



# Berkshire Young Farmers Newsletter

August 2002

## National Competitions Day

### Another Day to Make us Proud to be BERKSHIRE YOUNG FARMERS

Club of the Year-Shefford	Nicola Cooper James Pallett Rachel Chandler and Jono Cooper	Our team were placed equal 4 <sup>th</sup> An excellent result for such a young club
Cookery-Bracknell	Thomas Sadler Thomas Watts and Charlotte Kimber	Our team scored 45 points There were a lot of very good entries but I wish food looked as good as the dinner our club produced when I was at School!
Floral Art Junior	Clare Gent	Clare was =10 <sup>th</sup> An excellent result for someone so young. Keep it up Clare.
Floral Art Intermediate	Sarah Pepler	Sarah was placed = 8 <sup>th</sup> There were an extremely high standard of entries, but a good result for Sarah
Carrier Bag Challenge - Shefford	Victoria Bracey and Sophie Osgood	Our team scored 53. I was amazed to see how other teams used their carrier bags but Sue Cooper really did look like the Wicked Witch of the West! Sorry Sue.
Nature Challenge - Reading	Kayleigh Thomas and Jonathan Wilford	Our team were placed 9 <sup>th</sup> A very good result, as there were so many teams. Our own Country Spotters Competition was a great help.

### Well Done Everyone

It was a pleasure to spend the day with you all. Lydia

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## National Competitions Day

On the 10<sup>th</sup> August a group of Berkshire Young Farmers went to Moreton Morrell in Warwickshire. There were competitions going on throughout the day, and a party that evening. Clare Gent did very well in the flower arranging, and Sophie Osgood and Victoria Bracey successfully turned Sue Cooper into the Wicked Witch of the West, in the Carrier Bag Challenge. One of the big competitions of the day was the Club of the Year; Shefford had been entered with a team of James Pallett, Nicola Cooper, Rachael Chandler and Jono Cooper. Under extremely hard opposition we were extremely pleased to come 4<sup>th</sup> equal. Making us the 4<sup>th</sup> best club in the country! That evening a group of us set up our tents and enjoyed the party held there that night!

James Pallett

We arrived at Morton Merrill mid afternoon to support our county and club members at the Presentation ceremony. In the hope we had done well, but we had to keep in our minds that we had done very well just to get to Nation Competition level.

After the ceremony we all trudged back to the campsite to set up tents etc. While a couple of us set about pumping the airbeds! (Which seemed to take forever!) others i.e. Miss Nic Cooper and Miss Sam Bracey were checking out the talent camping next to us from Derbyshire YFC. Tents set up we all piled in to the cars to find the nearest village with a pub for dinner and a drink and of course an Off License to stock up on supplies!

With the Disco now in full swing we headed over to the marquee and dance the night away. The disco finished about 2am, I think! (well we had been drinking!) We got back to our tents and carried on drinking and chatting as other campsite parties began.

On waking the next morning, well people told me it was morning but I never see 7:30 am on a Sunday morning if I can help it! We started to chat and sort the tents out when we realized one of the group a certain Mr. Charlie Thomas was still asleep. Well our motto was 'One up all up' So we dragged him and sleeping bag out of his tent. He never said a word to start with he just lit a cigarette then said 'STELLA' 'STELLA' 'WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE FIND ME A CAN OF STELLA ARTOIS' so with Charlie armed with his can we headed off to get a fried breakfast.

I can honestly say that my first National Competitions Day and party was one I won't forget easily

Lisa Hayward (Shefford Club Secretary)

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**Berkshire Young Farmers**  
**Junior B A F T A Ball**

**B A F T A**  
**Awards**  
**WINNERS**

Nomination for:	1st NAME	2nd NAME	3rd NAME
Best Dressed Lady	Kimberly	Claire	= Victoria and Lucy
Best Dressed Gentleman	Jono	Sam	Tom
Best Dancer	Kayleigh	Heather	Claire
Best Supporter of YFC	Katie	Nicola	Jono
Best/Most Travelled Member	=Ashlie and Sarah	Sam	Jono
Best Comedian	Zoe	Jono	Lucy
Best Countrysider	Jono	Katie	Zoe
Best Adapted Townie	Kayleigh	Helen	Sarah

B A F T A is an acronym for: -

B	A	F	T	A
British	Animal	Farmers	Talk	American

The winner of the award for this part of the competition was  
Lucy Wale

**CAR BOOT SALE AND CRAFT FAYRE**

Hannah Lorna Emma and Lydia are organising a Car Boot Sale and Craft Fayre to raise money for County. This will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at Bradfield Primary School at 9am Sellers 10am Buyers

To enable Clubs to make money too they are offering one CAR BOOT **FREE** to each club and all money made on that stand can be kept by the Organising Club.

There are facilities at the School to hold the event under cover should it be raining. Also if anyone would like to have a craft stall there will be a Craft Fayre in the School hall. There will be tea and coffee available.

**COST:- Car Boot £5-00 in advance or £5-50 on the day**  
**Craft Fayre Stall £5-00**

Book your pitch now. Phone Lydia in the County Office

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## **Training Techniques**

11th-13th October, Bishop's Waltham, Hants, £50 to you!

This is a great course if you are keen to start putting into YFC what you have got out! This is a course about presenting information, leading discussion, helping clubs and committees! It's perfect for Council Members, County officers, South East Area reps and Club officers. Not only do you learn new things, you also get to meet lots of people from all over South East Area and swap ideas on how your clubs and counties operate. And what a bargain price! And we also usually partake of some beverages....

## **Ardingly 2002**

8th-10th November, £35 to you!

We are planning on offering Skills for Life courses as we did in 1999 (which was very nearly sold out!). We are hoping to offer Photography, Counselling, Sign Language, Plumbing, ATV Handling, Car Maintenance, Conversational Welsh, Ballroom Dancing and/or Self Defence. But we can't offer all of those, so let me know which ones sound the most appealing and I will make sure those are the ones that are sorted out! And if anyone knows of a Young Farmer who can teach car maintenance, ballroom dancing or self-defence, I'd love to hear from them!

(Extracts from the S E A Newsletter)

**If anyone would like to book a place on either of these weekends please let me know as soon as possible. Members who have taken part in the past have had an excellent time. You can apply for help with the cost from the Lord Sieff Fund.**

**Lydia**

## **Yearbook Sponsorship**

If you would like to sponsor a page in the 2002/2003 Yearbook please fill in the slip below or just write and let me know the Sponsor name and if you have a preference for which page you wish to sponsor.

Please enclose a cheque for the number of pages @ £5-00 per page made payable to Berkshire F Y F C.

If you know of anyone who would like to advertise in the Yearbook please let me know. We are happy to sell A5 or ½ A5 but would prefer not to go smaller. We would also like some articles photographs and jokes again please! So come on get writing it's your Yearbook.

I will be sending out forms for you to fill in after your AGM and I would like a club report as soon as possible.

## **Yearbook Sponsorship 2002/2003**

I would like to sponsor any page or

I would like to sponsor the ..... page/pages  
(please specify) in the Berkshire Young Farmers Yearbook

I enclose a cheque for £..... being £5-00 per page payable to BFYFC

Signed.....

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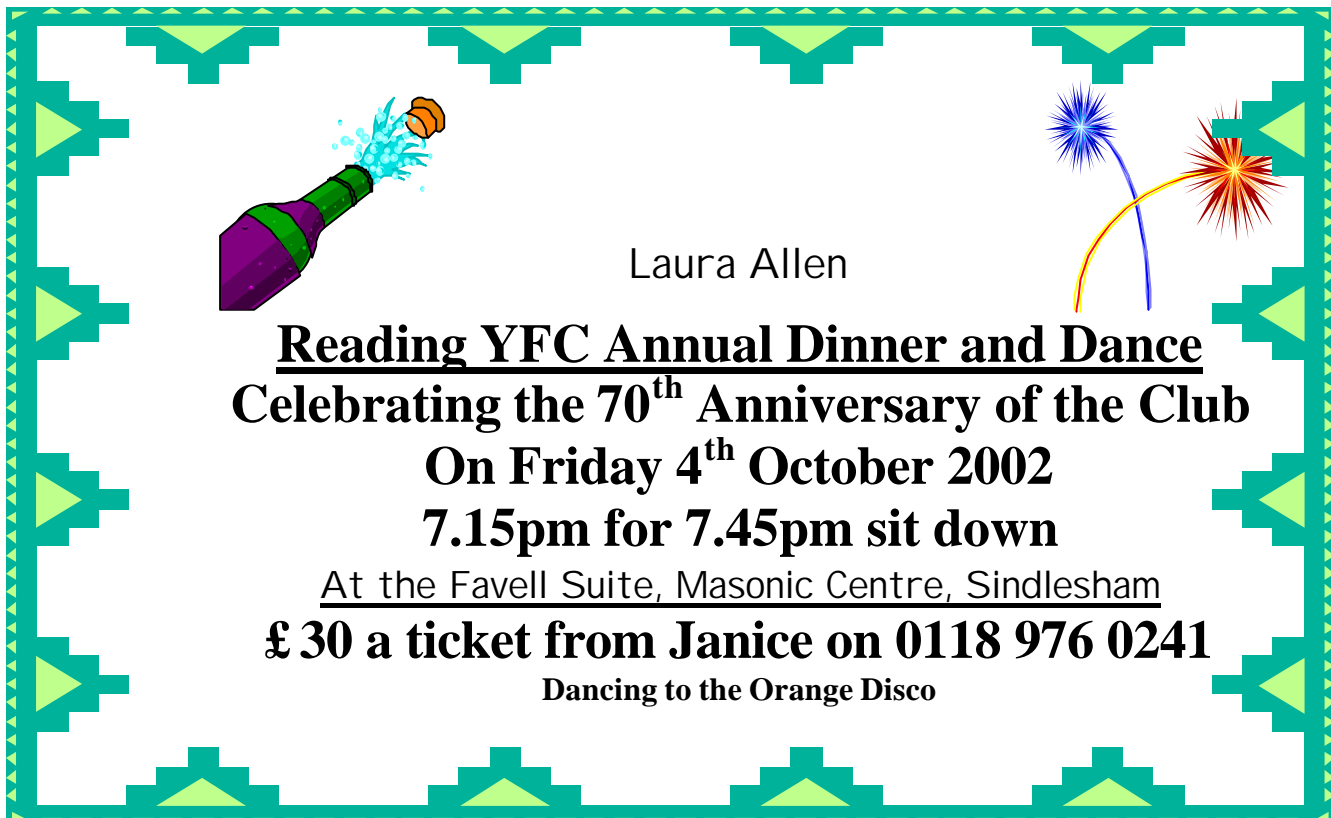
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# Reading YFC to Celebrate in Style

As some of you may already know Reading Senior YFC are celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. As well as being the oldest club in the County we are also one of the oldest clubs in the Country and recently got a mention in the ten-26 magazine to congratulate the club on its achievement. This year we are hoping to make our Annual Dinner and Dance extra special and we hope that many old faces will be able to join us. It is also hoped that Wally Hayes the first member to sign the minute book will be able to join us to make this an extra special night.

If you know of any ex Reading YFC members who you think would like to join us please pass details of this event on to them, or give their details to Janice Mason who is organising this, on  
0118 976 0241



Laura Allen

**Reading YFC Annual Dinner and Dance**  
**Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club**  
**On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2002**  
**7.15pm for 7.45pm sit down**  
At the Favell Suite, Masonic Centre, Sindlesham  
**£ 30 a ticket from Janice on 0118 976 0241**  
**Dancing to the Orange Disco**

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YOUR ARE INVITED  
TO  
**SHEFFORD YOUNG FARMERS**  
**EVENT OF THE YEAR**  
**THE LATE SUMMER BALL**  
***REVISITED***  
SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2002

Starts At 7pm  
Supper at 7:45pm  
Then dance the night away to the  
'Smiley Mac Show Band'  
Carriages at 12pm

You wont want to miss our event of the year  
Book now tickets are strictly limited!!!!!!!

Tickets £10-00 - 16yrs and under  
£15-00 - Adults

**For More Information Call**

Diana Whidborne 01488 638208

Or

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# Avon Tyrrell 27<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> September 2002

Pete and Avril Harrod are offering to plan an Action Packed Activity Weekend for Intermediates and Seniors. Those interested are invited to attend a Sausage and Chip supper on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm in The Six Bells, Beenham when details will be given of cost etc. You will be under no obligation to sign up!

Please send the slip below to: -

Mrs. Avril Harrod 159 Waterloo Road, Wokingham, Reading Berks RG40 2LN

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**I am interested in going to Avon Tyrrell on 27<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September 2002**

**Name ..... Club .....**

**Age Group.....**

**I am able/unable to attend the meeting at the Six Bells Beenham.**

**(PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND)**

## Calling all Juniors

**There are still a few places left on the Avon Tyrrell Weekend.  
Please fill in the Application form and send to Avril as soon as possible.**

### Application form for Avon Tyrrell 2002

We will be staying in KEN'S DEN, a wooden hut, sleeping up to 24 people in two dormitories, including a self-catering kitchen, toilets and washing facilities.

Activities may include: Swimming, Tennis, Netball, Pony-Trekking, Volleyball, Football, Archery, Canoeing, Mountain Biking, Raft Building and Climbing/Abseiling.

The cost of the weekend is £60-00 (of which 1/3 (£20-00) is from Berkshire County Lord Sieff Fund). You may like to ask your Club or Advisory for Sponsorship also.

Under the leadership of Avril and Pete Harrod, we will be leaving Mile House Farm, Theale at 6-30pm on the evening of Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, and returning on the evening of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6-30pm (traffic permitting).

Please complete the slip below and return to:

Mrs. Avril Harrod, 159 Waterloo Road, Wokingham, Berkshire. RG40 2JN

Telephone: (0118) 9789787

**Applications are on a first come, first serve basis, although priority will be given to those who have not been before. A non-returnable deposit of £ 20-00 must accompany your application.**

NAME: -----CLUB&MEMBERSHIP NO: -----

ADDRESS: -----

TELEPHONE NUMBER: -----AGE: -----DATE OF BIRTH: -----SEX: ---

-----is interested in going on the Berkshire Junior Young Farmers weekend to Avon Tyrrell on September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2002. A deposit of £----- is enclosed. (Please make cheques payable to Mrs P. A Harrod)

SIGNED (Parent/Guardian)-----

Please indicate which two of the following activities you would prefer. (1 from each group)

ROPES ---- OR CLIMBING---

ARCHERY ---- OR RAFT BUILDING----

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## Important Information!

Your current membership card will no longer be valid after  
**31<sup>st</sup> August 2002.**

If you want to enter competitions at Newbury Show or go to Avon Tyrrell in September ask your Secretary, Treasurer or Club Leader for an Application Form and join Young Farmers now, for another year!

Please note this is **IMPORTANT.**

You cannot take part if your membership card is not up to date.

The New Cards have just arrived at the County Office.

I need an Application Form for every member.



Juniors Age Under 16

Intermediates Age Under 21

Senior Age Under 26



There are no National Affiliation Fees for Associate Members but Clubs may charge if they wish.



Lydia



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Wokingham Show Spencers Wood
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Intermediate and Senior Meeting for Avon Tyrrell 7-30pm Six Bells Beenham
18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> September	European Dairy Event Stoneleigh Warwickshire
21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Newbury Show - County Stand, Main Ring Entertainment and Stock judging
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Exec. F&O and Comps Meeting 8pm Mile House Farm
27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> September	Avon Tyrrell Activity Weekend Juniors Intermediates and Seniors!

### October

4 <sup>th</sup> October	Reading YFC annual Dinner Dance 70th Anniversary Sindlesham
TBC	Harvest Festival
11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> October	Training Techniques & advanced Training Techniques Hampshire
12 <sup>th</sup> October	County Car Boot Sale Bradfield Primary School 9am
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Exec F&O and Comps Meeting Mile House 8pm
27 <sup>th</sup> October	County Quiz and Jesse Matthews Interviews Bradfield Primary School

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