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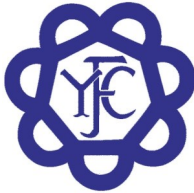


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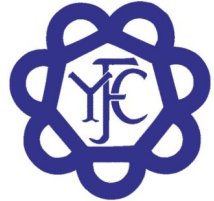
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is an honour and a privilege to be elected as your new President. I hope to use my experience and contacts in the industry to raise our profile to show everyone what NFYFC has to offer young people and also the country.

I am really looking forward to getting out to the clubs to meet you all as one of my goals is to develop grassroots members to meet their full potential. I am already booked in for a few visits to different clubs.

I will be paying keen attention to the future of farming discussions. Agriculture is at a critical point in time. The need to produce more food for a growing population, and to do so in a more sustainable way without damaging our natural environment, present huge challenges. This will require a new green revolution which will need, and be

driven by, a whole generation of talented young people.

My generation needs to think about their exit plans. We also need to encourage and promote the many opportunities in agriculture that are available for young people. I am a farmer myself and handed over the reins of running our farm to one of our sons some years ago. It is a better business because of it.

One of the reasons I am so passionate about this organisation is because I was once a Young Farmer – I was actually a club chairman when I was only 12 years old! My four children have also been involved in Young Farmers' Clubs and so it's good to be back in the fold again and to see that the culture remains the same.

I know many of you are disappointed to see Matt Baker step down but he has assured me he will stay in touch with Young Farmers and I will hold him to that. I have big shoes to fill but I promise to be your biggest supporter to help make this the best Federation it can be.

Poul Christensen.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Being asked to write a President's message for the year book prompted me to look back over past years. A couple of past comments were interesting. In the 1970/71 yearbook the current president was talking of impending entry into the Common Market, (for you youngsters out there that was the forerunner to the European Union), now there is talk of referendums on withdrawing or renegotiating membership. The other comment that stuck out was in 1976/77 Mr Doug Griggs commented on the difficult weather we had that year. As I remember, that summer was the opposite of the wet summer we had in 2012. History has a habit of repeating itself, but whatever happens Oxfordshire Young Farmers carry on regardless.

The structure of the County Federation has changed dramatically since my being of membership age, gone are the days of local government help with staffing costs and professional expertise. Grace and her team of county officers, together with Jo who has an unenviable task, do a tremendous job and need the support of Young Farmers past and present. Congratulations go to Faringdon Club for winning a national award for their fundraising for charity, achieved by doing a sponsored walk along the Ridgeway. Also thanks to Witney Club for organising a very successful County Show and Rally, on a very wet day. Congratulations to all Oxfordshire Young Farmers, who are taking part and enjoying themselves. National Young Farmers celebrated their 80th Anniversary this year, its history may be in Calf Clubs and education, but there has always been an element of having fun and that is why Young Farmers survive as an organisation.

So my message is take up the challenge, work together, and make the most of the opportunities the YFC has to offer.

Neil Godwin



COUNTY OFFICE REPORT



Another year has whizzed by it feels like I only just wrote last years report. It was another productive year with the usual lost membership cards up until the day before the seniors headed off to Blackpool for the AGM then funnily enough the same thing happened before the rally, so not only am I remembering to pick up children from my club and their entries but also membership cards for other club members too. I have now come to the conclusion that rallies cost me too much money there is always something for me to

buy from the trade stands so I must remember to leave my purse at home for the next one.

Working with Grace for the last year has been somewhat of a challenge in the nicest possible way. I have already told her this, so no surprises to her but she has been the hardest to work with out of the three chairs I have been working alongside. Mainly because she has tried to do a lot of the stuff herself, except hand write 160 envelopes for AGM (Thanks Grace)!!

I look forward to working next year with Sam Allen.

Jo Arnold



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COUNTY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



The past year has been another successful one for Oxfordshire Young Farmers and we should all be really proud of what we've achieved as a County during this time.

Throughout the year the Mike Jefferies Development Fund has continued with its fundraising activities. To start the year off, we hosted a very successful Quiz Night with fish and chip supper at Islip Village Hall. The hall was packed to the brim with past and present members all eager to have a bash at Frank Henderson's rather taxing set of quiz questions. I would like to thank Martin Brown and all involved in organising this enjoyable and well attended event.

As we reached spring we hosted a Clay Shoot which due to its popularity has now become bit of an annual fixture. I must take this opportunity to thank the Norman family and Peter and Jane Brown for allowing us to hold the event at Park Farm once again.

Summer brought the County Ball, this year held at the Kassam Stadium with over 200 past and present Members in attendance raising further funds for OFYFC and the MJDF. A special mention must go to Katie

Thomas and Lauren Morris for all their hard work in heading up the event. A great night was had by all and we look forward to staging a similar event next year for the County's birthday ...the big 70.

Meanwhile, members continue to participate in the usual round of Young Farmers competitions throughout the year. Rally 2013 was hosted by Faringdon YFC and thanks must go to the Burr family for allowing us the use Roves Farm for the event. The day was a great success with Witney YFC crowned as overall winners. Well done to the Faringdon Rally Committee headed up by Ed Green who organised a great day.

Our members went on to give a high level of representation at both Area and National competitions and I would like to say a huge well done to everyone who got involved, in particular; The Tug of War teams of Witney Juniors, Witney Ladies and Henley Men who represented Oxfordshire at the South of England Show. Well done to Sam Allen for coming 2nd in Senior Member of the Year and Elaine Sheppard for coming 8th in Stock man of the year. Witney Juniors went on to National with their Tug of War team as did Abingdon YFC with their "Strictly" prowess ball room dancing skills. We might not be the biggest county in the country but as they say we are worth our weight in gold.

This year's Annual Convention was well supported with over 80 members travelling up to Blackpool for the weekend. The theme was 'Where's Wally' which needless to say lent itself to some rather repetitive fancy dress costumes and none of us being able to decipher who actually was 'the Wally'.

Not only did we leave the weekend with some sore heads but we also came away with some shiny silver ware to add to the County mantelpiece. Congratulations to the County as a whole for achieving the Prince of Wales Award which recognised us for our fundraising efforts. Collectively as a county we managed to raise a fantastic £23,999 for various different charities.

Congratulations to Faringdon in particular who also won a national cup for raising a staggering £18,500 in their Ridgeway walk.

The social side of things has also been busy (of course) and well represented. We are united as a county and I urge clubs to continue this support to one another's club events. Membership currently stands at approx. 300 which puts us in a good position but we need to nurture this synergy and build on it to ensure that we continue to achieve and enjoy all that we do. This year saw the re-launch of Banbury YFC. Thanks must go to Sam Allen for putting in a lot of his time and energy into helping this to happen. We still have a long way to go but the wheels are definitely in motion.

Junior Clubs continue to go from strength to strength and have been well represented at County throughout the year. I attended the Witney Juniors AGM a few months ago and I was very impressed with the group of young people sat in the room their enthusiasm, determination and reported achievements. Watch this space for the next generation.

I've really enjoyed my year as Chairman and now it is coming to a close I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all of those who have helped to make it a success. As County Chairman you are only as good as the committee and without their continued support, enthusiasm and dedication throughout the year we would not have achieved what we have.

I would also like to thank Jo Arnold for all her hard work over the past year keeping us all in order and keeping the county running smoothly. Thanks must also go to Neil Godwin for all his guidance and advice over the previous year in his role as president and also to the Management Committee for their continued support, wealth of knowledge and experience that they continue to provide.

Finally, all that is left for me to say is thank you to all the Members who have made everything possible. It is great to see lots of new faces coming into the County and keen to take on positions on the committee. I'd like to wish Sam and the new committee the very best of luck for the year ahead - I can assure you that the County is in safe hands.

Grace Bennett

ABINGDON JUNIORS



As Chairman of Abingdon Juniors, I have had a fantastic year. With a great start welcoming Bill Homewood as new Joint Club Leader, taking over from Katy Napper. He has been very encouraging and helpful throughout my time as Chairman, for which I am very grateful. Thank you to Katy Napper for all the years she has helped organise and support Abingdon Juniors – mum says she is a tough act to follow!

Our chosen charity this year was RAB. We raised an amazing £390 supported by the Seniors who took us Carol singing, a raffle at the Christmas party and wearing our wellies whilst pumpkin carving. A cheque was presented to Julian Sayers their recent Chairman, who kindly hosted the annual Bike Ride around Ardington Estate

Gemma Taylor of the Blue Cross – last year's charity – gave a great talk. She explained the importance of controlling the number of puppies born to prevent the recent increasing numbers of homeless dogs.

Mrs Seymour brought her 'Show Chickens' along, and talked about their preparation and influencing the colour of eggs by diet. She spends hours washing and blow drying them before a Show!

One of our funniest meetings has to be pancake making. Neither Club Leader or parent could work out how to turn the cookers on, and there is still a funny smell of rotten pancake flipped behind the radiator by Verity. . . .

Most of our Members went to the County Quiz in March. Abingdon Juniors team of Lucie Richardson, Katy Homewood, Oli Beaumont and myself won by just one point.

I must say a big thank you to our Seniors who have been particularly fantastic this year. We have had lots of joint meetings with them and a brilliant Christmas Party. A special thank you to Andy Grant for giving up his evenings training us ready for the tug of war – great team and character building.

Other great meetings were guided tours of

White Horse Hill and FAI Farms Wytham – recently on Countryfile! However, the most fun for all was sausage making at Vicars Game. We chose the ingredients and took turns making our own – a few looked professional, most looked explosive. These were packed and given our own Club label. The only downside was having to wait until Saturday evening before they were fit to eat – well worth the wait!

A new and hopefully annual event took place in May when Katy Homewood and I, with Will Gomm and Tom Drake of Witney were lucky to be the first Members to take a

Tractor Driving course for 13-16 year olds kindly hosted by Katys' parents at Peachcroft Farms, Abingdon and supported by the Marlborough Trust.

Finally, thank you to Katy Homewood who was a very well organised Secretary, our Members and their parents, and to Club Leaders Bill Homewood and Maggie Cottrell for making it one of the funniest years of my life!!

Ben Cottrell



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ABINGDON SENIORS



I must start off by saying a massive thank you to all members of Abingdon YFC who have made sure that we have had another fantastic, unforgettable and successful year. We have had a wide range of activities, talks, competitions, parties, fundraisers and I believe that, without a doubt, we have definitely managed to make the most of "fun, learning and achievement". We started the year off with the traditional games night, it is amazing how much fun you can have with some old newspaper! We took on Drayton Farming Club at their quiz evening to take the boobie prize. Around Halloween we carved pumpkins, had a farm tour along the old Didcot-Hagbourne railway, followed by some pork rolls and a game of Uno. We hosted our Fire and Ice Ball featuring a spectacular vodka luge sculpted from ice. We also had a fantastic Bonfire night including BBQ with the juniors, learnt all about ecology from Jo and practised public speaking with Mr Cumber.

We had a ballroom dance taster evening which helped when we supported the 80th YFC Anniversary Dinner, where we couldn't get Fenny off the Dance floor and Lauren even got to touch Matt Baker! We had a great turnout for our Christmas meal, everyone was delighted that Santa delivered

some amazing presents, I even got a sheep! We hosted a Christmas party with the Juniors full of fun, games, party food and the legendary game of the Juniors mummifying Seniors in toilet roll! Carol singing with the Juniors we spread the Christmas spirit, gradually getting merrier and fuller from the generous mulled wine and Christmas food!

Sophie organised a ski trip to Les Arcs where we loved every minute and the fabulous après ski too! Jonny even learnt some French, managing to order some more bread....he thought... vous les vous coucher avec moi? We've enjoyed a few farm walks this summer including a tour of Wittenham clumps, Nathan and Libby's dairy tour another enjoyable night at Jane Drewe's farm.

We took to the streets of Oxford for a ghost tour and had a talk from a police dog handler with the juniors. A few people attended Drayton Farming Clubs clay shoot, followed by Darren, Christina and Jimmy's birthday in Oxford.

Lots of us attended the AGM in Blackpool including Sophie, Becky, Isobel, Stuart, Jonny and myself who took part in the National

Ballroom Dancing competition where we came 9th and got to dance in front of Matt Baker, and we even appeared in the Farmers Guardian.

Everyone grouped together in float building, and at the rally we had some amazing entries bringing Abingdon in second place overall. We had a great evening at Wheatly birds of Prey and eventful car treasure hunt involving a flat tyre, many lost people and a ground out car.

We were lucky enough to be invited to Nathan and Libbys wedding, which despite the walk in the dark was an amazing

day which included a game of cricket. We have also taken part in a range of other sports including, our very own farm Olympics, dangerous dodgeball, badminton, ice-skating, archery, rounders, hockey, ringoing and ten pin bowling! Well done to everyone who represented Abingdon and all members for their moral support.

So all in all we have had an extremely busy year. I wish to thank the current and ex-members for all the unforgettable fun, unbreakable friendships and making Abingdon YFC the strong club it is today! Good luck to the new committee!



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BICESTER AND ISLIP JUNIORS



Another busy year for the club! A range of sporting activities have taken place including dodgeball, frisbee, bowling and rounders. Competitions took place at the Windrush Leisure Centre and Millets Farm. A visit from 999 EMC saw members learning Life Support. Christmas cakes were decorated during December. Towards the end of January, members learnt to felt. The county rallies took place at Roves Farm, Near Sevenhampton, Swindon. Members took part in a variety of classes, including dairy judging, pony knowledge, gun handling and tractor driving etc. Outdoor activities included a quiz at Heathfield and a roam around the Otmoor Bird Reserve!

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BICESTER SENIORS



It is safe to say that this year has been a very busy one!

It all started off back in September which kicked off with a successful new members evening and BBQ from which we gained a couple of very keen new members. Autumn came and we had our yearly fireworks event which certainly went off with a bang! We also had our annual dinner dance which was very well attended and I think I can say we all had a very enjoyable night.

Then, of course, we had our legendary Boxing Day bash which (even though we had people running around Bicester trying to direct people to car parks) was a very successful night. A very entertaining night at the panto and our Christmas meal followed with secret Santa proving entertaining as usual.

The new year came round and the AGM in Blackpool was fast approaching! With nearly 20 members from Bicester attending it turned out to be a very good weekend and I'm sure we can all say "bring on next

year" with great excitement and enthusiasm!!

Then quickly after came the rally which after a massive amount of preparation was a successful day and the weather was lovely too! Even though our float entry didn't come out on top, all of the members put in an amazing effort with it and we were all very relieved to finally get it there on the day as it nearly didn't make it! Although we did not enter every class on the sheet everyone gave it their all and we reaped the rewards as nearly every class entered got a certificate I want to say a massive well done and thank you to everyone who put in the effort and took part.

Spring soon turned into summer and some great meetings were enjoyed by all including a car treasure hunt where a clue describing 'Adam and Eve style' was taken rather too literally but overall a very enjoyable evening was had by all. Also some great meetings throughout the year without a doubt have included laser quest

which let us relive our childhoods and also ringoing which was a great adrenaline rush! We had our annual bingo fundraiser evening which raised some funds for our chosen charities this year, Meningitis UK and Oxfordshire First Responders which we chose for a second year running.

I would like to say a massive thank you to the committee for all your hard work and

commitment you have put in this year - I really couldn't have done it without you and I appreciate everything you have done for the club and to help me out too!

Finally, I wish everyone on next year's committee luck and hope you will have as great an experience as I have had this year.

Jade Bowerman



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ENSTONE

Well where do I start?

What a great year I've had being chairman of the Enstone Young Farmers!

When I took over from George last September I knew it would be a hard act to follow but thanks to my great committee in supporting me over this brilliant year. We started off with 20 members and this year we have doubled it! We now have over 44 members signed on. We had a full programme of events so thanks to our programme organiser, Hayley. We started last Autumn with pumpkin carving, bonfire night, pheasant plucking, Christmas Reith making, badminton, skittles with Barton farming club, and numerous pub meetings and joint meetings with other clubs. The New Year saw us host Enstone Dinner Dance where we had over 120 people attend on a very snowy evening. Thanks to George and his family for providing us with the venue. This event was followed by a joint meeting with Witney at the crocodile farm, lambing live at Lovell's, and then having a talk from Rupert and Felicity about the bassets; then as a club we all went out on a basset hunt which we all enjoyed very much. We have attended dinner dances at: Witney, Bicester, Henley, Abingdon and Faringdon. In March we had a pub crawl as a club to raise money for the Katherine House Hospice which was a very enjoyable evening which raised £150 I know there were a few sore heads after that! We



also had a talk from agric Lloyd which was a great talk.

As a club we had a great year in sports coming first in the hockey and coming second in public speaking. Mr Hunter came 1st in individual public speaking. Well done Hunter!

In May we had 30 members go to the AGM which was a fantastic weekend up in Blackpool this year. After the AGM we started getting ready for the rally which we came 1st and 2nd in several classes well done to everyone that took part! We are all looking forward to more successes when Enstone host the rally next year.

I would just like to thank George and Alex for being my Vice Chairs this year, Sarah as Treasurer, Hayley as Programme Organiser, Louise as Social Secretary and Laura as Secretary without your help and support it wouldn't have been possible to have had such a fantastic year so thank you guys again! Last of all, thank you to all the Enstone members for being there, having fun and putting the club in the position of strength it's currently in.

FARINGDON JUNIORS



It has been another exciting and successful year for Faringdon YFC.

From hosting the rally to winning rounder's we have worked together to score highly, having fun while doing so. We have done very mixed activities, such as bushcraft, ice-skating, bottling rape seed oil and farm walks. We have had many new members join as the older ones prepare to leave, continuing with the YFC path.

We saw the process of rape seed oil been produced, from the oil seed rape plants, to the crushing, filtering and bottling. We tried different flavours of rapeseed oil, garlic, chili and many others. We bottled rapeseed oil to take home, which has been very useful.

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FARINGDON SENIORS

Well what another fantastic and busy year for Faringdon and District Young Farmers.

Although we are few in numbers, everybody has pulled together and it has been a very busy 12 months. We have enjoyed a large range of meetings including farm tours, talks, cup cake decorating, bowling, church bell ringing, pancake making, ghost tour, punting, croquet, BBQs and float building to name a few. Blind folded cake decorating and tic tac challenges in preparation for the County Show and Rally were a particular favourite.

Joint meetings with Faringdon Juniors have including pumpkin carving, Christmas party, reptile talk and rounders, and it has been great to get to know more of our juniors.

Along with hosting Faringdon's Easter Ball at Sudbury House, we have enjoyed many of the other clubs' dinner and dances throughout the year, and more recently, the county ball. Faringdon have had a stand at the Old Berks Point to Point and Countryside Day and although no direct new members have arisen from this, it was great publicity for the County Show and Rally.

The highlight of the year has to be hosting the County Show and Rally. A huge thanks must be given to the entire rally committee led by Edd Green, for all of your tireless efforts, thank you! An incredible £15 000 was raised, and I think everybody should be hugely proud of what was achieved. Blessed with fantastic weather, the day ran very smoothly and I hope that both visitors and competitors had as much fun as we did.

In true young farmer style, Faringdon entered both the mini and main rally classes with great commitment. Determined to enter all of the classes with such few members, Faringdon Seniors had a fairly hectic day with each

member having multiple classes. Credit must be given to Megan and David for organising the schedule so efficiently.

Faringdon won several cups at prize giving, with individual cups being awarded to Sophie Stoye (Stockman of the Year) and Abi Saunders. Everybody's hard work was paid off when Faringdon won the cup for the most points per member, for which all of our members should be very proud.

Faringdon also came third overall which proves that it's not just the size of your club that counts, but the commitment and efforts from those within it.

Faringdon also won a Nationals Award in April for the club raising the most amount of money for charity, by walking the Ridgeway in 2012.

Special thanks is given to all of our members and advisories for their continual support and effort to help Faringdon Young Farmers. I would also like to thank David for his guidance and advice over the past year as president.

Although Faringdon Seniors dwindles in numbers, it is clear that the club has achieved a lot over the past year and I'd like to finish by saying a massive well done to all of our members and a big thank you to our small committee team who have all worked hard to keep the club going. I would urge everyone to get involved and would like to say good luck to the new committee team.

Pippa Burr



HENLEY SENIORS

As I come to the end of my year as chairman I am taking time to reflect on all that we have done as a club throughout the year. Our weekly meetings have been well attended despite the demands of our busy lives. At the Henley Show we were recruiting new members and when asked by visitors to our stand 'well what do you?' I realized it was a fun packed club as I recounted some of the activities and highlights of our year.

Our Henley Ball at the Hithercroft Rugby club was once again a great success with over 170 people in attendance, credit goes to the committee who made sure everything went smoothly. We even managed to raise funds for both the club and our chosen charity.

We braved the weather and went carol singing around Woodcote and Checkendon in aid of the Air Ambulance we were supported by a surprise visit from Father Christmas (a.k.a. Guy Champion who has just the right stature for the role!). I am pleased to say we did not receive any noise complaints for our singing!

After a hard winter for farming March arrived and we took to the highways around South Oxfordshire for our tractor road run. This was organised by Guy Champion and kindly hosted by Simon Beddoes of Phillimore farms. This event raised £400 for the Air Ambulance and saw a large number of tractors out on the road.

A charity quiz night Nettbed was well attended raising £680 for the Rotary Doctors Bank and saw the 'Swats' achieving a well deserved win.

We were treated to a great evening at RAF Benson when we looked over the Air Ambulance met some of the crews as we gathered to make our presentation cheque to them of £2159-51.



Our weekly meetings have been well attended and we have enjoyed a packed programme of varied activities. Some of the highlights include a very memorable sausage making evening at Lockey Farm arranged by Grainger Challis. Two very interesting talks on the work of the auction marts, Daniel Slade and Scott Rucke of Thame Auction Mart explained the livestock side of the business whilst our own Kevin Burrer of Thimbleby and Shorland illustrated the dead stock sales with a pre plant sale visit to the former Reading Cattle Market where the sales take place. We went to the Wheatly Birds of Prey Centre for an exciting evening of flying from these impressive birds organised by Sue Denton.

I am delighted and proud to report on the success of the Henley tug-of-war team who made it through to the national competition at Tenbury Wells, this really was a great achievement well done for all those who put in such hard work training when they could have been in the pub!

The National AGM at Blackpool was well supported by members filling a coach for the trip. The fancy dress theme was where's Wally, so much of a spectacle in the town that the residents were heard to say 'where is there not a Wally', a fun time was had by all.

Jack French Chairman

WITNEY JUNIORS



We have had a very successful and busy year at Witney Junior YFC. Firstly I would like to thank Clare Freeth for taking over Tracy's role as leader - Tracy did such a great job and we will miss her very much! It is still lovely to see her coming along to meetings and was lovely seeing her at the summer camp. This year has been a fun action packed year with lots of amazing activities. We started off the year with a Club Night at the Elderbanks Hall in Brize. It was a meeting when we could all get to know each other and play games. Then it came round to that time of year - it was the annual AGM in which our chosen charity came along too, to collect the money we had raised from events like the Asthall horse show. Our chosen charity was Special Effects. Over the next couple of months we did activities such as Bread making, Pumpkin Carving and we were supposed to have a bonfire night at Barley Park, however that got cancelled due to the rain. We also got to do some Kickboxing which was great fun. To finish off 2012 we did some Christmas crafts with the seniors and made wreaths to hang on the doors! To start off 2013 after our Christmas break we met up with the Ladies in Pigs at the village hall and had our own little Ready Steady Cook. We

then met the other clubs at Witney Leisure Centre as we had county Dodgeball and Frisbee. There was great rivalry between the teams but we all had a great time. Then not long after we met all the clubs again for the county quiz night. There were two more meetings before the Easter break and we had a fascinating butcher demonstration by the local butcher! It was the last meeting before Easter and we all headed up to Barley Park to see all the lambs being born - it was like being at lambing live! Also at the meeting it was that time of year when we went through all the rally entries and decided what everyone wanted to do. After the Easter break we all met up at the hall to meet some slithery reptiles from Andy's Animal Encounters. Everybody enjoyed holding reptiles from snakes to lizards to even creepy crawlies! Then it was time to start preparing for the rally, from making the go-kart to painting the cube! The floor didn't look too grey by the time we finished - looked a bit too yellow! Also preparations for the rally consisted of Tug of War practise, coached by Lucy. The rally day approached and we all headed

up to Roves Farm for a great sunny, action packed day! Witney juniors came 2nd overall and the Witney club overall came first, which we were all very pleased about. A big thank you to Faringdon, it was a great rally. From the results of the Tug of War which Witney Juniors won we got through to the next round at South East Area which meant that we had to practise every week! So we all met up at Clare's Farm with Lucy to practise. However we got the news that we would have nobody to pull against at South East Area so we got through to Nationals at the Tenbury Wells show - we needed more practise! It wasn't just the tug of war team that got to national round - the cube got to Nationals as well and was taken up to Stafford. The weeks went on and each week we tried to improve our tug of war skills! We got the date of the competition which was Saturday 3rd August, which was a coincidence as that was the weekend the whole of the club went to Worcester to Clare's parents Top Barn activity centre where we camped from Friday to Sunday, where we all had a great time and did activities such as canoeing, raft building, rifle shooting and team building activities. On the Saturday we all went to Tenbury Wells Show where we competed in the Tug of War - we may have got the wooden spoon, but we didn't mind, we all just had a great time and had lots of supporters on our side! It was a great experience and we hope we can reach the nationals again. A big thank you to Lucy who coached us. We all got back to camp and had a lovely BBQ which the adults cooked for us and then we spent the evening going down a piece of waterproof sheeting which was turned into a mud slide - even Clare got

down there! At the end of it, it looked like we all had fake tans which had gone wrong. A big thank you to all the leaders who took us on the trip - it was a great end to the young farmers year and we enjoyed it very much.

Will Ford



WITNEY SENIORS



It has been another fantastic year for Witney Young Farmers. What a way to celebrate going into our 75th year. We have a total of 38 members so still going very strong; I would just like to thank all those members that have turned up to weekly meetings and have helped us to be a very successful and enjoyable club.

This year we started off with a cheese tasting evening which was a great way for the new members to get to know everyone else. Other meetings which followed were Cotswold Woollen Weavers tour, pub meal evening, county quiz, joint club skittles evening, crocodile talk and tour, carol singing, Christmas meal, pancake making, public speaking competition, charity cheque presentation, Witney YFC Mad March Ball, ringoing and many more. Carol singing this year wasn't quite as successful as last year, mainly due to the weather, but we still managed to raise some money for our charity's which are the R.A.B.I and Helen and Douglas house. Our charity cheque presentation meal evening was very well attended as usual with a cheque for £500 being presented to Farm Crisis Network. The Christmas meal this year was a huge success with 53 people attending from Witney and Enstone Young Farmers. Witney's club social secretary's, Laura Ford and Fran Hook did a

fabulous job of organising the evening which went very smoothly with a good party afterwards in Witney. Our next main event of the year was our Mad March Ball which was the best attended out of the three years. I would like to give a massive thank you to all of my committee who put so much effort into organising it and especially the social secretaries who did a great job of selling all the tickets.

Sporting activities have been a lot of fun this year with a 2nd in rounders and a 5th in hockey. We also had a good turnout at the ice skating which was a funny evening to say the least with quite a few members learning to ice skate for the first time. Other competitions have gone very well indeed with a 1st in the county public speaking and a 1st again for the women's tug of war team for the 3rd year in row. They went through to south east area where unfortunately they were beaten but very well done none the less. The highlight of the year had to be the rally with a huge effort given by all members in all the classes. It was another win for Witney Young Farmers (for the 2nd year in row), I am sure that we can aim to make it three in a row at Enstone's rally at Ditchley park next year. Finally I would just like to thank all of the Witney Young Farmers members, the advisory and all of my committee for what has been a great year and keeping us on track as a very strong club. I am very much looking forward to being chairman again next year with another great committee.

Sam Miller

FUNDS AND SUPPORT FOR OFYFC

MIKE JEFFERIES DEVELOPMENT FUND

Following the untimely death of Mike in 2007, after just a year in the position of OFYFC Rural Development Officer, the members of OFYFC wanted to do something in memory. With the agreement of Mike's wife Julianne, we launched the Mike Jefferies Development Fund in November.

The purpose of the fund is to strengthen the YFC clubs in Oxfordshire by providing financial assistance for club officer training, skills training, club support, marketing, recruitment and other county events and activities.

We now employ a County Coordinator on a part time basis to carry out this work. We will need sufficient funds for this to continue into the future. We want to see OFYFC prosper in the future and the on going scale of activities will depend on the money raised, so we need to unite together to raise as much as we can.

What can you do to help?

We would be delighted to if you were able to donate to the fund but equally you could join the team of people who run a series of fundraising events throughout the year. If you would like to get involved please contact Jo Arnold at County Office.

OXFORDSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY TRUST

The Oxfordshire Agricultural Society Trust was set up in 1978 following the winding up of the Oxfordshire Agricultural Society. The board objective of the Trust is to promote agricultural efficiency by providing financial assistance for relevant activities to individuals, groups or organisations connected with agriculture/rural activities in Oxfordshire.

OFYFC would like to thank the Trust for its continued support.
For more information on the application process visit www.oast.org.uk

THE MARLBOROUGH FUND

The Marlborough Fund gives awards to members of OFYFC to help towards the cost of travel and training. All you need to do is fill in an application form, attend a short Interview and complete a project report on your return from the trip/training.

OFYFC COUNTY FUNDRAISING

THIS YEAR OFYFC HAVE DONTAED **£17,355.25** TO CHARITY:

Abingdon Senior	Addington Fund	£600
Abingdon Senior	Oxfordshire Young Farmers	£400
Bicester	Air Ambulance	£310.74
Bicester	Oxford First Responders	£310.74
Enstone	Katherine House Hospice	£150
Witney Juniors	Special Effects	£500
Witney Seniors	R.A.B.I	£500
Witney Seniors	Helen Douglas House	£500
Faringdon	Oxfordshire YFC/MJDF	£12,120.54
Henley	Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance	£1,628.23
Henley	Kamuli Mission Hospital in Uganda	£335.00



OFYFC TOTAL...
£17,355.25



NATIONAL YFC YFC TRAVEL



In October 2012 I went on the C Alma Baker Working Holiday trip to New Zealand. It is a three month work placement at Limestone Downs an 8,000 acre cattle and sheep station on the West coast of the North Island. It is owned by the C Alma Baker Trust and they pay for four Young Farmers a year to travel over and gain experience on the farm.

The first work I did on the farm was docking the lambs. There were over 20,000 sheep so this was done over a few weeks and involved rounding mobs of sheep up, separating off the lambs and cutting the tails off with a hot iron. It was really interesting to work with sheep on such a large scale and see how efficiently it could be done. I was also there for weaning, shearing, dipping and there was a lot of worming and vaccinating to be done. Unfortunately on the first morning of vaccinating the lambs I managed to vaccinate myself so spent the rest of the morning at the doctors!

The steep terrain and the remote location took a while to get used to; you could be out on the hills for a whole day and not see a single person, building or road! There were only two small tractors on the farm, one of which was older than me so most of the work was done on Quad bikes.

It was great to work in such a laid back environment, we never worked any later than we had to and there were plenty of smoko (tea breaks) to break up the day. They were happy to let you have a go at everything and there was always an excuse to get together for a few beers up at the woolshed!

After the 3 months working you get four weeks to travel around the country. I decided to extend my trip by a further ten weeks which enabled me to travel more and also work on a dairy farm in the South Island. Any young farmer over the age of 18 can apply for this trip and I would strongly recommend it.

Kate Henderson

OFYFC COMPETITION RESULTS 2012/ 2013

SENIOR RESULTS



COUNTY QUIZ

- 1st Bicester
- 2nd Henley
- 3rd Faringdon
- 4th Abingdon
- 5th Witney
- 6th Enstone

SENIOR BRAINTRUST

- 1st Witney
- 2nd Enstone
- 3rd Abingdon/Bicester

BEST DEBATOR – Alex Hunter

SENIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR

- 1st Sam Allen - Bicester
- 2nd Enstone
- 3rd Henley
- 4th Witney
- 5th Abingdon

HOCKEY

- 1st Enstone
- 2nd Bicester
- 3rd Abingdon
- 4th Witney

BADMINTON

- 1st Witney
- 2nd Abingdon
- 3rd Henley
- 4th Bicester
- 5th Enstone

DODGEBALL

- 1st Enstone
- 2nd Bicester/Witney

ROUNDERS

- 1st Enstone
- 2nd Witney
- 3rd Abingdon
- 4th Bicester

OFYFC COMPETITION RESULTS 2012/ 2013

JUNIOR RESULTS

DODGEBALL

1st Faringdon
2nd Witney
3rd Abingdon
4th Bicester/Islip

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

1st Witney
2nd Faringdon
3rd Abingdon
4th Bicester/Islip

ROUNDERS

1st Witney
2nd Faringdon
3rd Abingdon
4th Bicester

ROPER CUP

1st Bicester
2nd Enstone
3rd Witney
4th Abingdon
5th Henley
6th Faringdon

JUNIOR CUP

1st Witney
2nd Faringdon
3rd Abingdon
4th Bicester



ROLE OF HONOUR 2013

REGIONALS

South East Area

SEA Spring Comps Weekend

Senior Ambassador of the Year – 2nd
Sam Allen

South of England Show

Stockman of the year - 8th **Elaine Sheppard**
Womens tug of war - 2nd **Witney Seniors**
Mens tug of war - 1st **Henley Seniors**
Junior tug of war - 1st **Witney Juniors**
Cube exhibit - 1st **Witney Juniors**
Club Scrapbook - 7th **Jade Bowerman**



ROLE OF HONOUR 2013

NATIONALS

National AGM

Ballroom dancing final

9th Abingdon Seniors

Andy Grant
Becky Slatter
Jonny Lansley
Sophie Greaves
Isobel Mogford
Stuart Betts

Cube Exhibit – 10th Witney Juniors

Tenbury show National Finals:

Men's tug of war - 5th Henley Seniors

Stuart Warby
Michael Mearns
Jack Belcher
Lawrence Arnold
Michael Crump
Lawry Taylor
Lawrence Williams
Aaron Hamilton

Junior tug of war - 5th Witney

National Annual General Meeting

Oxfordshire YFC

awarded the *Prince of Wales Trophy* for
County raising the most money for charity.

Faringdon YFC

awarded the *Lionel Hill MBE Club Charity Cup* for
Club raising the most money for charity.



CATCHES, MATCHES & HATCHES...

Catches

Grace Bennett (Bicester) & Pat Hook (Witney)

Sarah Brown (Witney) & Hugh Harbison

Chloe Glazebrook (Abingdon) & Scott Farnell

James Florey & Fiona Smith (Witney)

Matches

Nathan & Libby Simpson (Abingdon) *(Photograph)*

Hatches

Katie & Simon Haycock are proud to announce the birth of their daughter:

Elizabeth Mary Haycock *(Photograph)*



Elizabeth Mary Haycock



Nathan & Libby Simpson

AGM BLACKPOOL PHOTOS 2013



COUNTY RALLY REPORT

FARINGDON 2013

Our show dawned, after several months of planning, to a glorious sunny day. A huge relief after the days setting up in wind and rain!

We were very fortunate to have the use of Roves Farm and all their facilities and were proud to be the inaugural users of their new barn.

We wanted to put on a show that would appeal to Young Farmers and members of the public alike. We also wanted to showcase Young Farmers and what they could do and put on 99 classes for them to compete in. Young Farmers were our main focus wherever possible. I believe we succeeded. We also wanted to have a fun day having activities to have a go at such as zorbing and wall climbing and the main ring attraction of the Rockwood Dog Display team. We also had a large number of trade stands and sponsors to whom the Committee are grateful.

I am very pleased to confirm that we raised approximately £15,000 profit!!

I am very grateful to Rupert and Jo Burr who let us take over their farm. I also wish to thank all the Committee for their hard work and determination and it was a real pleasure to work with them all, all of whom have had a great connection with Faringdon YFC for a number of years. Faringdon YFC lost in 2011, one of its most avid former members, Richard Berry, when his life was cruelly cut short by cancer. As the date of our show coincided with what would have been his birthday, we decided to honour his memory and commitment to Young Farmers, with the Richard Berry Memorial Trophy. The competition was blindfold cake decorating! We very much hope that future shows will embrace Richard's enthusiasm and find a rather bizarre class to honour this trophy.

Ed Green

Rally Chairman 2013



RESULTS

FARINGDON RALLY 2013

NAME OF CUP	AWARDED FOR	WINNER
Henley Cup	Most points in the junior section	Faringdon
Chislehampton Shield	The club winning the junior club events	Witney
Fidler Cup	Juniors most points in Co-op section	Faringdon
OYFC Club Competition Cup	Juniors most points per member	Henley
Brian Lewis Cup	Juniors most points agricultural classes	Faringdon
Oxfordshire Agricultural Show NFU Cup	Juniors most points domestic classes	Faringdon
Withington cup	Juniors most points in the craft classes	Abingdon
Grossmith Poultry Cup 1929	Most points poultry judging classes	Witney
Faringdon and District YFC Cup	Junior club with the highest points in the stock judging classes	Witney
Midland Agricultural Cup	Individual Junior gaining the most points in the stock judging classes	Jack Saunders - 262 Faringdon
Roper Cup/DA Clewley	Individual most points in beef and dairy classes	David Roberts - 169 Abingdon
Barbara Austin Cup	Most points for the scrapbook	Bicester/Islip
The Spiller Shield	Most points cattle judging classes	Witney Senior

NAME OF CUP	AWARDED FOR	WINNER
The Harris Bacon Cup	Most points in the pig judging classes	Witney Senior
Leslie Ferris Cup	Most points in the sheep judging classes	Witney Senior
Redex Challenge Cup	Most points tractor handling classes	Witney Senior
Winslow Dairy Cattle Show Challenge Cup	Most points in the fence erecting class	Henley
Rogers Cup	Most points in all stock judging classes	Witney Senior
Oxon Agricultural Show Cup	Highest scoring Senior/Intermediate Stockman of the Year	Sophie Stoye Faringdon
Sir John Thomas Cup 1981	Individual most points in Sheep judging of the Year	Claire Hook - 96 Witney
Marigold Nixey Cup	Most points overall	Witney Senior
Dytchley Cup	Most points overall per member	Faringdon
Oxford Times Cup	Most points intermediate section	Witney Senior
OFYFC Senior Challenge Cup	Most points in the Senior section	Abingdon
The Abingdon Cup	Most points in the domestic classes	Witney Senior
Enstone YFC Challenge Shield	Most points in the craft classes	Abingdon
Coxeter Cup	Most points for Car/Landrover Handling	Witney Senior
Machinery Dealers Cup	Most points in the machinery classes	Witney Senior
Vice Admiral Vivian Cup	Most points in the float/walking parade class	Faringdon

NAME OF CUP	AWARDED FOR	WINNER
County Show Shield	Winners of the men's tug of war	Henley
Heyward Cup	Most points in the photography classes	Faringdon
SMSB Association Birmingham Cup	Most points in the floral art classes	Abingdon
Geoffrey Betteridge Memorial Cup	Winners of the ladies tug of war	Witney Senior
Julian Austin Memorial Challenge Cup	Most points in the agricultural classes	Witney Senior
Carcass Judging Tankard	Individual most points in carcass judging	Pippa Burr - 90 - Faringdon
Elizabeth Kerr Cup	Individual most points in the poultry classes	Witney Senior
Crendon Cup	Individual most points in the Horse classes	Abingdon



FARINGDON RALLY PHOTOS

2013





OFYFC



200 CLUB

OFYFC 200 CLUB

The OFYFC 200 Club needs your support to help raise funds for the running of the County Federation.

The more members we enrol, the more money we can donate to OFYFC each year. So please persuade your members, family and friends to join. There is a chance of winning 44 cash prizes in the year.

Details and application forms from Amy Cox:

Telephone: 01844 338 855

Email: agricamy@hotmail.com

WHAT IS THE 200 CLUB?

Formed in 1984 as a way of raising funds to help contribute towards the running costs of the County Federation.

£20 per year.

Monthly draws for 4 cash prizes (£50, £35, £25 and £20)

September draw: £100 and December draw: £250

Unfortunately we do not have 200 members. SO may we appeal to you to sell the 200 Club around the County and help us to reach the magic '200' number.

This is a great way to support the running of OFYFC and have a chance of winning cash prizes each month. So go on, join today!



OXFORDSHIRE YOUNG FARMERS RALLY & COUNTY SHOW

Open to All

Fun For All The Family

SUNDAY

25TH MAY 2014

Ditchley Park, near Enstone OX20 1BE

£5 Entry, Under 16's Free

Many Attractions including:

Trade Stands

Young Farmers Tug of War & Competitions

BBQ



COMPETITION RULES 2014

General Rules Applicable to all classes

Club Membership: To compete, each competitor must be a bona fide member of a club in the Oxfordshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs and be registered on the County Membership database at the time of the competition.

Age Eligibility: Competitors in Junior, Intermediate and Senior classes must be 16 and under, 21 and under and 26 and under respectively on September 1st 2013. Competitors in the open section must be aged 26 or under on September 1st 2013.

Class Age Eligibility: No competitor may enter the same competition in more than one age group. The points gained will count towards the trophy for the age group in which the class is included.
Entries per Class: There is a maximum of 3 entries per club per class in the Junior Section and 2 entries per club per class in the remainder, unless otherwise stated in the schedule.

Practical Class Entries: No competitor may enter more than 3 practical classes (excluding mini rally classes) but may take part in as many exhibition classes as they wish throughout the whole schedule.
Practical Class Timings: No competitor may enter practical classes starting at the same time with the exception of stock judging classes taking part at the mini rally.

Class Entries: No competitor may make more than one entry in each class.

Teams: Team members must be from the same club i.e. not joint club teams.

Competitors Work: All entries to be competitors' own work. All practical classes must be done entirely at the show, unless otherwise stated.

Registration: On arrival, each competitor must first register at the main registration point between 8.30am and 11am on the day of the competition and show their membership card, before progressing with the class. On request of a competition judge/steward, membership cards must be available at any time. Failure to do so will result in the loss of points awarded in that class.

Reporting for Classes: Having initially registered, competitors or their representatives must report to the class steward and show their membership card at the location of the class 10 minutes before the start of the class. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Exhibition Class Completion: All entries in the exhibition classes must be completed by 10.00am. Entries must be the competitors own work. The area will be closed for judging promptly at 10.15am.

Exhibition Class Cards: All entries must be accompanied by a white correspondence card (14cm x 9cm) labelled as follows; Front of card- Class number and age group: Reverse of card- name of club and members name.

Foodstuffs: All foodstuffs must be covered, otherwise marks will be deducted. All cookery displays must highlight the specific items to be judged, especially if the display includes extra items for the improvement of the overall effect. Food hygiene regulations apply.

White Coats: White coats must be worn by all competitors in the stock judging classes, food preparation, floral art and as stated in the schedule.

Exhibition Class Removal: Entries may not be removed until 5.00pm. Points will be deducted if items are removed beforehand.

Licences and Competence: For all vehicle/tractor classes, the competitor must hold and produce on the day a full driving license, unless 14-17 years old, when they must produce a letter of competence from a parent or guardian.

Health and Safety: All competitors not complying with farm safety regulations will be stopped immediately and disqualified.

Entry Forms: Club entries must be sent to the competitions secretary on the official entry form or emailed by the 30 March 2014. Clubs will be required to give a declaration of entry including names and membership numbers.

Changing Entries: In the event of a last minute alteration due to un-avoidable circumstances, the Competitions Secretary must be notified no later than 1 hour before the start of the event.

No-Show Penalties: If no entry is forthcoming, Minus 25 penalty points will be scored for that class per entry

Scoring: Maximum marks awarded in each class will be: Co-operative Classes.... 300: Team events... 200: Classes....100

Judges Decision: The Judges decision is final.

Scoring for Trophies: The highest scoring entry only from each club will count towards the trophies. National Competitions: In National Competitions and SEA Competitions, the winning entry will be expected to represent the County in the next round of the competitions.

Results Presentation: Classes results will be displayed as soon as they are available. Trophies will be presented on the day, timing to be advised.

Liabilities: The Show committee shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever, in the respect of injury to any person or property however caused or for any loss of property.

Amendments: The competitors schedule and the programme are subject to alteration at the discretion of the show committee. Please ensure that you are referring to the most up to date schedule and rules before making your entries. Any further amendments/notifications/times etc. will be in the Weekly News.

Pay Attention: Please pay attention to classes which require competitors to provide their own tools, equipment, show documents etc. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Please read National Rules where they apply and full details of what is required for classes will be detailed.

Key

MAIN – main rally Saturday 25th May 2014

MINI – mini rally Saturday 26th April 2014

EX –exhibition tent

PT – practical tent

YFC – YFC ring

MR – main ring

RALLY CLASSES 2014

JUNIOR EXHIBITION CLASSES

1	COOKERY - team	Team of two to make and display 4 homemade items, to include a homemade drink, suitable for an afternoon tea . Space allowed 75cm(width) x 60cm (depth). Recipes to be displayed.	10am	EX
2	COOKERY	Make a carrot cake. Recipe to be displayed.	10am	EX
3	PHOTOGRAPHY	One picture on theme 'Animals in Action'. Photo size 7"x5" - to be mounted on card.	10am	EX
4	WOODWORK	Make and display a pair of bookends. Photographic evidence of production to be displayed.	10am	EX
5	HAND WRITING	Write out "The War Horse by Eavan Boland" - text provided on web site - maximum size A4 paper mounted on card.	10am	EX
6	ART	Collage "Farm Machinery" - maximum size A4 paper mounted on card.	10am	EX
7	HANDICRAFT	Competitor to make and display a sculpture made from recycled plastic bottles.	10am	EX

RALLY CLASSES 2014

JUNIOR EXHIBITION CLASSES - continued

8	LONGEST NETTLE	Competitor to display the longest stinging nettle they can find	10am	EX
9	DECORATED WELLINGTON BOOT	Decorate a pair of plain wellington boots. Boots must be wearable once decorated.	10am	EX
10	CLUB FLAG	Competitor to design and make a flag for their club.	10am	EX
11	YFC CLUB SCRAPBOOK	Exhibit a scrapbook depicting events of your club over the previous year.	10am	EX

RALLY CLASSES 2014

JUNIOR PRACTICAL CLASSES

12	FLORAL ART	Per National competitions - A Table Arrangement - title "Serving our Country" An exhibit of natural plant material and British produce, without accessories. Maximum size 60cm(width) x 60cm (depth) x unlimited height. To be viewed from all sides. No backboard allowed. To be assembled in front of the judge and steward.	11 am	EX
13	DAIRY JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 dairy cows.	TBC	MINI
14	BEEF JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 beef cows.	TBC	MINI
15	SHEEP JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 fat lambs.	TBC	MINI
16	PIG JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 fat pigs.	TBC	MINI
17	YOUNG STOCKMAN	Competitors to have entered at least 3 of the 4 stock judging classes and the open carcass judging class. Competitors to complete a multi-choice Animal Health and Husbandry questionnaire.	TBC	MINI
18	PONY KNOWLEDGE	Competitor to carry out tasks and answer questions on health and husbandry. Pony will be provided.	TBC	MINI
19	TRACTOR HANDLING	Competitor to be 14 years and over. Drive a tractor around a prescribed course. Driver to show a letter of competence from parent or guardian on the day.	TBC	MINI

RALLY CLASSES 2014

JUNIOR PRACTICAL CLASSES - continued

20	GUN HANDLING	Air Gun. Competitor to carry out tasks and answer questions as directed by the Judge. Air Gun to be supplied.	TBC	MINI
21	FIRST AID	Competitor to answer questions and carry out tasks as directed by the Judge	TBC	PT
22	Rabbit Jointing	Competitor to skin and joint a rabbit. Rabbit supplied. Competitor to supply own tools etc.	TBC	PT
23	IDENTIFICATION	Competitor to identify a selection of Cattle Breeds as directed by the Judge.	TBC	PT
24	READY STEADY COOK	Details to follow	TBC	PT
25	CRACKER EATING	Competitor to eat as many cream crackers as possible without water	TBC	PT
26	CARICATURE	Competitor to draw in pencil a caricature from a photo/ person provided on the day.	TBC	PT
27	EGG THROWING	Team of two, thrower and catcher move further apart each time the egg is caught until it breaks.	TBC	MAIN

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INTERMEDIATE EXHIBITION CLASSES

28	COOKERY - team	Team of two to make and display 4 homemade items, to include a homemade drink, suitable for a Harvest Tea. Space allowed 75cm(width) x 60cm (depth). Recipes to be displayed.	10am	EX
29	COOKERY	Make and display a loaf of white bread. Recipe to be supplied	10am	EX
30	COOKERY	Make a Quiche. Recipe to be displayed.	10am	EX
31	PHOTOGRAPHY	One picture on theme 'Animals in Action'. Photo size 7"x5" - to be mounted on card.	10am	EX
32	WOODWORK	Make and display a Bread Board. Photographic evidence of production to be displayed.	10am	EX
33	ART	Pencil Drawing "Farm Machinery" - maximum size A4 mounted on card	10am	EX
34	HANDICRAFT	Competitor to make and display an item of clothing made from recycled carrier bags.	10am	EX
35	METALWORK	Competitor to make and display a farm sign using recycled metal	10am	EX

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INTERMEDIATE PRACTICAL CLASSES

36	FLORAL ART	Per National competitions - A Floor Standing Exhibit - title "Serving our Country". An exhibit of natural plant material, with or without accessories. Floor space allowed 90cm(width) x 90cm (depth) x unlimited height. To be viewed from all sides. No backboard allowed. To be assembled in front of the judge and steward.		EX
37	DAIRY JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 dairy cows.	TBC	MINI
38	BEEF JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 beef cows.	TBC	MINI
39	SHEEP JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 fat lambs.	TBC	MINI
40	PIG JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 fat pigs.	TBC	MINI
41	HORSE KNOWLEDGE	Competitor to carry out tasks and answer questions on health and husbandry. Horse will be provided.	TBC	MINI
42	TRACTOR HANDLING	Drive a tractor and two wheeled trailer around a prescribed course. Time allowed 15 minutes.	TBC	MINI
43	GUN HANDLING	Competitor to carry out tasks and answer questions as directed by the Judge. Competitor must hold a shot gun certificate which must be shown on the day. Gun to be provided by Judge.	TBC	MINI
44	FIRST AID	Competitor to answer questions and carry out tasks as directed by the Judge.	TBC	PT

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INTERMEDIATE PRACTICAL CLASSES - continued

45	RABBIT JOINTING	Competitor to skin and joint a rabbit. Rabbit supplied. Competitor to supply own tools etc.	TBC	PT
46	IDENTIFICATION	Competitor to identify a selection of cuts of meat as directed by the Judge.	TBC	PT
47	BOYS COOKERY	Competitor to make beef burgers Competitor to provide all ingredients and equipment. Gas Ring will be provided.	TBC	PT
48	NIGHT OUT	Team of two, 1 boy, 1 girl. Boy to do the girl's make up suitable for a YFC Ball	TBC	PT
49	SHEEP SHEARING	Details to follow	TBC	MAIN
50	GIRLS CAR HANDLING	Competitor to drive a car around a prescribed course. Driving licence to be shown on the day.	TBC	MAIN

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SENIOR EXHIBITION CLASSES

51	COOKERY - team	Team of two to make and display a meal made from the leftovers from a Sunday Lunch. Space allowed 75cm(width) x 60cm (depth). Recipes to be displayed.	10am	EX
52	COOKERY	Make a bottle of Sloe Gin. Recipe to be displayed.	10am	EX
53	COOKERY	Make a 21st Birthday Cake. Recipe to be displayed.	10am	EX
54	PHOTOGRAPHY	One picture on theme 'Animals in Action'. Photo size 7"x5" to be mounted on card.	10am	EX
55	METALWORK	Make and display a barbecue using recycled metal. Photographic evidence of production to be shown.	10am	EX
56	ART	Watercolour "Farm Machinery" - maximum size A4 mounted on card	10am	EX
57	YFC CLUB SCRAPBOOK	Exhibit a scrapbook depicting events of your club over the previous year.	10am	EX
58	HANDICRAFT	Competitor to make and display a sculpture made from recycled drinks cans.	10am	EX

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SENIOR PRACTICAL CLASSES

59	FLORAL ART	Per National competitions - A Hand Tied Bouquet - title "Serving our country". An exhibit of natural plant material, with or without accessories. Contained within a space allowed 60cm(width) x 60cm (depth) x unlimited height. To be viewed from all sides. No backboard allowed. To be assembled in front of the judge and steward.	TBC	EX
60	DAIRY JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 dairy cows.	TBC	MINI
61	BEEF JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 beef cows.	TBC	MINI
62	SHEEP JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 fat lambs.	TBC	MINI
63	PIG JUDGING	Judge, place and give reasons on 4 fat pigs.	TBC	MINI
64	HORSE KNOWLEDGE	Competitor to carry out tasks and answer questions on health and husbandry. Horse will be provided.	TBC	MINI
65	TRACTOR HANDLING	Drive a tractor and four wheeled trailer around a prescribed course. Time allowed 15 minutes.	TBC	MINI
66	GUN HANDLING	Competitor to carry out tasks and answer questions as directed by the Judge. Competitor must hold a shot gun certificate which must be shown on the day. Gun to be provided by Judge	TBC	MINI
67	FIRST AID	Competitor to answer questions and carry out tasks as directed by the Judge	TBC	PT

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SENIOR PRACTICAL CLASSES - continued

68	POULTRY TRUSSING	Competitor to bone a chicken. Time allowed 45 minutes. Chicken will be provided but competitor to provide all own tools etc.	TBC	PT
69	IDENTIFICATION	Competitor to identify a selection of grains as directed by the Judge	TBC	PT
70	BOYS COOKERY	Competitor to make vegetable soup. Competitor to provide all ingredients and equipment. Gas Ring will be provided.	TBC	PT
71	NIGHT OUT	Team of two, 1 boy, 1 girl. Boy to do the girl's hair suitable for a YFC Ball	TBC	PT
72	BRICK LAYING	Team of 2 - competitors to lay bricks as directed by judge. Competitors to provide all tools required. Bricks and cement will be provided. Time allowed 45 minutes. ONE ENTRY PER CLUB	TBC	PT
	SHEEP SHEARING	Details to follow	TBC	MAIN
73	GIRLS CAR HANDLING	Team of two, driver blindfolded to be directed by passenger around prescribed course.	TBC	MAIN

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74	CUBE	An exhibit to depict the theme of "Serving our Country". Exhibit to include 5 craft items related to the theme. Maximum size of cube 1m x 1m x 1m - As per NFYFC rules	10am	EX
75	MATCHBOX CHALLENGE	Most number of different items in a matchbox (5.5cmx3.5cmx1.5cm) - list all items and record total number.	10am	EX
76	YFC CLUB SCRAPBOOK	Exhibit a scrapbook depicting events of your club over the previous year.	10am	EX

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77	MINI DIGGER DRIVING	Competitor to carry out tasks as prescribed by judge.	TBC	MAIN
78	ROPE A TRAILER	Team of 4 (2 boys 2 girls) to load a trailer with conventional bales and rope up ready for transport.	TBC	MAIN
79	CAR CRAMMING	Club to provide 12 members to cram into a car in the fastest time. Car to be supplied.	TBC	PT
80	PALLET RECYCLING	Team of 2 -To make an object using only two pallets, must provide own tools. Pallets will be provided	TBC	PT
81	STOCKMAN OF THE YEAR	Competitors to have entered at least 3 of the 4 stock judging classes and the open carcass judging class. Competitors to complete a multi-choice Animal Health and Husbandry questionnaire.	TBC	MINI
82	FENCE ERECTING	Team of 3 (to include at least 1 member under 21 years of age) to erect a fence. Details of fence to be constructed to be advised in April. Team to supply own tools. Winners to compete at SE Area.	TBC	MINI
83	TUG-OF-WAR - MENS	Team of 8 - National Rules apply.	TBC	MINI / MAIN

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84	TUG-OF-WAR - LADIES	Team of 8 - National Rules apply.	TBC	MINI/ MAIN
85	TUG-OF-WAR - JUNIORS	Team of 8 (maximum) - National Rules apply.	TBC	MINI/ MAIN
86	FROZEN T-SHIRT	Competitor will be given a frozen t-shirt, winner is the first to wear it!	TBC	MAIN
87	OBSTACLE RACE	Team of 8 to compete in obstacle relay race	TBC	MAIN
88	BREAD SLICING	Competitor to slice a loaf of bread. Competitor must provide own equipment. Bread supplied. White coats to be worn.	TBC	PT
89	FLOATS	Films	2.30pm	MAIN
90	CLAY SHOOT	Details to follow	TBC	TBC

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Abingdon Seniors	33
Islip Juniors	18
Bicester Seniors	28
Enstone Seniors	42
Faringdon Juniors	26
Faringdon Seniors	12
Henley	23
Witney Juniors	48
Witney Seniors	37



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