the 'Cycle proficiency test' and was also done on the Showground. After doing a quick bike check with the judges he set off on the course navigating around junctions and parked cars. He thoroughly enjoyed it and rode very well. Kate Munro-Ashman had her A2 Fashion Board entered into the National Final and it was very well presented with the other entries.

It was a great day and a great experience for all the members that competed. Well done to you all.

Milly Vevers  
Competitions Chairman



### Reading YFC Dinner and Dance, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

This year Reading's Dinner and Dance will be held at **Trunkwell Mansion House, Beech Hill Rd, Beech Hill, Reading, RG7 2AT**. The Black Tie event will take place on the evening of **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start and carriages at 1am**. Ticket prices are **£30 per person** to include: Buffet, two casino tables, free dodgem rides all night, DJ entertainment and a raffle will also take place.

There will be tables of 8 and 10 available so please state how many people you wish to have on your table, alternatively if you don't have enough people for a whole table, please do let Tom Watts know and we can arrange for you to be put on a table with other people who you know.

**The deadline date for all bookings and money is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

For details please contact: Tom Watts, 5 Salmon Close, Spencers Wood, Reading, Berks  
Or e-mail [Tomawatts@aol.com](mailto:Tomawatts@aol.com)

# Bradfield YFC Club Report

We've had a very good start to our new membership year. Starting with a welcome back evening where we played games and got to know our new members.

We then had a parents evening which we planned our program up until January. There are some new and exciting meetings coming up.

The following Wednesday we all went to Bracknell ice-skating which was good fun

The next week we had a sport evening at Bradfield where we played a mixture of sports.

Coming up we have our club AGM and Harvest Supper then we have a meeting on ferreting and another on Tie-dye.

## 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](mailto:berksyfc@btopenworld) and we will get the paperwork to you for you to complete.

The closing date for sponsorship is 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011; however for orders and payment received before 1<sup>st</sup> September we are offering a 10% reduction.

Please drop us a line at [berksyfc@btopenworld](mailto:berksyfc@btopenworld) and again, we will get the paperwork to you!

*Lydia Bendall & Emma Collins*

## County Diary Dates

### OCTOBER

1 <sup>ST</sup>	Newsletter Deadline
	National Competitions Weekend
20 <sup>th</sup>	SEA Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup>	Executive meeting

### NOVEMBER

1 <sup>ST</sup>	Newsletter Deadline
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Council Weekend
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>County AGM @ Bradfield Village Hall 3pm</b>
27 <sup>th</sup>	SEA Training day –TBC and SEA Meeting

## Bradfield YFC, Meetings

Oct	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Talk on Ferreting
19 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Evening – Tie Dye
24 <sup>th</sup>	County Exec Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup>	Pumpkin Carving
Nov	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Club Committee Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Visit – Air Pistol Shooting
9 <sup>th</sup>	Visit - Buchery

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

## Newbury YFC, Meetings

Oct  
24<sup>th</sup> 7.45PM County EXECUTIVE meeting,  
Milehouse Farm, Theale  
26<sup>th</sup> 7.15pm HALLOWEEN PARTY, Fuces Farm,  
Headley

Nov  
10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm SCUBA DIVING @ MARY HARE  
\* note change of day to Thursday\*

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

## Shefford YFC, Meetings

Oct/Nov

15/10	Shefford Late Summer Ball
19/10	Shefford YFC AGM - All
20/10	SE Area Meeting – Cobham VH
24/10	County Exec Meeting
<b>NOV</b>	
02/11	Vet Visit - Lisa
06/11	National YFC Council Weekend
07/11	
09/11	Club Advisory
16/11	Ready Steady Cook

If you are interested in joining us and having  
some fun please contact Katherine Bunn on  
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## Reading YFC Meetings

If you are interested in joining us and having  
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