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Berkshire Federation Of Young Farmers Clubs Newsletter

County Diary Dates

July

1st Rounders Comp
6th Newsletter Deadline
15th County Spotters
17th-19th County Camp
27th Comps Meeting 7.30pm

August

14th Activity Day 10-4pm
19th Picnic and Ultimate Frisbee taster
25th Junior Club Programming Session
25th Exec Meeting (@Greenham)

September

1st New Membership Due
2nd Club Meetings
5th Newsletter Deadline
19th&20th RCB Show
30th County Sport- Rush Hockey

Please Note- The Office will be closed from Weds 5th August-Thurs 13th August

July's Jotter

County Chairs News

Happy July!

Since the last newsletter, I feel like myself and our members have been all over the place, competing in the area competitions at the South of England Show and also more recently the national finals up in Stafford. I am incredibly proud of you all, we are one of the smallest counties in the country and yet we had 5 entries into the national finals this weekend, this is a fantastic achievement and one that you should all be very happy of. We may be small in numbers, but we 100% make up for this with our enthusiasm and our 'give it a go' mentality.

Looking forward, I'm excited about the camp, fingers crossed the good weather holds out. Keep up the good work!

Jenny Rowe-County Chairman

Field Officer Update

As you will see this Newsletter is filled with opportunities for you all. Please make the most of them. I am very busy organising new things for you to take part in. I am keen to keep you all engaged in YFC throughout the summer. It is all trial and error so feedback is most welcome. Remember to keep telling your friends about Young Farmers and what a wide range of activities you do with us.

Georgie Perry- Field Officer

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County Competitions Report



It is now well into the summer rounds of all the competitions and we have had fantastic turn outs for everything the competitions group has run. We have had county bowling which was held in Thatcham. Members from all four clubs were in attendance and everybody seemed to have a great time chatting to friends from around the county and trying to bowl a strike. Next year I will certainly know to book more lanes as bowling seems to be more and more popular each year!

We then had member's competing at the South of England Show. Newbury took down their Cube exhibit which came FIRST! Huge congratulations to Newbury as it now goes on to the National Finals in Staffordshire. Jess Elliman, Carrie Ann Young and Henry Graham were

competing in the stock judging. Henry came FIRST in two disciplines and Jess came SECOND in Junior Stockman of the Year. Well done to the three of them for competing and representing Berkshire.

We have also held our annual county rounders evening at Brightwalton Village Hall. This was really well attended on a beautiful summers evening and everybody seemed to have a great time. There was a mixed match to begin with and then it was decided to play Boys Vs Girls. It was very stiff competition but the girls came out victorious winning by just one and a half rounders. I think a rematch will be in order for next year. Thank you to everyone who came along and to Newbury YFC for providing refreshments and to Shefford for providing the venue.

Last weekend was the NFYFC National Finals weekend held in Stafford. On the Saturday we had the Shefford boys, Todd, Adam and Toby representing Berkshire in the Junior reading. They each had to read a passage from the Graveyard Book by Neil Gaimen and Adam as Chairman had to give a speech. They did really well against tough competition and picked up lots of tips for next year. Newbury also had their Cube Exhibit set up and it looked great against all the other counties. Jess Elliman from Newbury also had her painted canvas representing Berkshire.





On the Sunday it was the sports teams turn. Katharine Smith from Shefford was running the Intermediate Cross Country and she came THIRD! A fantastic achievement Katharine, Well Done. Next up was a mixed team for the Kwik Cricket, Josh, Sophie and Steph from Shefford, Hannah and George from Bradfield and Hannah, Grace, Erica, Glenn and Jess from Newbury. They all played really well against other counties teams which were a lot older but they all had a lot of fun whilst doing so, well done to the whole team!

A huge thank you to parents and club leaders who gave up their time to take the members

up to Stafford as it is quite a long way and very early starts both days! Without your support the members would not have been able to compete at this level.

On 15th July we have the Country Spotters Competition at Snelsmore Common. If you would like to take part please see your club competitions representative and sign up. Hopefully we will have lots of entries for this as it is a great competition and we are planning a BBQ afterwards. Good Luck ☺



Katherine Bunn -Competitions Chair

Results

Cube 10th

Canvas 14th

Reading Team 11th

Cross Country Female Under 21 3rd

Kwik Cricket Joint 5th

**Royal County of Berkshire Show Stock Judging
Competition entries are now open. Please contact
Katherine Bunn ASAP**

Club Updates

Club Contacts

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Reading: readingyfc@gmail.com

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Another newsletter with missing club reports ☹. If you can't see a report from your club, why not offer to write one for the next newsletter?



Shefford

Well where to start? Shefford members have been busy bees with all the show classes. All our members really enjoyed the day and were pleased with their results, we as a club came back with an impressive amount of silverware, and we won the co-op again.



On the 13th June, Shefford held a barn dance held at Woolley farms by king permission from Evelyn and Robert Bracey, we had over 90 people attend and nearly everyone had a go at square dancing, a big thank you to all helpers.



Our own Henry Graham came 1st in the beef and fat lamb intermediate stock judging semi-finals held at the south east England show, which means he goes one to the finals held at Harper Adams Uni representing Berkshire.

GOOD LUCK

This weekend our Shefford members have been out in force competing for Berkshire at the national finals in Stafford, well done to Patrick Nield, Sophie Mason and Steph Fishlock in the Kwik Cricket team, and Toby Quinn, Adam Quinn and Todd Rockall in the Reading team you all did amazingly well and have done everyone proud. Last but not least WELL DONE to Katharine Smith who came 3rd in the cross country finals.

If you would like any more information on Shefford YFC then please email sheffordyfc@hotmail.co.uk or speak to Lauren Eeley who is our Chairman on 07810661104.

Carrie-Ann Young – Press Secretary

Newbury

Newbury have had a packed couple of months. We had a great evening Off Roding up at Paices Hill and the club members all really enjoyed it and some members seemed to build up some more confidence with the vehicles as they went around the course. The 4x4 drivers enjoyed taking the members out and drivers came back and said they enjoyed the evening as much as the members.



Then came the build up to the county show and what a fun day was had by all! It was great to see all the classes that the members have taken part in, and the input of ideas for the float by all members and it turned out just fine. You can see all the hard work that went in to it over the weekend we came 2nd in the Coop, and the Cube exhibit was brilliant with all the ideas that were put in to it and came 1st, it subsequently came 1st at SEA and went on to National for the finals.



As did Jess Elliman's canvas entry. Unfortunately we did not get a placing with either of these in the finals but it was a good experience none the less.

We also had 5 of our members, Hannah, Jess, Grace C, Glenn & Erica in the County Kwik cricket team at the national finals. This was not to be our day as we didn't make it through the knock out rounds, but it was great to see the mix of Berkshire members having a fun time together.

The County Bowling evening which is great fun – some got more competitive than others! Overall a good evening was had by all.

The week after the Country Fayre we had an evening ramble up Ham Hill with the evening finishing with a bbq on the side of the road with sausages and beautiful sunset to finish off the evening nicely.



We were lucky enough to have a talk on hot air ballooning by ex-member Jonathan Harris and our members had a chance to look at the kit up close. It was very interesting and a great talk.

We had an evening playing kwik cricket at the Kingsclere Holding field – what a fun evening that



everyone taking part and having fun!

Some of our members joined county for a game of rounders and it was fun despite the heat so you could say we have had a sporty couple of months.

Emily Hiscock ~ Chairman

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Berkshire Young Farmers Activity Day

Where: Newbury Show Ground

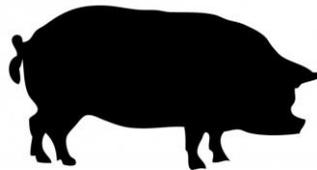
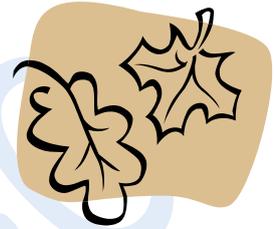
When: 14th August 2015 10-4pm

Who: Any Young person aged 10-16yrs

Cost: FREE

Bring: A packed lunch and a friend

Please let Georgie know if you would like to come



Berkshire Federation of YFC
70th Anniversary Ball
Saturday 21st November
At Newbury Racecourse
More details to follow!

In the meantime, feel free to contact
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424840 or the County Office at
berksyfc@btopenworld.com



Calling All Berkshire Members

Aged 10-16

Do you want to help with your club programming?

Would you like to learn some skills and games to do in those moments when there are 5 minutes spare?

Would you like to be able to welcome and include new members into your club?

Members Skills Afternoon
Open to all members aged 10-16yrs
Tuesday 25th August 2-5 pm
Mile House Farm Theale RG7 5HJ



ULTIMATE FRISBEE AND PICNIC

Come and have a taster session of the ever growing sport of 2015!

As a national competition for the coming year Berkshire will be training up members to take part in competitions at county and area levels.

Come along to Bradfield Village Hall Field on

19th August from 6.30pm.

Training with a Coach from the Ultimate Frisbee Association for an hour from 7pm

Bring your families and friends everyone can have ago.



National News



There are lots of links below to the NFYFC website. Click on the links below and check out the website regularly.

'YFC SKI 2016- Les Arcs- Friday 8th January - Saturday 16th January 2016 Tickets for 2016's YFC Ski Trip to Les Arcs will be available from 1st June 2015. Tickets cost are £399 per person and includes; accommodation, lift pass, coach travel and entertainments.

http://nfyfc.org.uk/Onceweekly_news?articleid=10887&single=1

Annual Convention Update- Your chance to vote for the fancy dress theme for 2016 is here.

<http://nfyfc.org.uk/AnnualConvention/annualconvention>

Sweden Exchange -A group of Young Farmers from Northern Sweden are looking to organise a trip to the UK in the

autumn.http://nfyfc.org.uk/Onceweekly_news?articleid=10948&single=1

Job Opportunities- There are currently three job opportunities available within YFC take a look here.

<http://nfyfc.org.uk/recruitment>

NFYFC Council puts focus on youngest Young Farmers- The NFYFC's Youth Forum made its presence felt at the second Council weekend of 2015 in Coventry, as the Federation looks to develop opportunities available to the Federation's youngest members.

http://nfyfc.org.uk/NFYFCnews/national_news?articleid=10958&single=1

Yellow Wellies Campaign – While UK farmers are among the best in the world, farming remains one of our country's most hazardous industries.

<http://nfyfc.org.uk/YellowWelliesCampaign/farmsafety>

Other Links:-

Nuts Challenge- One lap of a 7km army obstacle assault course.

<http://www.pennypost.org.uk/2015/06/the-nuts-challenge-saturday-5-september/>

