



# Berkshire Young Farmers Newsletter

January 2003

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Thoughts for the New Year

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book  
And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look  
And that's when I realise that these names are a part  
Not of the book they're written in but of my very heart.

For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path sometime  
And in that meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme  
And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim  
I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.

And while you may not be aware of any special link  
Just meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you think.  
For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase  
The memory of a pleasant word or a friendly face.

So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine  
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between  
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,  
It's because you're on the list of folks who I'm indebted to.

For I am but the total of the many folks I've met  
And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget.  
And whether I have known you for many years or few,  
In some way you have had a part in shaping things I do.

And every year when Christmas comes, I realise anew  
The best gift life can offer, is meeting folks like you  
And may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures,  
Leave its richest blessing in the hearts of you and yours.

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## Maidenhead Young Farmers Club

Invite You To Their

### Valentine Ball

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2003  
Birds Hill Golf Club

3 Course Meal, Disco and  
Raffle

Tickets £30 members, £35 non-  
members

Please send cheques ASAP  
to

**Louise Rayner**

25 Windrush Avenue

Langley

Nr Slough

Berkshire

07876 767086

All proceeds to

## **Bradfields' Christmas Ball 2002**

It all seems a long time ago now; in fact I had trouble remembering it the next day. So I will do my best.

Gordon said the one thing he couldn't pre book was the dry, warm weather, good job!

We would have wanted a refund.

Still not bad going if the rain is all we could complain about.

I do remember that Gordon won the whiskey.

Not a fix, if I wanted to fix it Nick would have won. Oh yes and Hannah helping by trying to up the bids, the trouble being she ended up buying them!! Thanks Hannah.

We had a mixture of tables Old and Young, Members and Non. All of which it seems, had a good time.

The food was festive, scummy and there was plenty of it. The drink was flowing and the dance floor was full.

A big thank you to all who supported us with raffle donations, (well done to Reading who went home with most of the prizes.) ticket sales and auction bids. All helped us raise £750 for our club.

We are donating £90 to a charity helping Stroke victims.

It goes with out saying that we are very grateful to Gordon for his hard work and organisation.

Just think only 11 months to wait for the next one!

Now its time for the hard work of 2003!  
**Georgina Craggs**

### **Newbury YFC visit to the Corn Exchange To see Sleeping Beauty**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> January, Newbury Young Farmers went to watch Sleeping Beauty at the Corn Exchange in Newbury. The performance was excellent, apart from getting wet and Valerie Williams getting a nappy thrown at her head!

The cast acted really well and the way the actors got involved was good. The songs were brilliant. Everyone enjoyed themselves a lot.

On behalf of the young farmers I would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this a wonderful evening.

**Hannah Fisher**

**Newbury Junior Young Farmers  
Secretary**

### **National AGM & Convention Torquay 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2003**

Cost for pre-booked packages (deadline for bookings and full payment by 7 April 2003) will be:

3-day – £37

2-day - £31

1-day - £25

For further information regarding accommodation and booking packages, please contact:

**Laura Allen on 0118 988 4144 or  
Emma Tweed 0118 973 2124**

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Following the success of Bradfields Mistletoe Ball Bradfield YFC are pleased to announce that the profit from the Seasonal Auction will be donated to Stroke Charities in memory of John Lafford. John who died last November was an ardent member of Bradfield in his time and a supportive Vice President of the Club.

The auction at the Ball comprised of seasonal (ish) items donated by friends and supporters. The bidding wasn't frenzied, not helped by the Auctioneers alcohol intake (!) but was certainly held in good spirits. There were bargains to be had with many lots going under face value, but we still managed to raise £98-00. Thank you to everyone who placed a bid, final or not, especially Hannah Rayner who ended up with a Shooting School Lesson and a 7ft Christmas Tree (home delivered I might add)

Thanks to everyone who came to the Mistletoe Ball. We hope you enjoyed the evening.  
**Gordon Fletcher**

### Christmas Food Parcels

Bradfield members continued their Annual Christmas community work by again distributing food parcels to the elderly, in and around Bradfield and Stanford Dingley.

Members decorated baskets and made Christmas Cards, early in December, which were filled with food items bought by the club. On Christmas Eve, seven members distributed the parcels; with Christmas Crackers and Cards to addresses on the parish "distribution list" The parcels and the members were received with gratitude and seasonal goodwill.  
Gordon Fletcher

### ADOPT AN ANIMAL!!!

Due to only one County animal board being returned to the last Executive meeting as requested, I am asking each club to adopt their animal.

The adoption would involve looking after and moving the animal around your own club area to promote Young Farmers. If you feel your club is unable to do this then **PLEASE** return to the next Exec on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan.

This is a free opportunity to promote your club and Young Farmers.

I am still waiting for photos of your animals in action.

Lydia

### BRACKNELL YOUNG FARMERS INVITE YOU TO THEIR



**DINNER DANCE  
21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2003**

**SINDLESHAM MASONIC CENTRE**

**THREE COURSE MEAL**

**DANCING TO ORANGE DISCO**

**TICKETS £30-00 (including raffle tickets)**

Andrew Kimber 01628 670176

Kris Watts 0118 9882353

### HELP WANTED

CAN SOMEONE PLEASE TELL ME  
WHO WON THE  
MENS TUG OF WAR IN:  
1996 - hosted by Reading  
1997 - hosted by Bradfield  
1998 - hosted by Central  
Committee  
**THANK YOU Lydia**

### FOUND

**A coat was left in Bradfield Village Hall after the county AGM. It's a very nice reversible. Please let me know if it is yours and arrange collection.**

**Lydia**

### 200 CLUB

The next draw will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at the Executive Meeting. To be in with a chance of winning you need to have renewed your membership. If you are not participating and would like to, please contact:

Alwyn Kimber on 01628 670176 or see her at the Exec.

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## AN APOLOGY

During the publication of the yearbook we unfortunately made an error with the Thimbleby & Shorland advertisement.

In way of an apology we have refunded the advertising cost and have offered to include an advert in next year's yearbook free of charge.

We have recalled as many of the original yearbooks as possible and the page is in the process of being reprinted. The revised yearbook will be distributed as soon as possible.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Lydia, Suzanne & James



## Club Officers Funday Sunday

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2003, County is holding a Club Officers Funday Sunday. This is open to all Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurers & any other members who wish to attend. Starting at 1.30pm at Bradfield Primary School this is an opportunity to learn how to run your clubs. There will be refreshments and a chance to meet and exchange ideas for meetings with fellow officers within County. Please let me know the names attending by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2003. Look forward to seeing you at this important event for you and your club.  
Lydia

## JANUARY

23 <sup>rd</sup> January	SEA Meeting, Merrist Wood 8pm
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Executive Meeting Mile House Farm 8pm

## FEBRUARY

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	County Mixed Hockey Competition, Bradfield College 12.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Closing Date for NFYFC
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Three Counties Public Speaking
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Maidenhead Valentine Ball

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