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Berkshire Federation Of Young Farmers Clubs Newsletter

County Diary Dates

September

17th-18th Royal County Berkshire Show

19th-25th NFYFC New members week

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October

11th Exec committee meeting

13th South East Area Meeting

30th Club Officer Training

November

6th Jessie Matthews and Quiz
competitions (venue TBC)

13th County AGM

Bradfield Village Hall 3pm

27th South East Area Meeting

September's Stories

County Chair Update

Welcome back to the new Berkshire YFC year. I hope that you all had a nice break over the summer and are looking forward to getting stuck in with YFC activities and events. It was lovely to see some of you at the friendly rounder's evening that we held in the summer, members from all clubs came and played against each other in mixed teams at Brightwalton hall. September is a busy month for Berkshire YFC so keep an eye on information from your clubs. We have the Royal County of Berkshire Show coming up where many of our members will be stock judging, breed board carrying and helping out on our stand. This is followed by National Young Farmers Week which is a campaign to increase membership by 10%. Berkshire are hosting a whole week of activities so make sure you check emails, Facebook and speak with club leaders. We also have our harvest festival which is being hosted by Bradfield YFC. Some of our senior members are also supporting Chris Manley in his National Campaign to give blood so if you want to get involved there is still time to register for this. Make sure that you are all getting your membership forms back to Georgie in the office asap so that you can make the most of what is all set to be a great year. I look forward to seeing you all at the many events we have coming up in September.

Katherine Bunn-County Chairman

County Field Officer Update

Wow what a busy time it has been in the office already! Membership for the new year has been coming in, The Royal county of Berkshire Show and stock judging organisation, Young Farmers week next week with an activity taking place every night. The seniors are busy sorting their convention weekend plans as well as a group blood donation for the National Chairman's campaign. Please do come and say Hi to us on the stand this weekend and make sure you introduce a friend to YFC before the end of the month.

Georgie Perry-Field Officer

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County Competitions Report

Competitions have been quiet for Berkshire YFC over the summer. We held our country spotters at Snelsmore Common in July and this was well attended by junior members from across the county. They had to follow a route and answer questions along the way which was then followed by a quiz where they had to look at different pictures of wildlife and identify them. Well done to all who took part.

1st Jess and Sophie- Newbury YFC

2nd Georgina and Freddie- Bradfield YFC

3rd Katie and Amy- Bradfield YFC

We also held a friendly rounder's evening over the summer. Members came and enjoyed playing both rounder's and Frisbee. It was also nice for members to catch up with friends they had not seen for a while.



Jess Elliman competed in the National Junior Stock judging finals at Harper Adams last weekend. She came 3rd in Pigs and 12th Nationally. Well Done Jess a great achievement that you should be very proud of.

Coming up we have members taking part in stockjudging at the Royal County of Berkshire Show so please come and support those members if you are at the show.

Keep your eyes peeled for many more competitions to come.

Katherine Bunn-County Chairman



Club Updates

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Newbury



Not so much since the last newsletter as we have been very busy enjoying our summer break!

Our last meeting before the summer was our annual family BBQ & Rounders at Manor Farm, Brimpton. It was a gloriously sunny evening and members and their families enjoyed some fabulous food and a game of rounders. Huge thank you as always to our Vice President, Mike Bowden, for hosting the evening and to all those who donated food and drink for the evening.

Well rested, our members returned last week to a Club meeting where we had a catch up on club business. We discussed the forthcoming Stockjudging at The Berkshire County Show, the County Harvest Festival, New Members Week and of course our AGM which is being held in October. We were very pleased also to welcome a couple of new members to the club who have come back to us after a couple of visits before the break.

Good luck to Jess and Hannah who are competing, and here is to a happy and successful new Young Farmers year!

Emma Collins ~ Club Leader



Bradfield

The end of our summer programme was spent doing what we Young Farmers do best having FUN! We took full advantage of the hot summer weather and enjoyed a range of activities including pond dipping for crayfish, minnows, trout or actually anything that we could catch in our nets! We had a speedy bike ride around Greenham Common with only Hannah falling off her "trusty steed" and everyone used up enough energy to allow us to tuck into a fantastic fish and chip supper.



A good soaking was had along the Kennet and Avon Canal during our memorable canoeing expedition – a very wet journey home for us all.



Our last meeting to celebrate another great year for Bradfield was a sizzling BBQ, courtesy of our Treasurer, Gordon. Our September programme is jam packed with events and we are of course looking forward to the Royal County of Berkshire Show, the Harvest Festival at Black Barns, Rushall and the many activities organised for New Members Week. *Sonia Walters Club Leader*

Shefford

Shefford YFC had a break over the summer months whilst everyone was on school holidays. It was nice to see some of our members attend the county rounders' evening that was held at Brightwalton hall. It was a good excuse to have some fun and also see friends and catch up. Last meeting we had a fun games evening where we played rounders' and some indoor games. It was good to see some new faces who will hopefully sign up as new members. We have also had our club boards and a crop game at Saddleback Farm Shop for their open day. This was a good opportunity to tell everyone all about Shefford YFC and recruit some new members.

We will be helping out at the Royal County of Berkshire Show on the Saturday morning which all our members are excited about. We will also be supporting Todd and Carrie as they have entered the stock judging.

Our next meeting is a visit to Newbury Racecourse on the 21st September with Newbury YFC. We did this a few years back and it is a very interesting meeting and a good opportunity to see behind the scenes. This is also during Young Farmers week which hopefully lots of our members will be attending the various events that are happening.

If you are interested in becoming a member email - sheffordyfc@hotmail.co.uk or speak to one of our club leaders.

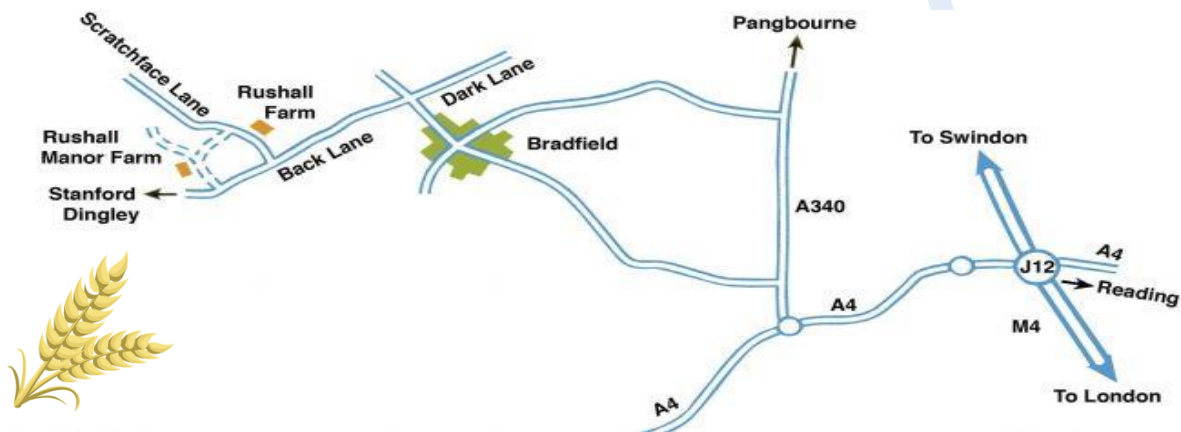
Katherine Bunn- Club Member



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Harvest Festival Service 2016

All YFC members, family, Advisory, Vice Presidents and friends are cordially invited to join the Bradfield Parish Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 25th September. To be held at 10.30am in the Black Barns at Rushall Manor Farm.



The service will welcome YFC members and their Club banners as well as having a specific YFC section that will include the presentation of wheat and bread from the harvest as well as a Reading and a Prayer led by YFC members. There will be a Harvest collection of food stuffs (non-perishable please) that will be donated to the **Reading Food Bank**. The offertory collection will be in aid of **TearFund a Christian Charity** that supports communities in poverty and disaster areas through farming projects.

After the service there is a bring-and-share lunch with a short presentation from the **TearFund**. We appreciate that this event comes at the end of an exceedingly busy week for YFC members but it would be great to see lots of 'YFC families' supporting this event.



NFYFC New Members Week

19th to 25th September

National Federation of Young Farmers has challenged all clubs to increase their membership by 10% for the membership year 16/17.

This has to be a team effort and so to help, County will be organising a week of meetings for you all to bring a friend to. You are welcome to come to any of the nights and as many as you want to. You can bring a friend or maybe two.

You are also of course very welcome to come on your own.



Monday 19th September – Bowling at Thatcham, 7pm, £5 for 2 games

Tuesday 20th September – Learn a new skill night at Brightwalton Village Hall, 7pm

Wednesday 21st September – Normal Meeting Night

Thursday 22nd September – Quiz Night at Hamstead Marshall Village Hall, 7pm

Friday 23rd September – Farm Walk and talk at Rushall Farm, 6.30pm
Senior Pub visit afterwards

New members/friends welcome



Windsor and Maidenhead have had their first meeting. 😊 😊

A massive well done to all who were involved in the organisation of the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is:
10th October at Windsor Race Course
For more information please contact
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National News



All information from NFYFC can be found on their website <http://nfyfc.org.uk/>

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Read more about the national campaign and how to get involved.

<http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/RecruitmentandRetentionCampaign2016/recruitmentandretentioncampaign2016>

Annual Convention Fancy Dress Theme

Voting is now open for the 2017 Fancy Dress theme. Follow the link below to have your say.

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

NFYFC Chairman's Campaign

Young Farmers are renowned for challenging themselves and raising thousands of pounds for good causes across the country. But in 2016, as part of our chairman's campaign, we are challenging our members to show their generosity in a completely different way... by registering as blood and organ donors!

<http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/YFCLifeBlood/YFCLifeBlood>

BREXIT- Survey

As you know, this is a time of consultation for a future British agricultural policy. NFYFC would really appreciate your help to ensure that the survey can represent the thoughts of our members and supporters.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5XWNHNV>

Job Opportunities

There are a number of vacancies at NFYFC. Click on the link below for more information.

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

