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News & You

November 2008

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to attend the
63rd Annual General Meeting
of the

Berkshire Federation of Young Farmers'
Clubs

To be held on
Sunday 23rd November 2008 at 3pm

Bradfield Village Hall, Southend Bradfield,
Berkshire

Refreshments will follow the meeting,
We look forward to seeing you

Dates for your Diary

November

15th SHEFFORD YFC DANCE
Brightwalton

21st READING YFC DANCE
Masonic Hall, Sindlesham

23rd COUNTY AGM
@ 3pm, Bradfield

28th SENIOR MEETING
Hunt quiz @ Brightwalton

December

1st EXECUTIVE MEETING
@7.30pm, Mile house farm

5th BRADFIELD YFC BALL
Aldermaston

7th PUBLIC SPEAKING COMP

10th NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

25th HAPPY CHRISTMAS

The County Office will be closed
over Christmas, between 22nd
Dec to 5th January

**If you would like to promote
any of your Club's activities in
the Diary column, please email
your information to county on
berksyfc@btopenworld.com**

Please note the new BFYFC
mobile number. Ronnie can be
contacted on it Monday to
Friday 9am - 8pm.
07748 204287

Support our 200 Club and we will all be winners

The 200club makes a very important financial contribution to our funds. Are you a member of the 200 club? It costs £20 per year and half of the income is put into our funds, the other half, used for prizes.

To join as a new member or renew your subscription please contact Alwyn Kimber on 01628 670176 or Mary Fallon on 01628 484260. Alternatively you can speak to them at the AGM.

Newbury Show, Judging Results

Class 336, Junior Stockjudging

- 1st Andrew Findlay (Newbury)
- 2nd Melissa Dawes (Bradfield)
- 3rd Joe Ribeiro (Newbury)
- 4th Luke Faithfull (Bradfield)
- 5th George Breakspear (Bradfield)
- 6th David Wickens (Newbury)
- 7th Haply Eyres (Newbury)

Class 337 Intermediate/Senior Stockjudging

- 1st Anna Breakspear (Bradfield)
- 2nd Ruth Woodley (Newbury)

Andrew received the Cooper Challenge Cup and Anna received the Inkpen Challenge Cup. Congratulations to all that took part in the competition and a special thank you to Jane Wells for organising the competition. We hope to see more competitors taking part next year.

County Quiz Results

Congratulations to all that took part in the County Quiz on 26th October. The results are as follows:

- JUNIOR
- 1st Shefford (William & Katherine Smith)
 - 2nd Newbury B (Joe Ribero & Andrew Findlay)
 - 3rd Newbury A (Matthew Adcock, Ellie Sanderson & Holly Findlay)
- SENIOR
- 1st Reading (Andrea Petersen, Tom Watts & Jess Moss)
 - 2nd Bradfield (Stephen Waters, Kate Munro-Ashman & Ed Leach)
 - 3rd Newbury (Lisa Whiting, Andrew West & Hannah Fisher)

To those that took part in the Jesse Matthews competition, the results will be announced at the County AGM. If you competed please attend because if you win you will need to collect your prize. Thank you to everyone that made cakes and supported this event. Hope to see more teams next year.

Senior Meeting Report

On Friday 31st October the senior members of Berks YFC met up in reading for a fancy dress pub crawl. We all knew that the Friday night party people would be dressed for Halloween so we, in traditional young farmers' style, broke the mould by dressing as Farmers & Farm Animals.

Almost everyone dressed to impress, with the farmers coming straight from work in overalls (or so it would seem) having to deal with a herd of Cows, a horse rider with horse! a duck, a pig and not forgetting their staff, little bow peep, mechanics and far too many HAIRY Dairy maids that showed lots of leg.

Thank you to all that came along and made the night a success. I would have put a photo on this report but there are some things best saved for display boards.

Bradfield Bonfire and Fireworks



Thanks to everyone who attended the Club Bonfire Party on 5th November, I hope you had a good evening. Attendance was beyond the expected and made for a good atmosphere. The bonfire wasn't as big as previous years, but burnt well and needed very little attention as it burnt "to plan". The fireworks didn't quite go to the Fletcher timing plan but I gather very few people noticed my "flapping" in the dark – thank you to my assistants; Andrew, Richard and Ed as well as Kate and Steve on the gate. Amanda and family and Alison did sterling work with the food, of which there was none left at the end! Profits from the food sales combined with two donations cleared the £200 mark which and will be passed on to the Air Ambulance – great effort I'm sure you'll agree.

The favourable comments that have been passed on from the evening are much appreciated.

Emerald Ball – Macmillan Cancer Care Support

On October the 11th a good number of YFC members and associated friends and family attended the Emerald Ball at Donnington Grove Hotel, Newbury. Run by Charlie Plank and Ali & Katie Brown in memory of Charlotte Brown for Macmillan Cancer Care, the evening was a great success and very enjoyable for all attending. The hard work put in to organise this event was well worth it; with a couple of monies still to come in the Ball has cleared £7000 for this extremely worthwhile cause. Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed, donated, bid and worked on the evening – fantastic result. I think its safe to say that Charlie would be very proud.

Bradfield YFC Club Report

Over the past month we have enjoyed a number of eventful meetings, including a visit to a joinery workshop where we were shown how all the different machinery works and the type of things that they make.

To celebrate Halloween we had pumpkin themed evening, where all the members carved out scary faces. The pumpkins were judged by our visitor for the evening, Andrew Kimber.

Well done to the seniors who competed in the quiz, and also to all the members that helped at the NADAS ploughing match.

Our senior members enjoyed the farm and farm animals evening in Reading. We were impressed and surprised by our costume making skills! The guys making the most effort in their blue dresses!

Our fireworks evening was another pleasant evening for everyone, the rain even held out long enough. It was great to see so many different people and Clubs attending.

I'd like to take this opportunity to promote our Mistletoe Ball, which is on Friday 5th of December at the Old Mill; we are all looking forward to the evening and hope to see lots of people there.

Our members have got lots to look forward to in the coming months including a talk and demo by Police Dog Handlers and our annual trip to the pantomime.

Jenny Rowe



Bradfield Young
Farmers' Club

Presents

The

Mistletoe Ball



Friday 5th December 2008

Old Mill, Aldermaston

7.30 for 8.00

Carriages at 01.00



Black Tie

4 Course Meal

Dancing To Storm

Tickets £28

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Shefford YFC Club Report

We have had a very busy month at Shefford YFC. At the beginning of October we held our AGM, it was well attended by all our vice presidents, parents and supporters. Will Smith was elected as chairman with Katherine Bunn as vice Chairman and Press Secretary and Samantha Bracey as our Secretary. Stella Cowan is to remain as our President for another year. Many cups were also awarded with member of the year going to Eleanor Bunn and new member going to Sophie Evans.

Our next meeting was the annual pumpkin and Halloween evening. We all brought our home grown pumpkins in for a weigh in. Last year saw Sam Bracey win with a weight of 16 1/2 kg but this year saw this record smashed by Lisa Hayward who needed assistance carrying it in. When we put it on the scales it weighed a whopping 44kg, so well done to Lisa! Members dressed up for this evening and we played games such as apple bobbing and ring doughnut eating. We then finished the evening by carving our pumpkins.

We are all looking forward to the Shefford YFC Ball on the 15th and our next meeting is a visit to RAF Welford

Please send through your articles, photo's and even jokes, If I have room I will add them into the newsletter.

LISA HAYWARD NEEDS YOUR CLUB INFORMATION, REPORTS, JOKES, PHOTOS AND PAGE SPONSORSHIP FOR THE YEARBOOK

**PLEASE SEND DIRECT TO HER
OR THROUGH THE OFFICE
ASAP**

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**Gordon's Charity Waxing will take place at the
Newbury and Thatcham Hockey Club Christmas Party!**

**Saturday 13th December, NTHC Clubhouse at Henwick Worthy Sports Field, Thatcham.
Christmas Party starts 7.30 is FREE entry to all. Bar is open to late, Music entertainment will
be a disco, possibly a band as well.**

Waxing approx 9 pm.

The more people there the better, please